



Minutes

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Monday, January 30, 2023

7:00 pm – 8:49 pm in person & virtual.

Present: Louise Lapointe, Marilyn Whitaker, David Elden, Kendra Eyben, John Verbaas, Cathy Major, Jan Finlay, Glenn Grignon, Jessica Silburt, Bryan Dewalt, Megan Reilkoff and Michael Barnes.

Regrets: Calla Barnett

Guests: Total number of participants were 23.

1. Chair's Update

Louise reported that the Winter Carnival was a great success with between 200 and 300 people in attendance. The Annual General Meeting will be held in May.

2. Police Report - Constable Sebastien Lemay

Constable Lemay introduced Constable Paul Stam who will act as our community police officer at least until April 2023.

Constable Lemay presented the following statistics. He emphasized that the numbers represented the reported incidents.

	2021	2022	% Change
Mischief	93	129	38.7
Theft of motor vehicle	19	30	57.8
Theft of Bikes	75	108	44
Theft from motor vehicles	92	77	-16
Assaults – Level 1, slap, punch, kick, spit	46	62	34.7
Assaults – Level 2 use of knife, shooting etc.	10	21	10
Assault between partners	15	31	6

Questions:

- A new gym has opened at 598 Rideau St. It has been reported that the owner has anti Black and Semitic views.
- When asked about plans for St Patrick's Day, Constable Stam reported that planning is in the early stages.
- A question was raised on the Medical Mushroom Shop on Rideau which has been open for at least one month. Constable Lemay stated that complaints should be directed to 311. **ACTION: Louise will forward an email sent to Mathieu Fleury on the subject to Constable Lemay.**

3. Community Engagement Team(CET) Update

- Kent Hugh was not available. His colleague, Jalin, reported that the CET supported a new hub which opened in Vanier. There is an increased interest from people wanting to go into shelters. The CET is supporting the new shelter in the West end. He is finding that there are not as many discarded needles on the streets but the number of needles in parking garages is on the rise.
- There are 8 CET people walking around picking up paraphernalia, referring people to shelters or Ontario works. The CET is funded until the end of 2023.
- Jalin clarified that a person on subsidized housing who is admitted for psychiatric treatment for an extended period of time, will keep his/her housing as long as rent continues to be paid.

4. Councillor's Report

- Smart Living is taking the City to court over the requirement for internal garbage storage.
- 300 cups of hot chocolate (supplied by the Councillor) was served at the Carnival.
- 404 Daly – mature tree removed. Councillor wants to talk to ASH about the tree canopy. **Environment Committee to action.**
- Talked to the owner of the Indian Restaurant whose neighbour is the new gym to ensure that there were no problems.
- Panda – the Councillor is trying to set up meetings with the presidents of uOttawa and Carleton to obtain their support for the concept of having all activities including the tailgate party at Lansdowne Park. The idea was presented by students.
- The next Town & Gown meeting is scheduled for the end of February.
- February 12, there will be a Drag Bingo at St Brigid's Church to raise money for Church repairs.
- Consultations on the City budget will be held with Grade 5 students and residents.

5. Committee Reports

Treasurer's report – Megan presented the November 2022 Treasurer's report. She pointed out the big jump in ASH's bank balance was due to the receipt of the first rink payment, the generous \$10K bequest from the estate of François Bregha and the transfer of funds from the paypal account.

Motion to accept the Report – Michael

Seconded – Marilyn. **Carried**

Planning & Heritage: Glenn Grignon

535 Chapel – Marilyn will speak at the Planning Committee on this development.

Action: Glenn will provide additional information to update the ASH website.

Transportation: John Verbaas

Focused on finding a solution to the downtown truck problem. To that end, the City will release its draft Transportation Master Plan which contains some reference to the problem and a possible solution. **Action: John will review the reference to ensure that the problem and solution are realistic.**

The NCC will conduct another study of the truck traffic through the downtown (last study done in 2007). John wants to ensure that the proper information is collected.

No update on 70 Nicholas and the Transportation corridor.

No update on the opening of Daly although the new Transportation Plan does include the opening in its long term projects.

Membership: David Elden

Membership numbers are stable.

Block Reps: Jan Finlay

Nothing to report.

Town & Gown: Kendra Eyben

The Panda Game will be held on Sunday, October 1.

Environment Committee – Bryan Dewalt

The Co-Chairs, Bryan and Marilyn established priorities for the coming year:

- a) an Environment Fair to be held in Strathcona Park in the spring. Potential participants e.g. Envirocentre have been approached.
- b) Litter, garbage and recycling have been identified as a problem. The Committee will look at ways to remedy the problem such as encouraging people to report issues to 311, adopt a street, spring clean-up
- c) Continue to support the Sandy Hill Tree and Greening Group's work on depaving projects, invasive plants and the biodiversity project.
- d) Urban Forest, plan to approach the City's Trees in Trust

6. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn – Marilyn

Seconded – Kendra

Carried

7. Next meeting – February 27.