

**Community Council of Overbrook
Annual General Meeting
November 18, 2010
Unapproved Minutes**

1. Sheila Perry, President, called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. Attendance count was 29, surpassing quorum. Sheila welcomed all and thanked everyone for attending, then asked each to introduce themselves briefly. It was noted that Councillor Jacques Legendre was present.
2. The Agenda was presented. A motion to "accept the Agenda as presented" was put forth by Mary-Lou Cuillier and seconded by Dennis Cech, and was passed.
3. The Minutes of the last AGM were reviewed. Peter MacFarlane motioned "The Minutes of 11.26.09 be accepted as printed.", seconded by Martine Joly, accepted.
4. Business arising from these minutes: Sheila Perry commented on several items from these minutes that have seen progress: the roadwork and sewers along Queen Mary and associated roads have been completed; a sign has been installed in Riverside Memorial Park; and the zoning to permit the expansion of St. Laurent Shopping Centre was approved this week by City Council.
5. Board Reports:
 - a) Councillor - Ward 13: Jacques Legendre said his role in attending our Community Council meetings was to find out our concerns and to bring City news to us. He pointed out that in his first year, 19 years ago, as our representative, we would be lucky to get 6 people attending our AGM. He suggested we appreciate our growth and build on it. Congratulations were then handed out to Rawlson King and Sheila Perry for putting their names forward as Councillor candidates. Jacques indicated it was a pleasure to serve our community and has seen improvement resulting in a very healthy community. He is looking forward to spending more time with his family, especially his grandchildren.
He then asked for any questions:
Member Steve McNamee asked what Jacques viewed as the three biggest issues in Overbrook and how are they proceeding? Jacques replied that while light rail will transform the City, it will also have considerable effects on Overbrook. The baseball stadium long term position is in question, as the present level of use is not sufficient. The proposed canal footbridge (and bicycle) will enable traffic to proceed from Donald to Somerset and right downtown over the canal bridge. He mentioned a consultant has been hired and an environmental assessment is to be done in the near term. Ottawa Community Housing (OCH) has received an order from Council to fix what they have and continue with a proper maintenance program. Laneways - the City will have to deal with this City wide issue. He assured those present that nothing will be rammed through, and communities will be involved in the decision making. He very much doubted the new City Council would go against the will of communities, but that laneways could likely play a role in new communities. A resolution will need to be found concerning these strips of land, in that public property is essentially in private hands. He advised the CCO to set a position on this topic.
Roy Hanna asked if Jacques could give us ideas on how residents could successfully object to the proposed zoning change and development at 127 Presland? He responded that the developer has had two public meetings, and in the second meeting considerable changes were presented and these were much better. Traffic would be moved onto the Vanier Parkway, he did not see this as a concern. He did find the facade of the building to be too clinical and improvements could easily be made.
Joanne Lockyer asked if this project could be put on hold and how we could go about this? Jacques responded that it would not be in our best interest to request it be put this on hold unless we had a very good reason. There are provincial guidelines dictating time lines, and the developer can always go forward with the Provincial Planning Act. Jacques said the Councillor-elect, Peter Clark, request Jacques brief him on the Presland development, and this was done.
Sheila Perry, on behalf of the Community Council of Overbrook, then thanked Jacques for his extended service to Overbrook and presented him with a gift of appreciation. Steve McNamee also thanked Jacques on behalf of the residents.
 - b) Correspondence: Sheila Perry reminded all present that the City's website, www.overbrook.ca, lists all the development proposals - and much more. She also reminded us that Jacques Legendre started Crime Prevention Ottawa, and that Armand Kayola (community representative at the Overbrook-Forbes Community Resource Centre, 255 Donald) had just received an award for his leadership.
 - c) Treasurer: Mickey Green reported that we started the year with a bank balance of \$1788, and a closing balance of \$1993. Our income this year was \$1035, with expenses of \$680. His report was received along with financial statements.
No motion to accept these was presented.
 - d) Ward Meetings: No ward meetings have been held by the Councillor since the spring. (Secretary's files indicate no ward meetings were held during the current CCO's year of 12.09 to 11.10.)
 - e) Federation of Citizens' Associations of Ottawa-Carleton (FCA): Sheila Perry reported this organization currently represents 34 community organizations, and they regularly meet with rotating venues across the City. They are active on many common interests, and have been particularly active on the Lansdowne Park development proposals. Sheila emphasized the importance of getting an understanding of rural/urban issues, and the FCA is an excellent vehicle for this.
6. Other Reports:
 - a) Community Safety and Community Police Centre: Constable Marc Daviault is our community representative with the Ottawa Police Service (OPS). He has been with us for one year now, and during this time experienced changes in his Sergeant and Ward 13 Councillor. Marc suggested we start a Neighbourhood Watch program. There are several benefits to our community and there has been some interest. Our next CCO Board meeting will be held at the Community Police Centre (CPC), 252 McArthur. All are welcome to the CPC, and the Ottawa Police Service is always looking for volunteers to assist with all CPCs. Marc reported that 255 Donald (Ottawa Community Housing) is slowly making progress on safety and communication issues. A walkabout on this property is planned with input from residents, OCH, and Marc. This will take place shortly. Marc advised that vehicle break-ins are on the rise again, as some of those charged and sentenced to time are now free. As such, don't leave valuables in vehicles, especially in plain view, particularly electronics (e.g. phones, GPS). The OPS has dedicated volunteers that do courtesy ticketing if they see valuables left in vehicles. This consists of a note reminding the owners of the possible consequences of this situation. He asked all to call or e-mail him with any concerns we may have. (613-236-1222, Ext. 5823 or daviaultm@ottawapolice.ca)
Marc then invited questions:
Paola Rossell asked how we get the Neighbourhood Watch program started? Marc replied he could get us the documentation or we could get it on the OPS website. We need a co-ordinator, and for every 10 houses we get, we would need a block captain. Everyone involved must fill out forms, and if you get more than 50% of the households on a street, the City will install two Neighbourhood Watch signs. Sheila Perry asked for a show of hands of those interested in a Neighbourhood Watch and over 10 hands went up. She suggested we have a Special Meeting in January on the topic as a follow up. Joanne Lockyer suggested a notice of this meeting be posted on our website.
Marc then closed by saying his Staff Sergeant Murray Knowles sent his regrets that he could not attend; and noted that our previous Community Safety Officer, Sergeant Uday Jaswal, is now Inspector Jaswal.
Sheila praised Marc for his considerable efforts and involvement in our community.
 - b) Overbrook Community Centre: Michel Baronette, Director of the Centre, reminded us that a year ago all we had was a picture to see the proposed renovations to the Centre, and now there is a full skeleton of the project and very shortly the Centre will be closed until the end of April, 2011. In the meantime, his offices will be re-located to the canteen in the Bernard Grandmaitre Arena, 309 McArthur. Michel thanked Sheila and the CCO, along with the 28 other user groups for their patience. The Centre was able to manage a summer with no washrooms, just portables. There will be a Grand Opening in the spring, with more information to come. In the meantime, if we wish to have a meeting room, the community hall in the Arena has a capacity of 100, and Michel will do his best to accommodate us.
Sheila then thanked Michel for the thoughtfulness and support Michel has given to the CCO, and for his energies in running the many programs in the Overbrook Community Centre.
 - c) Overbrook-Forbes Community Resource Centre: Armand Kayola, the Centre's representative, was not present but Sheila Perry noted that Armand was involved in the "No Community Left Behind" program and represented Overbrook in the process. Sheila mentioned that if anyone is interested in participating in the program to contact her.

d) Development & Heritage in Overbrook: Roy Hanna introduced members of a study group addressing the Application for rezoning and development proposal for 127 Presland. This group also involved Mary-Lou Cuillierier, Martine Joly, Scott Richardson and Jim Hurd. Roy reported on a larger, community meeting held last Sunday when over 30 people attended. The following concerns about this project were highlighted: height; density; 303 residents to get an exclusive entry and exit to the Vanier Parkway with a controlled intersection; another intersection to slow traffic on the Vanier Parkway; the project is out of character with the surrounding R3 & R4 zoning. This project is seen as overkill and not intensification. People are urged to object, in writing, by November 22, and by using the City's Official Plan. Information is on our website (www.overbrook.ca), and our facebook page (www.saveoverbrook.com), including sample letters (in French and English) that you are encouraged to use. The CCO is sending in a letter of objection as well.

Jim Hurd then spoke about a more general framework for the CCO that would prepare us beforehand for similar development proposals in Overbrook rather than having to react to them - proactive not reactive. He had prepared several motions with regard to guidelines, CCO committees dealing with development issues, and 127 Presland. Sheila Perry noted that these motions would need to be put off to our next Board meeting for consideration. She then stressed the importance of educating ourselves on the development process with the City and Provincial frameworks, and noted the City provides primer courses on this process which are free. More information is on the City's website (www.ottawa.ca).

e) Safety & Traffic Issues: Sheila pointed out that these issues were dealt with elsewhere in the meeting. Volunteers are always welcome.

f) Membership Update: Wendy Dennys has kindly offered to start a database of members, and this will greatly help with ongoing communications and annual renewal of memberships. Joanne Lockyer reported 27 memberships so far for our new year.

g) Riverside Memorial Park: Joanne Lockyer indicated the new park sign was installed and is quite nice and appropriate.

The long term aim is to provide a play structure in the park, located along River Road between Queen Mary and King George. To this end, the City provides a matching grant of up to \$7500.

Donations are always welcome, and tax receipts are available from the City. Please send donations to Joanne first, and she will forward them to the City so they can credit our park's grant allowance account. (Cheques should be made out to "Riverside Memorial Park")

h) Website update/Facebook: Chris Ellis is currently looking after our website (www.overbrook.ca) but would dearly like someone to take it over. He is willing to give the little guidance required to manage it. Chris Robinson is looking after our facebook page (www.saveoverbrook.com). Sheila thanked both of these for their assistance, and requested help in taking over our website from Chris. Peter MacFarlane stressed the importance of our website in communicating with our membership and implored anyone with interest to come forward and help out. Rawlson King replied that he would be willing to look into this position and was thanked.

i) Environment Committee: Sheila Perry reported that spring and fall cleanups took place this year. The latest was Saturday, October 9, when a few hardy souls cleaned up the Overbrook Community Centre Park. Thanks to Tim Horton's for the coffee and Timbits, and for the City for providing the cleanup supplies.

j) Communications: Wendy Dennys reported that her distribution tree is all set up and was in operation for its first delivery throughout Overbrook. It is hoped that our newsletter could become regular, be posted on our website, and delivered to homes through the distribution tree. Wendy is still looking for recruits for distribution, and will soon go knocking on doors on certain streets to bolster her volunteer staff. Peter MacFarlane noted that less than 20 years ago the City assisted financially with community newspapers, including Overbrook. A suggestion was made that our new Councillor, Peter Clark, may be willing to help out in some capacity.

k) President's Report: This is attached, and includes the various issues we faced throughout the year, our ongoing challenges and recommendations. Sheila Perry also expressed her thanks and appreciation for residents, CCO volunteers, the Executive, City staff and Jacques Legendre. She welcomed Peter Clark (not present), who assumes his duties on December 1.

7. New Business:

a) Nominations Report and Elections: Secretary, Peter MacFarlane, indicated that he is stepping down from the Board, along with Chris Ellis, Nicolas DuPrey, Sandy Kilby and Jack Stalica.

The following Executive Board members offered to remain: President Sheila Perry, Vice President Joanne Lockyer, and Treasurer Micky Green.

The following Board Directors at Large offered to remain: Michel Baronette (Honorary member), Roy Hanna, and Constable Marc Daviault (Honorary member).

Peter identified the following CCO members have come forward to offer their services: Susan Giles as Secretary; Mary-Lou Cuillierier, Martine Joly, and Rob Wainwright as Directors at Large.

Peter asked if there were any nominations from the floor, and none came forward. As the current number of Directors meets our Constitutional requirements (7-12) he declared the nominations closed and thanked those that offered to volunteer as Directors. The list of Directors of the CCO for 2010-11, along with contact information is attached.

b) Next Board Meeting: It was decided by the new Board that they will meet on . It will be held at the Community Police Centre, 252 McArthur. Meetings will be held on the , unless posted otherwise. A list of our meeting dates will be posted on our website. (www.overbrook.ca)

c) Other: No other business was brought forward.

8. Next Annual General Meeting:

This will be held in October or November, 2011, and the location will be our brand new Community Centre.

9. Adjournment:

Peter MacFarlane motioned "The AGM be closed." This was seconded by Martine Joly, and passed. Sheila Perry thanked all present for their attendance and support. She declared the meeting closed at 9:12p.m.

Peter MacFarlane 11.21.10

Community Council of Overbrook – Sheila Perry, President's Report

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We began the 2009-2010 year with a full CCO Board of Directors!

No shortage of issues:

Proposed closing of Rideau H.S- successful resolution!

Ottawa Police Centre – Welcome to Constable Marc Daviault, Sarg. M Knowles ; farewell to Const. Fernando Vieira

Baseball stadium – renewed interest after 2 years empty ..management and Ottawa Fat Cats

"No community left behind" – OFCRC ongoing project with Armand Kayolo, Community Developer

Crime Prevention Ottawa Budget Challenge – successful outcome and support

Overbrook Community Centre - input from the community and courtyard artwork selection

Pedestrian bridges – connection to VIA from Coventry Road (north/south) and east/west via Donald Street discussion

FCA participation – over 34 associations

Riverside Memorial Park – signage , fundraising and ongoing support

Safety and community meeting Donald Street issues/ Graffiti management program/monitoring

255 Donald & Tenants' association formed – CCO representation

Announcement of retirement of Jacques Legendre, Councillor

Development Issues ie. 140 Queen Mary/laneways/easements/ Lansdowne Park

Environment - spring/fall cleanup

Communications and co-ordination of a delivery tree - flyers

127 Presland Road(convent)and Lepine development meeting in May, 2010

St. Laurent expansion proposal and input – City of Ottawa Planning and Environment

Heritage & Planning/community planning meeting/Jim Hurd and group

Overbrook Community Day – September 18 at the baseball stadium, 300 plus attended

Hosting All candidates for Councillor meeting Ward 13 – October 20

Ongoing Challenges:

Community participation- on committees,, communications – improving with web, facebook, flyers and co-ordination; short and long term planning for Overbrook; CCO positions ; working with other associations, city staff and Councillor

Recommendations:

Safety – neighbourhood watch

CCO Committees/ Executive – volunteer for these positions

Communications – data base, media, newsletter

Thank You's...

All residents in Overbrook, CCO volunteers, executive, City Staff

Special thanks to Jacques Legendre and best wishes – 19 years of commitment.Welcome to Peter Clark, Councillor Elect who assumes duties December 1

Respectfully submitted,

Nov.-18-10

Sheila Perry,

President

Community Council of Overbrook.