



GCA Board Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, April 25th, 7:00 p.m. at the Glebe Community Centre
 Chair: Christine McAllister
 Secretary and Timekeeper: Sylvie Legros

| Administrative | Speaker / Lead | Time | |
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| Approval of the agenda and March minutes | Christine McAllister | 5 minutes | 7:00-7:05 |
| President's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exec Meeting update (including insurance debate) • AGM • Nomination for 2017/18 (including Plan B) | Christine McAllister Christine McAllister Sharon Chartier | 40 minutes | 7:05-7:45 |
| Councillor's Update | David Chernushenko | 20 minutes | 7:45-8:05 |
| Comments/Issues from the Community | All | 10 minutes | 7:05-8:15 |
| Committees with motions/seeking approval | 2 motions to pass | 15 minutes | 8:15-8:30 |

Motion 1 – Heritage Committee (Johanna Persohn)

That the GCA Heritage Committee sends an e-mail to the City showing support for the proposal by the residents of Jackson Ave in regards to the renaming of their street.

Motion 2 – Environment Committee (Angela Keller-Herzog)

Whereas in 2014, the City of Ottawa released an Air Quality and Climate Change Management Plan which set new greenhouse gas reduction targets, and included a commitment to prepare and approve a Renewable Energy Strategy – a strategy to promote renewable energy, energy efficiency, and conservation in Ottawa;

Whereas in 2015 a Renewable Energy Strategy was declared a Term of Council priority;

Whereas a Renewable Energy Strategy is a critical component of our ability to fight climate change, as more than half of Ottawa’s greenhouse gas pollution is associated with how we heat, cool and electrify our homes, offices and other buildings;

Whereas the staff update report received by the City Environment Committee in February 2017 backtracks on commitments to deliver an implementable strategy in 2017, making it appear doubtful that budget 2018 and the remainder of this Term of Council will see any action in this regard;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the GCA, in concert with other community associations, urge Mayor Watson and the City Councillors to adopt a real Renewable Energy Strategy by the end of 2017 – one that includes meaningful policy change recommendations and significant new investments.

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| <p>Committee notices, issues and Q&A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership Committee (and the new technology) • Great Glebe Garage Sale • Planning Committee - Beer Store | <p>Carol M MacLeod (update) Elspeth Tory (online membership)</p> <p>Collette Downie</p> <p>Carolyn Mackenzie</p> | <p>25 minutes</p> | <p>8:30-8:55</p> |
| <p>Other business</p> | <p>All</p> | <p>5 minutes</p> | <p>8:55 – 9:00</p> |
| <p>Adjournment</p> | <p>All</p> | | <p>9:00</p> |

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1- ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

GCA Environment Committee - Report – 2017 04 18

Summary Report

Trees & Greenspace

- the 150 Trees in the Glebe campaign is going very slowly. With follow-up, it turns that we only have 20 trees so far. Will do more outreach. Also coordination with Ecology Ottawa who is giving away large numbers of saplings: including at Old Home Earth Day Event and GCI TWIGS Earth Week. [campaign outreach/printing/material costs of up to \$500 out of Environment Committee funds].
- Jennifer Humphries (lead of tree team) is continuing to write tree column in Glebe Report.
- GCA Parks Committee is also scoping out desire for more/new/replacement trees in parks. Liaison via Connie Boynton who is member of both Committees
- Seeking to connect with tree expertise via Ottawa Eco-Talent Network

- **Urban Forest Management Plan** consultant report will be tabled with City Environment Committee for their May meeting. We'll coordinate with the other inner city community associations to see which of our recommendations got heard.
- Garden Angels. A few of the Angels have dropped out. Judith will check in with BIA if they want to coordinate & water planting boxes along Bank St. There will be some expenditures [up to \$500 out of Environment Committee funds] for soil, mulch and plants, if requested by Garden Angel volunteers.
- Some trees in the neighbourhood have been over-pruned: City of Ottawa did pruning in March for safety (focus on dead and horizontal limbs). Hydro contractor Asplund now pruning vertical elements of the same trees only weeks later. Lack of coordination.

Climate Change and Energy

- **Old Home Earth Day Event** on Sat Apr 22. Organizing team has been meeting weekly. Very excellent partnership with SmartNet Alliance (local green business incubator). Also received good community and business support and a \$200 donation from Councillor Chernushenko's office to defray expenses. Event will come in well-under budget, final accounting to be completed. Have worked on a lot of outreach including help from Alex Nobert, new GCA Comms. Should be a great event.
- Planned - Follow-up to Community Associations for Environmental Sustainability (CAFES) meeting: coordinated effort by CAs to urge Mayor and city councillors to deliver on the promised **Renewable Energy Strategy** in 2017 so that something concrete can go into budget 2018, and some action during this term of council. See motion below – unanimously put forward by Environment Cttee to GCA Board.

Waste & Recycling

- Made presentations to Glebe Collegiate Assemblies on April 10 2017 regarding local environmental activities, including a fun participatory quiz on recycling.
- Planned Activity for May 2017: Will repeat the neighbourhood drive for responsible disposal after the Great Glebe Garage Sale. Team in place, will start organizing after Earth Day. Have started outreach to partners. Outreach, including neighbourhood flyering, will incur some printing costs of not greater than \$300 out of Environment Committee funds].

Administrative

- Angela looking for new co-chair for next year as Judith is moving to Centretown.