

Fairwinds Community Association

Monday, April 13, 2015

CIBC Meeting Room (5527 Hazeldean Road)

Chaired by – Glen Gower (President)

Acting secretary – Joe Boughner (Director)

Attendees

- Kimberly Prachar (Director)
- Debby Jo Hill (Vice President)
- Alex Chen (Treasurer)
- Jennifer Holmes (Director)
- Darlene Leblanc
- Shad Qadri
- Georgie Gosham-Hamer
- Julie Alvarado
- Chad Wagar
- Hien Hoang

Meeting called to order (19:36)

1. Approval of the agenda (Debby-Jo moved; Jennifer seconded)

2. Approval of the minutes (Debby-Jo moved; Jennifer seconded)

3. Shad's update (19:37)

- Sobey's shopping centre (Carp Road and Kittiwake) – two more buildings going up. Two-storey Goodlife Fitness; single story retail outlet. Approved as part of original site plan (though GL only approved for one storey initially)
- 5943 Hazeldean (NW corner of Hartan (?) Street) – Across from defunct gas station, will be new gas station and convenience store. Shad asked about using old site across the street; owner felt location was better. Hasn't been approved; site plan submitted. Zoning already fits so delegated authority already with city staff
- Maple Grove and Huntmar traffic light – design work approved, no changes to road surface required. No right turn lane from Huntmar (south) on to Maple Grove (west); this might come later
- 6279 Fernbank (SW corner near United Church at Main and Fernbank); was provincially-significant wetland but designation pulled by province so city had to add to zoning plans. Owner has applied for 148 homes (100 towns, 48 singles and semi-detached). Local community upset. City staff oppose development; want more studies done on water flow first. Owner submitted

old study; city engineers said wasn't good enough. Proponents took city to Ontario municipal board; city had to give permission to remove trees to do studies. Proponents "did more than I would've expected" and seem to have caused significant impact. OMB hearing pending. Planning committee discussing this issue at planning meeting April 14; official city stance will be developed at that point. QUESTION: If city staff doesn't like it, how can it move forward; SHAD: OMB has rights to overrule elected bodies based on conditions of application etc. City staff feels it isn't suitable to develop that land, particularly at that density. Comments are welcome electronically to the planning committee.

- Transit improvements: New route 162 off-peak hour service. Comes from \$1 million set aside for new routes in growing areas. Starting off-peak but Shad hopes to see full service in future. Shad described the route. Also, 96A becoming 92 and travelling along Campeau. QUESTION: Has Campeau work to be extended along to Tanger started yet? SHAD: Not yet. Also improvements to service near Blackstone (Wal-Mart, Hope Side Road etc). OC Transpo public meeting May 13 for changes to be made in September.
- Hydro improvements being done along Main Street (west side); Neil Ave to the Shopper's Drug Mart.
- Temporary traffic calming measures on Kittawake first, then extended to Hartsmead and Fringewood. People critical and think they don't work. Results now in: Kittawake average speed went from 56 km/h (40 km/h limit); down to 37 km/h after measures imposed with 90% (approx.) compliance to limit. Hartsmead near Westwind Public School went from 54% compliance to 63% compliance with speed limit. Only in place for short time. Fringewood went from 53 km/h average with 18% compliance to limit; went to 43 km/h average. Shad is hoping there'll be money for more such measures in each ward in next budget. QUESTION: For all wards? Wondering about Kanata etc because local kids going to school there. SHAD: Focus is residential areas and school zones. Still trying to find good alternatives to speed bumps, which have their own problems (snow ploughing; emergency vehicles). Crosswalks and stop signs can't always be put in where people want them.
- Ottawa River Action Plan. City got money from federal government; partnership between all three levels of government. Raw sewage going into river, especially during heavy rain storms. Plan is to build additional tunnels to hold surplus water until it can go into treatment plant. Has been done in other areas. Still some municipalities along river that aren't treating at all, both up and down stream. Feds say money is available but municipalities have to ask and take two-thirds of the cost.
- Wish the Senators all the best in the playoffs; Sens Mile is open and Sens flag will be flown at City Hall as of April 14.
- QUESTION: Time frame for traffic lights at Huntmar and Maple Grove. SHAD: End of June is expected.

- QUESTION: Rumour about Park La Ville Park being converted into a dog park. SHAD: Parks are either on-leash, off-leash or no dogs. Has heard the rumour too but hasn't seen anything official. QUESTION: How do we protest use by dogs? SHAD: Send me an email; get neighbours to send emails too. QUESTIONER: I call by-law but they never come but my child has been jumped on and scratched. Dogs are off-leash near small children. SHAD: If you report with by-law I can track the report number for follow up. If you keep reporting, this can affect resource allocation. Call 3-1-1 is another option; they'll issue report number too.
- QUESTION: Burnaby bus stop doesn't get plowed beyond the small pad that's there so people getting off the longer buses end up walking between snow bank and the bus; very dangerous. SHAD: Send an email with bus stop number so it can be raised at the public meeting.

4. Cleaning the capital (20:21)

- Pauline (Leblanc?) has volunteered to take on coordination. Glen points out we had many volunteers but unevenly distributed. Last year suggestion for this year was to gather somewhere central and assign locations from there.
- COMMENT: There are always kids in the parks; can get them involved if the time is right and try to encourage it.
- First Saturday of May (May 2) at 9 am. Rally at Bandmaster near the splash pad.
- COMMENT: Don't forget the river areas, could we meet closer to the river?
- Make sure zone reps are assigned with all the supplies etc

5. Garage sale (20:27)

- Usually first Saturday of June. Confirmed.

6. Skating rink (20:27)

- Just need to rip the boards out
- Hien has volunteered to store the boards at his place; he'll coordinate the dismantling

7. Huntmar overpass (20:30)

- Are there more creative options? Two in mind are alternating traffic direction or forcing all southbound traffic along the Palladium loop
- SHAD: City asked province to widen deck during 417 construction underneath. Province said no. That's scheduled to happen in five years. Foot bridge being added on east side of Huntmar; this is in transportation master plan but not in play for 5-10 years. Welcome to try but Tanger, CTC would have say in what happens to the bridge.

- COMMENT: Is it in high demand? What about shuttle bus service like in place with the casino and South Keys.
- Letter to be revised by Joe and Glen.

8. Keg restaurant (20:37)

- Questions posed:
 - Vehicle traffic associated with the restaurant
 - Construction vehicle use of Huntmar during building
 - Sidewalks on west side of Huntmar
- Answers:
 - See Glen's notes for traffic volume numbers
 - Constructions not using Huntmar will be included in plan by city
 - Restaurant building sidewalk on its site but the connection to Fairwinds won't be built until that land is developed. Community Association will push on this
 - SHAD: Has asked city staff to reevaluate right-in, right-out since it will promote u-turns on Hazeldean. Suggested temporary road to exit across from Food Basics, where there's a traffic light planned. Will also look into who removed sidewalk

9. Board member roles (20:43)

- Joe to circulate potential roles via email and discuss further next meeting

10. Carp Road landfill (20:45)

- Stittsville Village Association meeting was informed there was no response to the letter signed by FCA and others; to follow up at next meeting.

11. Finance / banking (20:46)

- Money incoming:
 - Cheque Candace found
 - Second instalment from the rink fund
- Money outgoing:
 - Reimbursement to Glen
 - Cheque for Sens Foundation from winter carnival
- Clarification still needed about nature / balance of the trust account; Candace to provide

12. Other business (20:51)

- DEBBY: Facebook site shouldn't be used for buy-and-sell. There is another group just for Fairwinds classifieds. Candace is the only admin of the site; it isn't an official FCA property

13. Adjournment (20:55) (Debbi-Jo moved; Jennifer seconded)