

MINUTES

Rockcliffe Park Residents Association Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, 22 April, 2009

Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda was approved.

Approval of the Minutes of the AGM, Wednesday, 20 February, 2008

Moved by Jane Dobell and seconded by Brian Dickson, that the Minutes of the 2008 AGM be adopted. All present agreed.

Presentation and Discussion of the Annual Report

President Alex Macklin briefly outlined highlights from the 2008 Annual Report. Topics noted included the loss of the heritage houses at the corner of Springfield and Maple Lane and the subsequent construction of the boys residence by Ashbury College. Mr. Macklin noted the work of the RPRA and others to convince Ashbury to "flip" the residence, presenting a more open and welcoming entrance to the Village at this major intersection.

The proposed demolition of the Wright House at 456 Lansdowne was noted, together with the fact that the case was at the OMB with the RPRA opposing demolition. Alex Macklin is acting for the RPRA. Three days of hearings have already taken place and there will be additional hearing days in June when 3 more witnesses give testimony. Mr. Macklin noted that this is the first "pure" heritage case to be heard by the OMB and as such, it is a test for heritage protection in Ontario.

The Consultant's report that the proposed interprovincial crossing use the Aviation Parkway was discussed. It was noted that the wooded character of the Aviation Parkway would be impacted (three Urban Natural Areas) as would the ecologically significant Kettle Island. As well, the Montfort Hospital and the adjacent residential areas would suffer. The RPRA is on record as opposing the Kettle Island and Aviation Parkway corridor for the bridge. The NCC has agreed to look at Options 6 and 7, further east although it was noted that communities in the Orleans area would oppose moving the crossing closer to them.

The constant threat of inappropriate development was noted. The Development Review Subcommittee of the RPRA's Heritage and Site Plan Committee is dealing with these proposals as they arise.

In his closing remarks, he thanked retiring board members Carmine Domenicucci, Gordon Douglas, Jim Harmon and Deirdre McMurdy for their work on behalf of the RPRA.

Treasurer's Report

José Miguel Peleato presented the Treasurer's Report (included as Appendix A in the Annual Report). The RPRA's bank balance is healthy. He noted that items listed in the accounts receivable section have now been received in 2009. The RPRA made a one-time payment of \$20,000 to the Rink Development Fund under the sponsorship of the Hosers (the money had been held in trust by the RPRA for this purpose but it was felt that management of this fund would be better handled by the Hosers). The RPRA still owed the Heritage Ottawa Development Incorporated (HODI) \$5000 that will be paid in full in 2009.

Approval of the Treasurers Report was moved by José Miguel Peleato and seconded by Jane Davis and unanimously approved by all present.

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Sandy Smallwood with Jane Davis, Brian Montgomery as

members proposed the following persons as new Directors for 2009:
David Berks, Brian McGarry, Michael McIntyre and Jennifer North.

Jane Dobell moved and Brian Dickson seconded approval of the Nominating Committee's report and recommendation. The report and recommendations were unanimously approved by those present.

Election of Directors for 2009

The slate of Directors for 2009 was then adopted as follows:

Karl Blume, Susan d'Aquino, Jane Davis, Brian Dickson, Jane Dobell, Wendy Hadwen, Oliver Javanpour, Nick Leadbetter, Alex Macklin, Brian McGarry, Michael McIntyre, Jennifer North, José Miguel Peleato, Lola Price and James C Taylor.

Presentation by Councillor Legendre

Councillor Legendre noted that the Princess Avenue-Lisgar Road reconstruction was due to be finished in June. Reconstruction of Lisgar Road from Mariposa Avenue to Buena Vista Avenue will start in 2009. In 2010, the reconstruction of Mariposa Avenue from Lisgar to Springfield is scheduled. The cutoff from Mariposa to Springfield on the Village Green side will disappear. All of these works are to separate the storm and sanitary sewers and install new water mains.

He discussed the demolition of 80 Mackinnon and conditions imposed by the City on the acquisition of the unopened lane running between Mackinnon Road and Buena Vista Avenue. Councillor Legendre asked that the City receive fair market value for the land but that the owner went to court and, on the basis of precedent, was given the right to purchase the land for \$1.

The RPPS BookFair has, for decades, had a banner strung between two utility poles on Springfield but Hydro Ottawa is now proposing to do away with such banners, on the grounds of technical safety.

Councillor Legendre thanked CARAD for its efforts to give a reasoned presentation on the interprovincial crossing issue – CARAD (of which the RPRA is a part) did not come across as a NIMBY organization. The two provincial governments have forced the NCC to look at the other potential east end crossings. Phase 2, examining crossing options 5, 6 and 7 again will take 2-3 years.

Alex Macklin and Lola Price outlined the reasons why the Kettle Island option was not viable: impact on Rockcliffe Park and Manor Park, trucks on Beechwood, impact on the adjacent wooded Urban Natural Areas and Kettle Island itself, impact on the airport and Aviation Museum. Jane Dobell asked if Councillor Legendre had confidence in the traffic studies. He replied that the current contractor NCE-Roche would be in a conflict of interest should the company and its lead engineer apply to work on Phase 2. There should be better traffic data generated and used in the Phase 2 assessment.

Bonnie Robinson raised the issue of the Rockcliffe Airbase development and how long it would take. Councillor Legendre stated that until the issue of the Algonquin land claim was settled and the appropriate level of consultation has occurred, it was unclear. DND still owns the land and Jacques is seeking an appointment with the Minister of Defense to obtain clarification on the issue. Alex Macklin noted that the last set of plans for the Airbase had 26-storey residential towers and a proposed population of 12,000-15,000 people.

The combination of commuter traffic from the interprovincial bridge combined with new housing on the Airbase adds up to a potentially massive impact.

Other Business and Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Hal Steacy

Lola Price Secretary