

OLRA Board Meeting Tuesday, November 11, 2014 at 7:30pm

Pierre Gagnon's

Attendance: Boyd Waites, Marcia Todd, Clemens VanZeyl, George Niblock, Pierre Gagnon, Bob Laughlin, Lisa Ebel, Trudy Murray

Regrets: Caroline Glasbey, Chris Coderre, Amanda Holden

Approval of October meeting:

Motion to approve: Marcia

Seconded: Bob

Treasurer's Report:

GIC Renew for 6 months as at Nov 21, 2014

Current bank balance: \$5576.55

Only cheque issued this month was to Barkley's for OLRA Fall 2014 newsletter printing

Awaiting invoice for our contribution for the All Candidate's meeting

Membership: no change; will probably get some new members with the delivery of the Fall newsletter

Communication/Newsletter:

The Fall 2014 Newsletter was awesome! Thank you Amanda for the taking over this position> Great reviews and many positive comments!

Greenspace – The Private Tree ByLaw:

JCRA, TCRA and OLRA met with director of parks and director of engineering.

The private tree bylaw is still being discussed.

Thank you Bob for representing the OLRA and keeping us so well informed!

Right now, four trees up to 76cm can be taken down in a calendar year and a tree is defined as greater than 20cm.

The new proposal:

Defines a tree as greater than 15 cm and allows the removal of 2 trees every 24 months. More than 2 trees would require approval.

Trees that are taken down must be replaced. Proposed that one tree for every 10 cm of tree that comes down.

A bigger concern is in regards to a property being developed (ie a building permit has been issued) and trees being removed. The private tree bylaw does not apply in this case. Town staff make recommendations but ultimately it's under provincial jurisdiction.

Planning and Heritage:

Downtown Plans – Boyd as attended 2 focus group meetings within the last couple of weeks. Thank you Boyd for being so involved and enthusiastic in this area. The town website is not up to date as far as the plans to date. Boyd will send us the plans he has and these will also be put on our website oakvilleira.ca

Town Square

3 options are being looked at:

1. Open up entire square from Lakeshore Rd, down the steps, trees around the square with a large water feature with fountains, a pond, and patios
2. Sloping ramp down from Lakeshore banked with trees, a more enclosed square, a water feature, permanent canopy area, patios
3. Open to Lakeshore, smaller water feature, centralized ramp looking down towards George St with patios down the sides, trees

Also talked about the potential to halt the plans for the Town Square or just some minor changes. Idea was presented to have a fire with benches in the winter months.

Streetscape

Mitigation was discussed for the businesses.

All options remove the center for loading etc.

Ideas to widen the sidewalks for spill out from the businesses.

Parking on Lakeshore – concerns with how swiftly parking tickets are given out!

Looking at cycling lanes on Robinson and Church

Looking at parking garage on Church St with commercial on ground floor replacing one of the current above ground lots

All of the plans show all two way streets ie removal of all one way streets

Suggestion to take the buses off Lakeshore and not to have buses where there are bike lanes

Navy and George north of Lakeshore proposed to be flexible streets; can be open to traffic or closed down.

Other:

A motion on was proposed by Marcia to have Boyd attend Keith Bird's retirement dinner at a cost of \$75. Pierre seconded the motion. Boyd will do his very best to attend.

Next Meetings:

Tuesday, December 2 – O'Finn's

Tuesday, January 13

Tuesday, February 10

Tuesday, March 10

Tuesday, April 14

May – AGM

June - tbd