



EWRA Meeting April 12, 2023

Present: Goretti, Mark, Keely Storr, Christine Guptill, Christine Lowe, Richard Mungall; Councillor Jessica Bradley and staff member, Laura Dragone

Regrets: Kim Tytler

- Richard Mungall spoke about proposal to install sidewalk on Wyldewood; currently unfunded. He is not against safety measures; but hundreds of thousands have been spent on studies to improve the safety on Albion, and the city has not implemented anything. Expressed concerns about snow removal; driveway use; and aesthetics if sidewalks were to be installed. Also indicated that no one on the street has been consulted to his knowledge.
- Councillor Bradley responded that this proposal came as update to active transportation master plan update. Some of the improvements on Albion are going to be moving forward – e.g. traffic re-direct at Lester and Albion; bus shelters. If funding were to go forward, that's when consultation with the neighbourhood would happen.
- Richard thanked the Councillor for her attention and departed the meeting.
- Ice storm: Councillor Bradley and Laura were out in the community to survey the damage. Appreciated people's patience with restoration of power. If people have property damage or trees down, they can call 311. Tipping fee at Trail Waste is being waived. If anyone is struggling with food security, they can call 211, including replacing food that was lost. Councillor and staff shared information through her newsletter.
- Note: new automated speed enforcement on Hunt Club between Lorry Greenberg and Pike Street. City now has a little more liberty to place these speed cameras. Last council voted to expand this program, and Councillor Bradley supports it because it is a less expensive way of improving safety on roads (vs. more police or physical road changes). Money from speed cameras go back to road safety initiatives.
- Mark asked about speed at the beginning of the parkway (on Bronson) where the speed limit is 70 increasing to 80. Laura Dragone noted that there is an automatic speed enforcement camera on Bronson from University Drive/Sunnyside Ave. to Brewer Way.
- Traffic calming in our neighbourhood: Speed sign is missing on Trappers, has been reported. First priority is reinstating measures that were previously in place. Flex stakes on Trappers will be coming back; Alderwood and Autumnwood were submitted.
- Measurement of speed on streets takes the 85th percentile; there are outliers. Trappers is 48 km/h; Alderwood: 44 km/h; Autumnwood: 39 km/h.
- Mark had a meeting with some neighbours about concerns on Trappers that have increased, and they will be sending a letter to the Councillor about their concerns.

- Councillor says that street is a challenge from an engineering perspective because of the large curve.
- Earlier open house: a resident asked whether the gravel pathway at Sawmill community centre be maintained in the winter. Initial response was that it could damage the pathway because it is gravel. Question was then, what could we do to bring it to a level where it could be maintained? This would likely mean paving the pathway. Person who raised this is a swim instructor; has many listeners in the community. Meeting Apr. 24th at 1:00pm at Sawmill Creek Community Centre and will walk the pathway.
- Seasonal PortaPotties follow-up: Fawn Meadows and Trappers Park have been identified. Christine L. asked if there was a plan for securing and cleaning the toilet; could provide shelter for substance use. Councillor noted the importance of equity for community members who need to use the toilet – e.g. young children; people who are incontinent. She will ask if there is a plan for securing and cleaning.
- Proposal for hotel development at the airport: Considered at City Council today. Councillor Bradley is not convinced that this is the best tool for a business that might locate there regardless. Spoke at the finance committee against this last week. Vote was against and the motion was defeated.
- Lansdowne 2.0: Park. City put substantial funds forward; first phase has not been financially successful. Ottawa Sports and Entertainment Group has come back asking for additional funds; City has responded that they are prepared to invest in the stadium, which is in need of repairs. Plan would be to build a new retail podium, with 3 40-storey towers. Tax revenue would be used to pay back the loan. Councillor Bradley does not support it; people that move in will need and use city services, so the rest of Ottawa residents would be funding these. Wants to ensure it is a good investment; does not want to repeat past mistakes. Have your say: <https://engage.ottawa.ca/embeds/projects/25667/survey-tools/36473>
- Hazardous waste disposal: Sat. May 6 Rideau Carleton Raceway; July 9 Conroy snow dump 3100 Conroy <https://ottawa.ca/en/garbage-and-recycling/recycling/waste-explorer#section-4583ecd7-5ac0-4254-912c-dc0e190f52c7>
- Goretta asked about a second bulletin board to be installed at Baden Park so that we can share information with our whole community; had raised with previous councillor. Councillor Bradley will see if she can get a cost estimate and some funding for this.
- Newsletter is printed and with Mark and Christine for bundling. We have some volunteers to distribute.
- Review of Facebook rules changes; one additional change will be made, adding language around sending information about debates etc. to us, which will hopefully avoid conflicts over what is and isn't allowed posted.
- Mark returned to the issue raised during the Councillor's report about residents on Trappers' concerns about traffic. They want to work with the Councillor to address the concerns.
- Keely indicated concerns about when the traffic studies are being done – outside of rush hour; not in the evenings, overnight, weekends.

- Christine L. reminded us that there was a point where concrete planters were raised as a possibility; need to be maintained. We had a resident who was interested. Christine proposed the idea that we share the opportunity to maintain them with residents.
- Soccer registration information is included in the flyer, so we will not distribute posters this year.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm