

**DALHOUSIE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
APRIL 7, 2021**

The meeting was held on Zoom using Eventbrite for registrations.
There were over 80 people in attendance.

Chair: Michael Powell, President
Minutes: Catherine Boucher, Vice-President
Technical help: Alix Corey

The meeting started with a land acknowledgement given by Michael Powell.

1. Call to order and approval of Agenda:

Micheal welcomed everyone, called the meeting to order and asked for a show of hands to approve the agenda. Hands raised.

3. Tech overview: People to mute themselves and use the chat for questions. Voting to be done by “raised hand”. Please I.D yourself with full name for purpose of the minutes.

4. Special guests:

- Joel Harden, MPP for Ottawa Centre spoke and reminded people that it’s been a very hard year for many. He asked folks to reach out to neighbours and also encouraged us to contact his office for help, espically around getting folks to vaccination sites.
- Catherine McKenney, City Councillor thanked the DCA for helping to make this year a productive one. She noted the passing of the Corso Italia Secondary Plan, which will make this a truly YIMBY neighbourhood. The acquisition of 1010 Somereset for public realm. A new bylaw to protect urban trees.
- Justine Bell, OCSB Trustee was newly appointed one year ago, just before COVID, so it’s been a tough year. Keeping schools safely open has been a priority. As well, the future of Cambridge School is something she is very concerned about.

5. Building Community Together: Emilie Hayes, Community Engagement Manager at SWCHC
Emilie presented the results of a 5-year project which involved many volunteers, students, staff and community members. Demographic changes, rapid development, significant changes in the fabric and affordability of housing were highlighted.

6. Ottawa Community Housing: Cliff Youdale, Chief Development Officer and Robert MacNeil, Director of Realty Initiatives.

Cliff and Robert presented the OCH re-development of Rochester Heights as well as the proposal for Gladstone Station. The 3 projects could total close to 2,000 units of new housing.

The developments will be mixed-use, bringing residential along with retail/office. They will also have a mix of housing types (for single and couple households as well as families, including larger family units). There will be significant outdoor amenities as well as indoor spaces to address the needs of vertical living for OCH tenants.

7. Q&As: Using the questions submitted in the chat room, Michael asked the speakers to elaborate on a number of issues.

- Public ownership of land
- Amenities needed in urban neighbourhoods
- Importance of public spaces
- Transportation focused on pedestrians/cyclists
- COVID impact on any of the above, including changes to retail.

8. Micheal thanked the presenters and started business portion of the meeting.

9. Minutes of the June 12, 2019 (last AGM) were received by show of hands.

10. Treasurer's Report: David Seaborn reported that the DCA earned \$140 more than it spent in 2019 and spent \$75.00 more than it earned in 2020. Cash in/out is mainly memberships dues paid in and one the DCA pays out to FCA and other groups. We have a modest nest egg which can be used for special projects. The report was received by show of hands.

11. President's report: Micheal noted some of the highlights: LeBreton Flats, Community Benefits Coalition and Public Advisory Group. Corso Italia Secondary Plan, 1010 Somerset, Ottawa Hospital consultations, grocery store bingo, transportation and traffic issues (Booth Street and Albert bus lanes). Report received by show of hands.

12. Election of the Board: Michael asked for names and the following people were elected by show of hands: Charles Akben-Marchand, Catherine Boucher, Archie Campbell, Jessica Dare, Adam Fraser, Ida Henderson, Sophie McCarrell, Ed McKenna, Jenna Moore, Suzanne Nash, John O'Connor, Zsofia Orosz, Michael Powell, Sean Renaud, Sally Rutherford, David Seaborn, Ryan Turley, Joel Jacques, Wendy Hunter.

13. Adjournment: Michael thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was adjourned by show of hands.

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