



## **Minutes**

Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Monday, June 26, 2023  
7:00 pm – 8:45 pm in person & virtual

Present: Bryan Dewalt, Calla Barnett, Fernando Melo, Glenn Grignon, Jerry Sabin, Jessica Silbert, Kendra Eyben, Louise Lapointe, Marilyn Whitaker, Michael Barnes.

Regrets: Megan Reilkoff

Guests: There were 10 guests.

### **1. Review and approval of agenda**

Motion to adopt agenda.

Moved by Calla, seconded by Fernando. **Carried.**

### **2. Review and approval of the minutes.**

Tabled until August board meeting.

### **3. Word from the Chair**

Louise has resumed her role as Chair. She proposed organizing a strategic planning meeting in July or August. The Secretary committed to organizing this meeting. Its purpose is to confirm, revise, or set strategic priorities for community needs, ASH administration, and membership.

Louise asked that committees share written updates with the Board instead of making their reports during regular Board meetings. The rationale for the change is to free up time during meetings for guest speakers, pressing issues, and additional discussion. She asked committees to prepare brief summaries for the Board, the ASH website, and the newsletter. She also requested that meeting dates be included in these summaries so members can attend committee meetings.

Louise reported preliminary findings of the ASH survey on community safety. The purpose of the survey is to gather information and to use findings to direct where ASH's energy needs to go.

Louise also shared information about staffing changes at the Sandy Hill Community Health Centre and programming changes in its Oasis program. Calla will be presenting

additional information about her new committee at the August meeting, including a potential opportunity to meet with the leadership of the Oasis program.

#### **4. Guest Presentation – Susan Johns, Director, Asset Management, Infrastructure and Water Services, City of Ottawa.**

Ms. Johns provided an overview of capital construction projects in Ward 12. Of particular interest to Sandy Hill are the installation of a new dock at Dutchy's Hole and the installation of a new water filtration system at Lowertown Pool. She provided an overview of the planning and development process for infrastructure and water services. She answered questions from the Board.

#### **5. Councillor Plante**

Councillor Plante provided updates on community events, recreation, and key community concerns.

- The Councillor attended a meeting on the King Edward truck route that included stakeholders from all levels of government, including the Ville de Gatineau.
- The zone that scooters can travel in has expanded to include Vanier.
- New management (Sleepwell) has taken over the plaza at Rideau and Wurtenburg. A problem garbage container has been replaced with one with a lid. This should help to address issues with rats. The new management is interested in placing a new amenity under the tree, such as a bench.
- The Councillor updated the Board on the City's new mental health strategy, including the eventual creation of an emergency line similar to 911. This line would connect concerned residents to a mental health intervention team who could offer support.
- The Councillor met with the presidents of Carleton University and the University of Ottawa to discuss the Panda Game. There is agreement on having programming at Lansdowne before, during, and after the Panda Game. The hope is to reduce after parties in other neighbourhoods, including Sandy Hill. The Ottawa Sports and Entertainment Group (OSEG) is supportive of this approach.
- The Councillor provided an update on the potential closure and sale of the Sandy Hill and St. Georges Housing co-ops by the University of Ottawa. Councillor Plante is reaching out to Ontario's Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, as well as the University of Ottawa to seek solutions. Other city councillors, including Laine Johnson, have visited the co-ops. The lease for both co-ops ends in 2028.
- The Councillor announced a food truck festival on Osgoode Street across from Francojeunesse. She may request volunteers from ASH. The event is scheduled for September 16, which coincides with the Sandy Hill garage sale.
- The Councillor answered questions on community safety.

## **6. Committee Business**

### Community and Social Services Committee

Motion to adopt new Terms of Reference.

Moved by Calla, seconded by Bryan. Carried.

### Environment Committee

Motion to request the City of Ottawa implement a proactive, city-initiated tree planting program on city-owned land in front of residential properties.

Moved by Bryan, seconded by Marilyn. Carried.

## **7. Varia**

### Nunavut Sivuniksavut

Jerry proposed forming a closer relationship with Nunavut Sivuniksavut (NS), a postsecondary program for Inuit youth from Nunavut. NS is located on Rideau and Augusta. It owns three student housing buildings in Sandy Hill. Jerry and Marilyn will attend student orientation to welcome students and tell them about Action Sandy Hill. The Board has also been invited by NS to tour the college and meet with faculty and the Executive Director.

Motion for the Board to pay for Nunavut Sivuniksavut's entry fee to the One and Only Craft Fair.

Moved by Jerry, seconded by Calla. Carried.

### Rideau Place Retirement Residence

Michael shared news about the closure of the Rideau Place Retirement Residence. It will close in September. This is the last retirement residence in Sandy Hill.

### Zoning By-law Discussion Papers

Marilyn presented a response to the city's discussion paper on trees. More responses will be produced.

## **7. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn.

Moved by Calla, seconded by Bryan. Carried.

## **8. Next Meeting – August 28, 2023**