

# Bay Ward Council

## Meeting Notes

**April 1, 2009**

**Attendees:** Elizabeth Meredith, Joe Hager, Brian Payne, Lorraine Fagan, Dave Grosvenor, Rich Nelson, Werner and Marjorie Daechsel, Ruth Tremblay, Bert Foulds, Judy Patterson, Larry Lidell, Inta Zobs, Tim Hayes, Matilde Hahn, Lillian Bose, Sherril Noble

**Associations in Attendance:** The Conservatory, Woodroffe North Community Association, Crystal Beach-Lakeview Community Association, Whitehaven, Glabar Park Community Alliance, Woodpark Community Association, Regina School Association, Britannia Village Association, Belltown Neighbours Association

### **Police Services Report – Cst Maria Keen**

Because of a schedule conflict with other police duties, Cst. Keen was unable to attend this month's meeting.

Recent crime and policing statistics, including recent activity reports, are available on the Ottawa Police Services website at [www.ottawapolice.ca](http://www.ottawapolice.ca).

These and other statistics can be analyzed using the new Google based crime analysis tool available to the public through the OPS website ([www.ottawapolice.ca](http://www.ottawapolice.ca)). This tool uses the crime statistics compiled by OPS and allows anyone to do an analysis of the crime statistics in their part of Ottawa. This tool is now available for use, and will be updated as new statistics are available.

### **Spring Clean the Capital Campaign – Paul McCann**

Paul McCann made a brief presentation regarding the annual Spring Clean the Capital program.

Last year, 1,000 separate projects were registered with the City for Spring Clean the Capital program, and roughly 70,000 people were involved in the cleanup. This year, as always, the goal is to get more people involved and clean more areas of more litter.

The basic principle of Spring Clean the Capital is that "litter knows no boundaries", and organizations or groups can sign up to clean anywhere they don't need permission to go. The City will provide equipment, and there are prizes, draws, t-shirts and so on for participants.

Those interested in participating should register their project, either online on the City website or by calling 311 and asking for the Spring Clean the Capital office.

Graffiti cleaning kits are always available from Mr. McCann's office, not just at this time of year, and details and the kits can be obtained by calling his office.

The Spring Clean the Capital campaign goes on to the end of May, but in Bay Ward the Spring Clean Thank You Volunteers BBQ will be held on Saturday, April 25 - Spring Clean the Capital Day - from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

All residents are welcome to attend the BBQ to meet other public spirited citizens and enjoy food and drink, courtesy of local merchants, Tim Horton's, Bob FM and Enbridge.

## **Transplan 2009 – Heather Sanders**

Transplan is OC Transpo's annual planning and consultation exercise to increase the effectiveness of public transit by adjusting routes and the frequencies with which buses run to take into account changing needs and changing travel patterns.

This year several of the proposed changes will affect Bay Ward. Areas affected include Britannia and Dovercourt, Richmond Road, and Crystal Beach; the new Transitway from Bayshore to Pinecrest will also affect local residents.

In the Britannia and Dovercourt areas, proposed changes include adjustments to the 18/50 bus routes and to routes 16 and 18. In Crystal Beach, the proposed changes would replace Express Route 59 with more frequent trips on Route 166 and some adjustments to the route it takes.

Consultation on the proposed changes will take place during the month of April in affected communities across the City, and OC Transpo staff will present the proposals and the results of the consultation to Transit Committee on May 20. The Committee and Council will make final decisions on the proposed changes, which would be implemented in September. Those wishing to make their views known, or to get more information, should contact their Councillor's office, or contact Heather Sanders at OC Transpo via [transplan@ottawa.ca](mailto:transplan@ottawa.ca). The Transit Committee on May 20 is also open to the public; those interested in making a presentation should contact the clerk of the committee. Details on how to do this are online on the City's website. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation with some details of the proposed changes is posted on the Councillor's website ([www.alexculen.ca](http://www.alexculen.ca)).

## **Community Associations Update:**

### **Whitehaven – Werner Daechsel**

Werner Daechsel asked about the City's progress in getting infrastructure money from the federal government for public housing and other projects. The Councillor noted that Ottawa Housing has

ambitious plans for repairs and upgrades over the next several years, and is eligible for some federal funds for these projects. In order to be eligible for funds for these projects, they must be built by the spring of 2011, so the City will be proceeding with a number of “shovel ready” projects that can be started very quickly.

### **Glabar Park Community Alliance – Judy Patterson**

Judy Patterson noted that the rink program in the community was a great success this year, with roughly 8,700 skaters and hockey players using the rink facility.

The Community Alliance will hold its AGM this year on May 11 at D. Roy Kennedy School, and a garage sale is planned for June 13. The Community Association is also holding a Fund Raising night at Yuk Yuks in September to raise funds for snow blower replacement and park upgrades. More details will be brought to a future meeting as planning proceeds.

### **Park Place Condo – Joe Hager**

Joe Hager reported that renovations at the Park Place condo are now underway and are expected to continue through May. During that time, some periodic disruption to traffic along Richmond Road can be expected, but it is expected to be minimal.

### **Michele Heights – Sherril Noble**

Sherril Noble reported on the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Woodroffe High School fundraiser and auction, which will be held on April 22 this year. Admission is \$10, and tickets can be obtained by calling Sherrill or through the school. There will be a cash bar and food. Auction items can be viewed starting at 6:30 pm, and the auction will begin at 7:30 pm.

She also noted that the Michele Heights Spring Cleanup will take place this year on April 18<sup>th</sup>, in the afternoon, to be followed by a BBQ at Michele Heights Park. On April 18, the community garden will also open for the year. Sherril also noted that the Bay Ward Public Safety Organization has conducted a survey of business owners along Carling Avenue and Richmond Road on issues related to crime and safety. Details of the survey and results can be obtained by contacting Sherril ([snobleb7@yahoo.ca](mailto:snobleb7@yahoo.ca)).

### **Belltown Neighbours Association – Tim Hayes**

Tim Hayes reported that the Belltown Spring Cleanup will take place on Saturday April 25 this year.

Tim also asked about the disposition of the Safety Village property adjacent to Belltown. Councillor Cullen replied that the Safety Village organization is looking at new sites, and that equipment from the existing site will be stored for possible use there, if a new site is located, but that buildings and roadway in the existing installation will be removed and the property is to be absorbed into the surrounding parkland. This is likely to happen this fall, but may be delayed until next spring.

Tim also noted that with summer approaching, kids and noise, and the safety of neighbourhood children, will once again be an issue. The community association will be encouraging local residents to participate in the local Neighbourhood Watch program. Councillor Cullen suggested that it would be a good idea to contact Steve Clay of Ottawa Community Housing with the contact numbers for the Belltown Neighbourhood Watch program. The Councillor also noted that some major renovations to the adjoining Britannia Woods OCH community will be undertaken soon, and could involve up to \$4 million in new spending on this area. Start time for these changes is not yet finalized.

## **Crystal Beach-Lakeview Community Association – Ruth Tremblay**

Ruth Tremblay noted that speeding cars on Carling Ave. and Corkstown Road (the latter through a school zone) continues to be a problem, and that more police enforcement would improve this situation, but is not likely to totally eliminate the issue.

The community association is looking for volunteers for its summer sports programs. Those interested should contact Ruth or other members of the community association.

The disposition of St. Thomas School remains an issue, and the community association would like the City to buy the school and property from the Catholic School Board and turn it into a community centre. The community association is working on a business plan for this.

The community association would like the City to open consultations with community members on planting trees on Holly Acres Road before this goes ahead. The community has some views on location and type of trees that should be planted.

Ruth noted that the first Public Advisory Committee meeting for the NCC's revision of its Greenbelt Master Plan will be held on April 4, and she will report on this meeting at a later Ward Council meeting. Councillor Cullen pointed out that a local committee composed of community members, to monitor this revision and to express the community's views, will be formed soon. A number of groups throughout the city are forming to monitor changes to the Greenbelt Master Plan, and this committee will allow our community to link to these other activities.

Ruth reported that the CBLCA community has registered for the Spring Clean the Capital campaign. Councillor Cullen noted that the Stillwater Creek will be subject to an audit by the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority and more volunteers for this area would be useful. He also reminded people at the meeting that a meeting will be held at Maki House on April 2 to discuss the "dogs in parks" issue, as well as to hear a presentation from OC Transpo on the specific changes to bus routes in the Crystal Beach area. This meeting will start at 7 pm.

## **The Conservatory – Brian Payne**

Brian Payne noted that a meeting is needed with Ottawa police about a recent incident at the condo involving police response to a break-in attempt where doors were propped open to allow easy entry to the building. Councillor Cullen committed to ensuring that this meeting takes place as soon as possible.

Garbage around the bus shelter at Grenon and Richmond Road continues to be an issue, and Brian inquired again about the possibility of getting the City to supply a garbage can for the bus shelter. Councillor Cullen will look into this and get an answer.

### **Woodroffe North Community Association – Dave Grosvenor**

Dave Grosvenor reported that the community association is still concerned about the amount of garbage at the bus shelter at Woodroffe and Richmond, and wanted to know if a garbage can could be arranged for this location. Councillor Cullen noted that this shelter is the responsibility of Clear Channel, an organization which pays for the right to post advertisements on the bus shelter property and is responsible for the upkeep of the property. This means the City does not have the right to modify the site, including placing of garbage cans. He noted, as well, that the City is reviewing their contract with Clean Channel, and that if there are community concerns with the state of bus shelters under this program they should keep their Councillor informed so that he can provide this information to contracting staff at the City. He also suggested that the community association may want to adopt the area around the shelter. Details on the Adopt Program can be obtained through Paul McCann at the City.

Woodroffe North will be doing their cleanup on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April this year, and 20 or so people are expected to participate.

The community is also experiencing problems with the upkeep of Woodroffe Walk. The mowing of adjoining grass is resulting in grass growing up among the stone dust on the pathway, and the available walkway is getting narrower. Councillor Cullen will follow up on this issue and talk to City staff about what can be done to remedy this.

The annual Woodroffe North garage sale will be on May 9 this year. Councillor Cullen noted that this is the same day as the official opening of the Byron recreational pathway extension, and everyone in the community is invited to participate in this event. It starts at 10 am at New Orchard and Byron Ave., and refreshments and prizes will be available.

The community will be holding a celebration this fall to commemorate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first settlement in the area at Honeywell Farm (close to the Parkway, just east of Woodroffe). As part of this celebration, the community association will be doing a community history. More details will be given to a later meeting as this project gets underway.

### **Woodpark Community Association – Larry Lidell**

Larry Lidell reported that the community will be doing its annual cleanup on May 9, and will be holding a BBQ for residents at New orchard Park. Those attending the Byron recreational pathway opening are welcome to attend.

The community continues to be concerned about intensification, and will be meeting with the adjoining community association in Woodroffe North to discuss strategy coordination. More details will be brought to a later meeting. Also, the community association is concerned about development of the 336 Woodroffe property, across from Carlingwood Mall. Councillor Cullen noted that the new Official Plan focuses on issues of intensification and contains design guidelines

that may address some concerns. Intensification remains an issue for many communities in Bay Ward, though, and more consultation on this issue is needed.

## **Britannia Village and Regina School – Inta Zobs**

Inta Zobs reported that the new storage shed for the Regina School ice rink was in operation this winter and worked well. She also noted that, as usual, young people are beginning to gather around the Jamieson Street boat launch as the weather gets warmer, and garbage, including bottles and cigarette butts, will continue to be a problem.

Many community associations now have websites, and information on these and other community events can be found on the Councillor's website at [www.alexculen.ca](http://www.alexculen.ca).

## **City Hall Report – Councillor Alex Cullen**

Councillor Cullen will be doing his annual Shopping Centre Outreach again this year, this includes Lincoln Fields Galleria on April 17 and 18, and Carlingwood Mall on May 1 and 2.

Environmental Assessments for the Ottawa River Parkway LRT and for the West Transitway extensions are expected to begin this summer, and should take 18 months to complete. More information on these projects will be shared as it becomes available.

*Murder On the O-Train*, the Third Annual Murder Mystery night at Ron Kolbus-Lakeside Centre, takes place on April 3. This is an annual event organized by the Councillor to raise funds for organizations in the community. This year the Boys and Girls Club will receive funds raised. The evening includes a catered dinner, a mystery written and performed by the Lakeside Players, and a silent auction. At the time of the meeting a few tickets were still available.

The Councillor reported on the latest round of City Hall restructuring, which resulted in changes to middle management and some reorganization of departments and branches as a result. A number of middle managers were let go, some were shifted, some promoted. The reorganization will result in changes to key City contacts that community associations and individuals should know about, but details will not be up on the website until all the reorganizations are complete, in a couple of weeks.

The Councillor noted that the issue of how to deal with Lansdowne Park and other stadium sites will be discussed by Council at the end of April. Two unsolicited proposals have been received, one involving Lansdowne Park and the renovation of Frank Clair Stadium for a new CFL franchise, the other involving a soccer stadium in the west end adjacent to the Senators' hockey arena at Scotiabank Place. Details on this will be given at the next meeting.

He also noted that Mayor O'Brien will be taking a leave of absence of several weeks starting in early May to concentrate on the charges he is facing with respect to the last municipal election. There are procedures in place to ensure that the work of the City goes on uninterrupted during this period, but some details are still being worked out. More details will be provided at the next meeting.

## **Next Bay Ward Council Meeting:**

Next Bay Ward Council meeting will be held Wednesday May 6, 2009 and will start at 7:00 p.m. at the Ron Kolbus-Lakeside Centre in Britannia Park.

This document and related information is also available on the Councillor's website ([www.alexcullen.ca](http://www.alexcullen.ca)). If you need to have this material in hard copy, please phone our office (613-580-2477) and let either Sheila or Lara know.

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