

Hunt Club Community Association
Monday May 4, 2020

Present: Brian Wade President
 Sue McCarthy Vice President
 Peter Foulger Treasurer
 Peter Brimacombe Secretary
 Dan Clavel
 Christine Johnson
 Lynette Joseph-Sankey
 Marilyn Koch
 Abiodun Mosuro
 John Sankey
 Barb Shea

 Riley Brockington Councillor
 Anthony Chiarello Assistant to the Councillor

 Barbara Haines Riverside Park
 Joel Duff Riverside Park
 Terry Wood Riverside Park

 Denyse Baizana
 Lorraine Busby
 May Douba
 Tania Mushka
 Ijeoma Udechukwu

Regrets: Dianne Nahal
 Dora Joseph

The meeting was held on-line with Zoom.

Brian Wade invited everyone to name their favourite national celebration day.

Motion: To approve the agenda. Moved by Christine Johnson, seconded by Marilyn Koch, carried.

Motion: To approve the April minutes. Moved by Barb Shea, seconded by Abiodun Mosuro, carried.

Treasurer's Report

Peter Foulger There was very little activity in April.

eVote to Appeal the Community Gardens Issue

Brian reported on the recent eVote taken by the board to write to the provincial government (Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Health Christine Elliott, John Fraser and Andrea Horwath), Mayor Jim Watson and Dr. Vera Etches (Ottawa Public Health Officer) to encourage them to reconsider their position and classify community gardens as essential. The motion to send a letter passed. Brian reported that he emailed the letter and then the next day - The Government of Ontario announced that community gardens are essential and are allowed to open given proper public health guidelines are followed.

Councillor's Report

Riley Brockington presented the Councillor's Report. Items

- as part of the effort to slow the spread of COVID-19, the City has declared a State of Emergency. City facilities, playgrounds, park amenities, libraries are closed. Large public gatherings are forbidden.
- the Province is allowing community gardens.
- Jim Durrell Arena is being used as a community shelter.
- Independent Review of the Riverside Drive and Hunt Club intersection: The review includes a public survey. 1300 people responded. The review is completed.
- Riverside Drive is being repaved from Hunt Club to Walkley. From Hunt Club to Uplands, there will be a shave and pave. From Uplands to Walkley four layers of asphalt will be removed, some curbs and sidewalks will be repaired. Work is underway.
- Cannabis Store: There is an application for a cannabis store at 800 Hunt Club Road where the Royal Oak is.

- Walkley Road Calming Pilot Project: The idea was to reduce the Road from four lanes to two and measure the disruption to traffic but because of the COVID-19 crisis the measurements would not be meaningful. The project is postponed.

- Colonel By Drive: Vehicular access to Colonel By via Hog's Back is closed to allow for extensive repair of the fixed bridge over Hog's Back waterfall. Access for pedestrians and cyclists will be maintained.

- O-Train is shut down for two years to allow integration with the big LRT project. There is a replacement bus service.

- construction of two 17 story buildings will start on Anand Private – behind the Marriott Residence Inn at the south west corner of Bank and Walkley

Speeding: There is more speeding but the Ottawa Police are on the look-out.

Ijeoma Udechukwu: Electronic recycling days gives us a chance us to bring in old electronics for recycling but how can we do it now?

Riley Brockington: The e-waste collection that was scheduled for the River Ward Earth Day in April was cancelled due to COVID. A replacement date is being considered for this autumn, possibly to coincide with the community festival, if that is held.

Hunt Club Road Riverside Drive Intersection Review

Riley Brockington: IBI was the independent consultant that did the Review. The scope of their work was to look only at the intersection. In reading over the Review, what hit home is the intersection is overwhelmed with volume. He wanted to host a public meeting but that's not possible now. He will send feedback to city staff who will prepare a report which he will make available.

John Sankey: All the major problems are to the west of the intersection. The real work is at Hunt Club and Prince of Wales.

Tania Mushka: The intersection cannot handle the volume – that's the fundamental problem. The Strandherd Bridge was supposed to take some of the pressure off the Hunt Club bridge but it hasn't - the city should look into why this is happening and why the people who live in Riverside South are not crossing the

Rideau River at the Strandherd Bridge.

Riley Brockington: Development in Riverside South has created the problem – the more houses, the more traffic on Riverside Drive.

Food Security in Hunt Club

Barb Shea: The present crisis emphasizes the need for food security. She is proposing a community project to grow food. Growing food gives a sense of purpose and a sense of community. Food grown can be shared among neighbours and some of it given to food banks. She needs at least four volunteers. She proposes a budget of \$500 - \$250 from the HCCA and \$250 from Riley Brockington.

Riley Brockington: He has a budget for community projects. From it, he could give \$250.

Peter Foulger: HCCA can give \$250.

Motion: The HCCA approve the formation of a “Get Growing Working Group”, a one year pilot project with accompanying budget to improve food security in the Hunt Club Community. Moved by Barb Shea, seconded by Christine Johnson, carried.

Christine Johnson, Tania Mushka and Denyse Baizana said they would like to help.

Urban Boundary

Brian Wade: The City has prepared a report to the Joint meeting of the Planning Committee and the Agricultural and Rural Affairs Committee. The report deals with how the City will grow. There are three options

- the status quo where the city continues to expand as required eating up green space
- balanced option where the city expands a little but also looks at spaces within the city where we can intensify
- hold the line, don't expand the city, and all the growth happens within the existing urban boundary

In the next 40 years, the population is expected to be 1.4 million, that's 15,000 more people a year, 195,000 new residential units will be required. We need out-of-the-box mind set. We need other kinds of housing units such as duplexes, triplexes and low-rise apartments with doors at ground level. What is our position?

Riley Brockington: The report goes first to the Joint meeting and then to Council who will approve a long term strategy which will inform the Official Plan. Over the next 40 years, 400,000 more people will live in Ottawa and the strategy will determine where they will live. All land zoned agricultural is off the table. All three options have merit. What concerns me? Some proposals to build, are contentious but some are not. There is concern that greater intensity will impact the quality of life. The balanced option will amplify the contentious nature and the no expansion option will amplify it even further. The goal is to have consensus. He has not formed a final opinion.

Lorraine Busby: Ottawa is very attractive to millennials because prices are lower than Toronto or Vancouver. New homes depend on jobs but the present crisis has just thrown a lot of people out of work. The City should hold off a decision.

Sue McCarthy: Strategy is important. She favours the no expansion option. The Hunt Club Road/ Riverside Drive intersection shows the kind of problems you have when the City expands beyond its transportation network. The pandemic has forced many people to work from home so people may not be commuting in to a physical building. We should be building where there is transportation.

John Sankey: Limiting the urban boundary is contrary to the interests of our Hunt Club community. Ottawa's population has been growing at 10,000 per year since 2000 and shows no sign of slowing. We have to provide safe places for those additional people to live.

Both the balanced option and the no expansion option require more intensification than the status quo. Our Southern Corridor will be a sitting duck for intense infill. That caused massive rifts in our community the last time it was proposed.

It also requires replacement of thousands of single-family homes by duplexes, triplexes and row housing; our community will not be exempt from this and the community divisions that will result.

Peter Foulger: Population increase is inevitable – 1% a year. Limiting the urban boundary will amplify the contentious nature of development. In the 1990's there was a serious proposal to develop on the Southern Corridor. He was asked to

describe the Southern Corridor – it is within the boundaries of our community. It is the vacant land north of the built-up areas between the Rideau River and the Airport Parkway – 600 acres.

Barb Shea: This is a complex issue. Sue McCarthy went to a meeting on behalf of the Environment Committee and she came back convinced that we have to hold the line – meaning the urban boundary. I am placing my trust in the People's Official Plan. I find it to be reasoned. It will bring our communities into the future. It will let the City grow in new and innovative ways.

Motion: HCCA provide boundary related information (both from the city and from the People's Official Plan) on its web site where HCCA members and email subscribers can find various proposals on the city boundaries issue, important dates (May 11th Committee meeting, May 27th Council meeting), and advise how HCCA community members might take action as they see fit. Moved by Barb Shea, seconded by Christine Johnson, carried.

Motion: That HCCA send a letter to Councillor Brockington to urge him to vote against the expansion of the current urban boundary and further to encourage him to advocate for measures of accountability as part of the urban boundary decision and their ultimate implementation. Moved by Barb Shea, seconded by Abiodun Mosuro, motion failed.

Next meeting: Monday June 1 at 19:00