



GLEBE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Year in Review: 2016-2017



President's Report

Christine McAllister



2016-17 has been a fulsome year, and another rewarding one for the GCA, with many high points and a few low ones. While we continue to advocate against the eight-storey development recently approved for the Beer Store/Mr. Muffler property on Bank Street, there have been many other successes and good shows of the community working

together.

As you read through this report, you'll see the many activities undertaken by our committees. While the Planning Committee has focused on the importance of our built community, the Heritage Committee has worked on preserving and celebrating our local architectural history, while the Parks Committee and Environment Committees have enhanced our natural community. The Transportation Committee has worked on preserving traffic safety in the neighbourhood while the Health and Social Services Committee has worked with our community policing officers to help keep our community safe and on other issues to help make it a healthy community. All that and our Membership Committee, along with multiples of block representatives (in the hundreds!) rolled out a membership campaign with a record number of knocks at the door and memberships.

I am particularly excited about some of the progress we've made as an organization. I was excited to welcome a new Communications Chair, Alex Nobert, who has undertaken outreach to neighbours with great success. In addition, a pet project of mine was finally launched and residents can now register and pay for their membership online. This will never replace our door-to-door campaign, but will make it easier for residents to join should they miss their local canvasser.

GCA turns 50 this year! We have an awesome community and I am hoping that many people will join us on September 30th at the Glebe Community Centre for a big, family-friendly community celebration.

Finally, as this is my last year as President, I would like to say a great, big thank you to the many Board members I have worked with over the past four years, all of the committee members who've done such amazing work, and the many residents who have joined our monthly meetings and various events. I leave you in good hands with a strong, committed Board of volunteers, all eager to make a difference in our community!

The GCA Mandate

The Glebe Community Association (GCA) is a volunteer, non-profit, membership-based and City-recognized organization advocating for a liveable, sustainable, diverse urban neighbourhood. The GCA informs, consults and engages with residents and other groups in the Glebe on issues of importance and promotes the interests of our community with all levels of government and other organizations.

The GCA's Top Priorities

- ❖ Anticipate and respond effectively to issues
 - Planning for a more liveable Glebe
- ❖ Strengthen community engagement and representation
 - Develop a volunteer management strategy
 - Focus on generating new, creative ideas vis community forums
 - 50th GCA Anniversary celebration in 2017, and other community-building events
- ❖ Improve communications with a specific focus on our website
- ❖ Develop a marketing strategy.

We always welcome residents who wish to become more involved in the GCA. Reach us via one of the methods listed above, or send us an email at gca@glebeca.ca.



Thank you's

Of course I would be remiss if I didn't not thank the many people who've worked with me throughout the year. A special thank you to Sharon Chartier, our VP, for all of her assistance on a number of issues. I could not have kept track of things without our Secretary, Sylvie Legros and Treasurer, Vaughn Guy. And communications would have been a bigger challenge without Alex Nobert joining the team.

In addition to all of our Board and committee members, thank you to Scott Blurton, President of the Glebe Annex Community Association, Bhagwant Sandhu, President of the Dows Lake Resident's Association, Kate McCartney, Geoff Kellow and Mary-Tsai Davies of the Glebe Neighbourhood Activities Group, Liz McKeen from the Glebe Report, Andrew Peck, the Executive Director of the Glebe Business Improvement Association, Catherine McKenna, MP, Yasir Naqvi, MPP and of course, David Chernushenko, Councillor, for your strong support of the GCA, and to the staff of the Glebe Community Centre, who accommodate our meetings the 4th Tuesday of every month.



2016-2017 GCA Board of Directors

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Area 2B: Brown's Inlet East	Sam Harris
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Area 3B: Church District South	Brenda Perras
Area 4A: Central Park West	Peter Leyser
Area 4B: Powmow	Vacant
Area 5A: Patterson Creek South	Vacant
Area 5B: Lansdowne Quadrant	Carol MacLeod
Area 5C: Lansdowne Quadrant South	
Area 6A: Nor'Easters	Nini Patel
Area 6B: Patterson Creek North	Elizabeth Ballard
Area 7. Glebe Annex President	Scott Blurton

*Executive Committee members

Thank you to Board members leaving us

Sharon Chartier

Tim Hore

Judith Slater

Thanks to the following who are leaving one GCA post for another:

Sam Harris (leaving Parks, staying on as Area rep)

Christine McAllister (leaving President to become Past-president)

Nathan Bowers-Krishnan (leaving FCA to Bank Street representative)

Education Committee

Tim Hore, Chair

The GCA's Education Committee works on issues that impact all of the schools in our neighbourhood. There is an accommodation review initiative underway at the OCDSB, with our neighbourhood slated for review September 2018. It will be important that our community's opinions are heard. The Education Committee is looking for a new Chair and members to lead a community response on this issue.

Environment Committee

Angela Keller-Herzog & Judith Slater, Co-Chairs

The GCA Environment Committee thinks globally and acts locally. It is dedicated to preserving, enhancing and advocating for our local environment, both built and natural. The Environment Committee promotes a greener and healthier Glebe by addressing the intersection of issues broadly related to our urban built and natural environment in an environmentally responsible way.

The Committee worked on the following issues:

- A 150 trees in the Glebe campaign to celebrate Canada's 150th in a green way;
- Environmental stewardship of the Great Glebe Garage Sale through the left-over drive to reuse and recycle - over 8 tonnes of electronic goods, and over 3 tonnes of clothing and household goods collected in 2017.
- Regular Tree Column in the the Glebe Report which has found very receptive audience
- Supporting an application to the Canada 150 Fund by the Smart Net Alliance for a grant to develop a book entitled "150 ways to reduce your carbon footprint";
- Participated in the External Stakeholder group of the Urban Core Community Associations Group to provide feedback on the City's Draft Urban Forest Management Plan
- Encouraged the City Endowment Fund to divest of fossil fuels.
- Organized the Old Home Earth Day Event which provided information to Glebe residents on how to retrofit their homes to make them more efficient.
- Led a call to the Mayor and City Councillors to adopt a Renewable Energy Strategy by the end of 2017 that includes meaningful policy change recommendations and significant new investments.

The **Garden Angels** continue to maintain community boxes around the Glebe and you will see many of the green benefits throughout the neighbourhood.



We are always welcoming new members and look forward to seeing new trees in the neighbourhood to celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary.

Federation of Citizens' Associations – GCA Representation

Bob Brocklebank and Nathan Bowers-Krishnan

GCA is an active member of the FCA (Federation of Citizens' Associations) which brings together several dozen community associations and like groups from across Ottawa. In the past year GCA representatives have been involved in FCA workgroups dealing with implementation of the city's public engagement strategy (improving consultation), reform of the Ontario Municipal Board, infill housing, regulations for "coach houses", the restructuring of the operations of the Ottawa Police Service, the city's implementation of the Ontario Smart Growth for our Communities Act 2015, and review of R4 zoning (which may limit bedroom numbers in dwellings and tighten regulation of rooming houses in all zones).

Health and Social Services Committee

Sarah Viehbeck, Chair

The Health and Social Services Committee identifies and responds to health and social services issues within the Glebe community and draws issues to the attention of the GCA for possible attention, as needed. The Health and Social Services Committee also represents the GCA on health and social services issues with other organizations.

Community Policing

The Committee was active in advocating regarding changes to the Ottawa Police Services (OPS) community policing program. With changes to the program, the GCA advocated to the OPS, its Board, and City Council to:

- a) Express the value of Community Policing approaches and communicate concerns regarding the impact of the proposed changes on the Glebe and other Ottawa neighborhoods.
- b) Closely monitor, at the neighbourhood level, changes in crime statistics, call volume, and other relevant data throughout the transitions proposed under the Service Initiative.
- c) Consider geography, alongside other criteria, when developing the prioritization of neighbourhoods so that all neighbourhoods in Ottawa can maintain a single point of contact through a Community Policing Officer.
- d) Express the importance of community association engagement through the Advisory Group and other mechanisms in the prioritization exercise.

The Committee also established a good working relationship with our outgoing Community Police Officer, Matt Hunt who had been a positive presence in our community and welcomed Constable Stephanie Lemieux who met residents at our February 28th GCA meeting. While we live in a relatively safe neighbourhood, Constable Lemieux encouraged us to take an active approach to safety by keeping our eyes and ears open to our surroundings, be proactive and lock our cars and bikes (especially since there were a spate of bicycle thefts last summer) and set alarms to deter thefts and minor property loss. She also reminded residents to report any issues, no matter how small they may seem as Ottawa Police analyze report data closely and address any changes as a result. This can be done online at www.ottawapolice.ca. Residents can contact Constable Lemieux at lemieuxs@ottawapolice.ca.

Kind Canada

The Glebe Community Association is partnering with Kind Canada to build connections between neighbours through small acts of kindness. During a major annual community event on May 27, the Great Glebe Garage Sale, Association volunteers took to the street with photo boards and cameras to collect ideas from residents about what makes the Glebe the kindest Community in Canada. This work was featured as a Synapcity 100in1day event on June 3rd 2017.

Noise By-law

The Committee also represented the community to the City of Ottawa with regard to its review of its noise by-law, which proposed a number of positive changes along with a noise exemption for special events at Lansdowne. The committee was clear that the issue of noise at Lansdowne Park has been a matter of concern for the GCA since 2010 and persists as a significant “hot button” issue for the Community and requested that such an exemption be removed from the noise by-law review.

Heritage Committee

Johanna Persohn and Bill Price, Co-Chairs

The Glebe Community Association Heritage Committee is committed to researching, investigating and taking appropriate action to preserve and celebrate the Glebe’s architectural and social history through its buildings, streetscapes and landscapes.

This goal/mandate is met in two ways:

1. Utilizing and investigating the available tools to assist in the conservation of heritage assets. This includes formal designation requests and providing assistance with the research required for them, as well as providing input on applications made in relation to existing designated heritage buildings and districts, and
2. Outreach, consultation and education to the community and city as a whole on the architectural and social history of the Glebe in general and on its heritage buildings. This is achieved through workshops, walking tours, websites and articles in local media such as the Glebe Report, as well as the successful designation of buildings and districts.



For more info: <http://glebeca.ca/heritage-committee/>

Plaque Project Great Glebe Garage Sale 2017

Again this year, the Heritage Committee helped interested residents place temporary plaques in front of their houses outlining the heritage of their homes for the Great Glebe Garage Sale. This is part of the committee's plan to step up our outreach and heritage awareness. This year, the Committee also provided completed temporary plaques to around 200 houses in the current and proposed Heritage Conservation District.

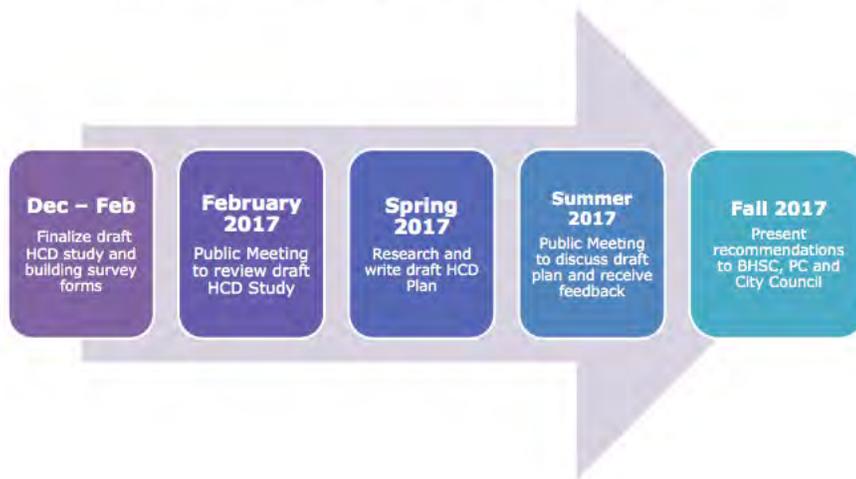


Clemow Estate Phase II Heritage Conservation District Update

The City is hoping to have a public meeting to bring forward a slightly delayed draft of the Heritage Conservation District (HCD) Study in the fall, which will

- Examine character and appearance of the area including buildings, structures and other property features.
- Examine and recommend area boundaries.
- Consider and recommend objectives of designation and content of HCD plan.
- Recommend changes to Official Plan and municipal bylaws including zoning bylaws.

Current Timeline from the City is as follows:



Jackson Avenue, Dows Lake Residents Association

As part of the street renaming efforts the City is undertaking post-amalgamation, the City proposed that Jackson Avenue in Dows Lake be renamed, as there is another Jackson Avenue in Kanata. That the GCA Heritage Committee expressed its support for the residents of Jackson Ave to keep the street's name, which reflects part of the history of the local area.



Parks Committee

Sam Harris, Chair

Floating Dock at Patterson Creek

Thanks in part to the efforts of the Parks Committee, a new floating dock was installed at Patterson Creek which has been a huge success! Many thanks to our MP and Minister of the Environment and Climate Change (responsible for Parks Canada) and the staff at Parks Canada for this great community asset.

A New Community Rink

Work continues by the Parks and Health and Social Services committees to get the wheels in motion to replace the Mutchmor rink, which is currently proposed for Sylvia Holden Park. There had been concerns expressed by residents about the impact of lighting, noise and parking, although most were supportive of locating the rink in the park. It seems that through staffing changes at the City and at the Councillor's office, progress on this rink stalled, though we continue to advocate for progress so that we'll have a new rink next skating season.

Parklets

The GCA was successful last summer in installing two parklets (Bank/Third and Second/Bank) which many residents and non-residents alike enjoyed last summer. It is again coordinating the reinstallation of the parklets in the same locations as the summer of 2016, Bank/Third Ave and Bank/Second Ave, using finances from remaining 2016 Glebe BIA and Underground Sound funds.

Planning Committee

Carolyn Mackenzie, Chair

The GCA PC advises the GCA board on issues related to planning and development in the Glebe. The mandate of the Planning Committee is to:

- **Monitor** development proposals for conformity with principles and policies adopted by the GCA board.
- **Work proactively** with residents and other stakeholders to develop community supported positions regarding proposed planning and development activities
- **Recommend policy positions** to the GCA board on planning issues, following community consultation, analysis, and discussion with public bodies, developers and other stakeholders;
- **Communicate** GCA views and positions by making representations to the City and other public bodies, development stakeholders
- **Support** the Glebe Community by providing information related to the Planning processes of the City of Ottawa
- **Promote dialog and discussion** and provide information regarding planning issues impacting the Glebe neighbourhood

890/900 Bank Street (Beer store/Mr Muffler)

The redevelopment of the Beer store/Mr Muffler has occupied much of the committee's attention over the past year. The GCA initially expressed concerns regarding the 6 and 8 storey height and massing proposed while signaling some openness to heights above 15m, on some sections of the development, if negative impacts can be mitigated. We were very disappointed when City Council approved the eight-story development for the Beer Store/Muffler Store property bordering Kettleman's. The GCA's Planning Committee had been proactively engaging with the developers, City Council members (including our own) in a positive way, looking for solutions to the numerous issues we saw with the oversized development. We decidedly avoided staunchly opposing the development, recognizing that the lot itself was underused and that appropriately-sized development could make a significant contribution to the community. Sadly, the developer did not change much in the proposal as a result of our constructive input. We are considering other alternatives for challenging this development and are supporting a group of residents appealing to the Ontario Municipal Board.



774 Bronson Avenue - Textbook Suites proposal

This plan for a privately operated student residence was approved by Planning Committee and City Council in the fall of 2016, following extensive consultation with the GCA Planning Committee and the Dow's Lake Resident's Association that focused on changes to the height and building massing in proximity to residential properties, parking and bicycle spots, and introduction of a linear park along the southern side of the building linking Bronson to the residential area. The GCA and DLRA were generally pleased with the outcome.

770 Bronson Avenue (at Carling)

The developer of this property initially planned a 17 storey building, but resubmitted their application to the City, for a 6 storey mixed use building. The Dows Lake Residents Association, the Glebe Annex Association and the GCA were pleased with the changes and have communicated broad support for the proposal and appreciation for the developer's engagement.

667 Bank Street/La Strada parking lot

The applicant filed a site plan application and docs are available on the City's DevApps website. The GCA had earlier provided planning related comments when the file was before the Heritage Department for review raising significant concerns regarding building height and massing adjacent to residential properties. The heritage review has been deferred as the developer now plans to seek planning approvals as a first step. It is important to note that the Urban Design Review Panel (the UDRP reviewed this proposal in early September) were unequivocal in stating the building should be no more than 15m high, and that the massing should be reduced on the eastern side and facing the park to make it more compatible with the residential neighbourhood. Official UDRP comments are posted to the City's website. This is strong support for our position. Bill Price (GCA Heritage committee) is following up with Heritage Ottawa whose earlier feedback to heritage staff was that the proposal seemed compatible. We are hopeful that with UDRP input and new info received via the site plan process, city planning and heritage staff might look at this proposal with fresh eyes and require the applicant to make changes. This file has not been active since the fall of 2016.

852 Bank St

The developer has resubmitted design changes to the City as were discussed earlier that would see improvements to the streetside interface, in particular, introduce slightly wider sidewalks, and a corner "notch" in the building that could provide opportunities for potential outdoor seating along Bank Street. A minor variance to the rear setback was approved to implement their plans, but appears compatible given lot setbacks of adjacent residential properties. This will be a good example of a 4 storey mixed use building on Bank Street (with one level of underground parking) once it is built.

Ontario Municipal Board Review

The Honourable Yasir Naqvi, Attorney General and our local Member of Provincial Parliament, undertook a consultation on the Ontario Municipal Board, to which the GCA provided input, and has since announced a series of changes. These changes will introduce broader local input and control into the planning process and address a number of the challenges experienced with the OMB.

Tenant's Committee

Dan Chook Reid, Chair

The GCA Tenants' Committee seeks to represent and engage tenants within the Glebe neighbourhood and increase their involvement throughout every level of the GCA. In addition, the Tenants' Committee seeks to provide tenants resources regarding tenancy and promote a liveable, sustainable neighbourhood for tenants of all socio-economic demographics.

Transportation Committee

Matthew Meagher, Chair

Fifth-Avenue-Clegg Street Footbridge

The Transportation Committee was excited about Federal and Provincial funding for the Fifth Avenue- Clegg Street footbridge, connecting Old Ottawa South/Old Ottawa East and the Glebe, which will move construction up by three years to the fall, 2017. The footbridge will provide an essential link for our neighbourhoods, facilitating non-vehicular travel and making alternative forms of travel to Lansdowne Park (e.g. cycling) more accessible. Thanks MP Catherine McKenna, MPP Yasir Naqvi and Councillor Chernushenko!

Opening of O'Connor Bike Lanes

The new segregated bike lanes on O'Connor between Lansdowne Park and downtown opened last October. In the downtown section, the lanes include dedicated traffic lights for cyclists and protective barriers for their entire length. The lanes complete an important link in the Glebe Neighbourhood Cycling Plan.

Speeding Concerns in the Glebe

The City provided raw vehicle speed data that it collected on Third Avenue between Bank and O'Connor and noted dangerous driving behaviour at the intersection of Bronson and Holmwood. While overall levels of speed limit compliance were relatively high, a number of areas of concern were identified in the report. The committee has agreed to take an overall view of the issue of speeding in the neighbourhood and plans to develop an approach in the coming months. Last summer the GCA supported City Council in asking the Province of Ontario to allow it to place equipment on local streets to monitor the speed of cars driving in neighbourhoods, particularly near schools and playgrounds. We were happy to hear that legislation in relation to speeding in communities will soon be introduced at Queen's Park. We appreciate Yasir Naqvi's support for this initiative in the legislature