

## **Examples of Resident Feedback**

### **Resident in Sandy Hill (Kathy)**

I am sending along a note regarding the proposed Sandy Hill Arena post game party. How quickly decision makers forget the destruction of property, and perhaps most importantly the fear associated with an event which quite frankly has seen its time. I have no confidence in the City of Ottawa, the University of Ottawa and police force to have impact on protecting students and residents alike from the disruption that repeatedly follows this event. It is time to look to other strategies to curtail the abuse of a collective group who do not respect nor add to the fabric of the community.

I will not entertain the notion that a party held off campus is the answer. It is time for the University to be fully accountable for the actions of students and I believe holding the post celebration party on campus grounds is the only option to be considered.

ASH summarizes the concerns of residents perfectly. One only needs to look at the 2022, 2021 statement of concern.

Of note I can recount several occasions over the years where I have been intimidated by inebriated groups wandering the streets. I have faced people urinating on the side of my house, dodged furniture being thrown from balconies, and endured language directed at me which defied decency. We cannot minimize the amount of garbage and clean up that is required every year. I will report that I am one of the lucky ones. My compassion lies with those residents who have been in the direct line of fire forced to defend property and themselves while those charged with maintaining safety stood by.

I'm not sure where the decision will land but let's refrain from suggesting the situation is acceptable on any level.

I'm of two minds every year. Do I leave town for the day and protect myself from the emotional toll or do I stay to protect my property?

### **Resident in Sandy Hill (Larry)**

My view is that we have suffered for several years with largely uncontrolled Panda Madness. It's time to move this game and party to Carleton U.

### **Resident on in Sandy Hill (Christine)**

I find it LUDICROUS that they are considering having the party IN Sandy Hill. Have they not been listening to our community all these years?!!!

This is a university event and any party should happen ON campus, with extra security along the perimeter and within SH to make sure it does not overflow into the neighbourhood. Carleton campus would be even better since it is more removed from a residential community, but Old Ottawa South might complain about that too.

### **Resident in Sandy Hill (Jane)**

I am writing to express my disgust at the plan to hold the post game party at the Sandy Hill arena. Its smacks of disrespect for the people who endured the riot last yer. After that debacle, it is inconceivable that the university and city would think its acceptable to put Sandy Hill residents through the misery we went through. Why is the party being held at our arena? Both universities have arenas where a student event should be held. What happens to our streets after 11 p.m. when the arena is emptied of intoxicated students? Where will enforcement of bylaws and safety for residents be? Who will pay for it?

No leadership is shown by the mayor to represent the residents of our neighbourhood either.

Stop this now.

### **Resident in Sandy Hill (Bob)**

"I'm totally against having the event there since the idea is to divert trouble away from the community and not funnel it into it. In the absence of a better idea, I think we should ask for it to be relocated to the main campus and do it immediately, not next year."

### **Resident in Sandy Hill (Stephen)**

It seems that the university is being a bad neighbour. It is acting apart rather than as a part of the community. Students are an important part of the community and bring life to it. However, we are not the place for the university to dump its challenges be it Panda or otherwise.

I was at Queen's and know the challenges of party culture getting out of hand. It's horrible: racism, violence, and errasure of the community (the litteral deletion of the ward). When a car was flipped at homecoming, homecoming was canceled--for years. Actions have consequences. When it came back, there was a large sanctioned party right on campus. It was right in the centre of campus. It should be on campus. My guess is that Panda is a good moneymaker for OSEG, so it's not cancelled and the provosts worry about liability so they dump it on us (as is the case for our ward generally)

### **Resident on Marlborough Street (Mary)**

Re Panda, I would take a hard line. It is a university event and so occurs on university property full stop.

Unless I am very wrong, Sandy Hill arena isn't U of O property.

### **Resident on Templeton Street (Terry)**

Has the UofO given consideration to holding the post game party at the football field on the Lees Campus? It is isolated from the local community, has bathrooms in the attached building, and has ample space in the parking lot for overflow.

My concern is that if held at the arena, people will also be using the university parking lot across from the university athletic complex. With the university residence across the street from Sandy Hill arena we could end up having crowd issues on Mann Avenue. If they hold the event on

campus then the university security people can better control the students with support from OPS.

It would be easier to control access to the site, requiring student ID for admission since access points are fewer, more restricted, and therefore more easily monitored. University security would then be able to enforce disciplinary action through the university and no outside characters would be able to crash the party. Perhaps Carleton could also provide support for security, if their students are using the facility.

The only other point I have is, why is the city issuing a permit to use Sandy Hill Arena ? The university has many other options on their campus.

### **Resident on Marlborough Avenue (Cathy)**

We should not support the after Panda tailgate at the SH Arena for the following reasons.

- over the last few years, the post Panda activities and behaviour have worsened to point of creating fear for property and person. The Sandy Hill arena in such close proximity to a residential area, not only SH but also Strathcona Heights. Viscount Alexander, an elementary school is directly across the street from the event, thereby making it a direct target for what will almost certainly be a drunken mob.
- The gates to the yard in the back of the school are not locked and can easily be scaled. There are two portables in the yard along with a large play structure. Who will be responsible for cleaning any garbage left by party goers?
- The small play area in the front of the building reserved for the kindergarten kids contains a play structure and the fence around the play area is easily scaled.
- A new communication tower has been installed at the corner of Lees and King Edward. While there is a fence around the tower with barbed wire what is to prevent drunken people from climbing over the fence and using the ladder to climb up the tower. Remember last year when people climbed a hydro pole and swung from the wires!
- Carleton University and its very large parking lot would be a much better fit as it is separated from a residential area by Bronson which is a 4 lane highway. As would be the football field behind the buildings on the Lees Campus.

If the City grants a special event permit for the Arena then,

- we must have assurances from the Police of their presence during the pre and post game Panda parties at the Sandy Hill arena.
- After 11 pm we want to have Police and Bylaw presence in the neighbourhood at least until 1pm or 2 pm
- There should be Police presence around Viscount Alexander and the pathway leading from Mann to Sweetland especial in the yard behind the school where there is a play structure.
- Since destruction of residents' properties is a very real possibility, the University should offer free fencing to put on properties to prevent party goers from causing damage.
- All costs associated with policing and clean up should be assumed by both Universities.

### **Resident in Sandy Hill (LF)**

More importantly, the choice of having the 8pm - 11pm event at the Sandy Hill Arena only serves to concentrate students and others in the neighbourhood where, as the past couple of years have shown, the drinking and rowdy behaviour continue long into the night.

In my opinion, the decision to have any kind of post-game activity in the Sandy Hill community is almost negligent on the university's part as it isn't difficult to anticipate potential issues subsequent to the end of the 'official' event. Also, I am unsure whether invoking the student code of conduct would apply after the sanctioned university event ends and hundreds of people spill out into the nearby neighbourhood streets after 11pm.

Also, while I recognize that the game is a long standing tradition and provides the city with additional revenue, last year's cost of policing this event over the weekend came at an estimated price tag of \$300,000 to \$500,000 (2022 OPS Q3 Financial Report).

While not necessarily an advocate of canceling the game entirely, I do question the university's decision to get involved in any sanctioned event. Last year's tailgate party at the Sandy Hill Arena before the game didn't stop issues in the neighbourhood after the game. I am not sure what the best approach is, but I do believe that having the universities sanction an evening event in the Sandy Hill community after the game (regardless of it being on a Sunday) is simply irresponsible.