

DALHOUSIE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - May 14th 2022

Held at Plant Recreation Center, 930 Somerset West, and online via Zoom

Chair: Catherine Boucher, President

Panel Moderator: Catherine McKenney, Somerset Ward Councillor

Panel: Toon Dreessen, Sarah Button, Angela Keller-Herzog

Minutes: Ryan Turley

Tech support: Joel Jacques, Alix Corey

Attendance: There were approximately 45 people in the room and another 12 on-line.

The agenda was presented and approved (moved by Mike Powell, seconded by Debbie Barton)

The criteria for membership (live, work or own a business in the DCA coverage area) and boundaries of the area (Bay Street to the O-track, Ottawa River to Carling, except for the Glebe Annex) were explained by outgoing DCA President Catherine Boucher.

Opening remarks:

- The meeting began with a land acknowledgement and history of the area by Catherine Boucher
- Development proposals currently being considered would double the population of the area.
- Somerset Ward (Dalhousie + Centertown) has the least number of trees out of any ward in Ottawa/Gatineau
- According to the city's park and recreation masterplan, there should be 25 hectares of parkland in the ward, while there is only 6 hectares in reality
- How can we grow while still maintaining a neighborhood that is attractive, affordable and healthy for everyone?

Panel discussion:

- The councillor recognized Diane Holmes, former Councillor for Somerset Ward, as well as Stuart McKay and Ariel Troster, candidates for Somerset Ward Councillor.
- The issues in this ward have been the same for decades: how we move around, how we ensure that there is space for people to move around, as well as green space. The questions of "how green is green?", "how tall is tall?" and "how affordable is affordable?" are critical to our neighborhood.
- The councillor introduced Toon Dreessen, President of DCA architects, who gave a presentation centering on the question of "How Tall is Tall?"
- The councillor introduced Sarah Button, Executive Director of CCOC, who gave a presentation centering on the question of "How Affordable is Affordable?"
- The councillor introduced Angela Keller Herzog, director of Community Associations for Environmental Sustainability, who gave a presentation on the question of "How Green is Green?"

- The councillor concluded the panel discussion by reiterating that the issues presented are all connected.
- The councillor recognized MPP Joel Harden
- A Q&A session followed.
- The presenters were gifted with maple syrup from outgoing Treasurer Dave Seaborn's maple bush.
- The presentations are available on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UHHd0EnJwsk&list=PL68jxGJIYIcrWjmSJ7kAf4ziekoank8Z8&index=1>

Board business:

2021 AGM minutes were approved as presented (moved by Archie Campbell and seconded by Sally Rutherford)

The treasurer presented his annual report (attached?)

- Earned \$70 in interest and \$300 in membership fees and donations
- Spend \$464, for a deficit of \$91
- The DCA garden finances were also presented.
- Total DCA Assets were shown to be \$17,354.47
- Ida Henderson added that there are now two gardens in the community. Catherine Boucher clarified that the garden kitty- corner from Plant Recreation Center on Somerset and Preston is managed by the DCA. It came as a Section 37 negotiation with a developer. Ida has been a long-time garden volunteer, managing the PRC garden and the one at 755 Somerset.
- The treasurer's report was approved as presented (moved by Dave Seaborn, seconded by Archie Campbell)

President's report:

- Catherine Boucher explained that committees have been set up this year:
 - The Planning Committee has commented on 17 proposals, reviewed the official plan, the short-term rental by-law and patio zoning.
 - The Public Realm Committee is very engaged on the new 1010 Somerset site, including an inventory of neighborhood amenities, such as meeting spaces. They have also considered Public Art on Cambridge, a new fence at Primrose Park and the DCA garden.
 - The Mobility Committee has looked at the Slater/Albert reconstruction, the scooter pilot project and the Albert bus lane
 - The Messaging out Committee has revamped the website and is working on a new logo, revived the Buzz column
 - The Peaceable Neighborhood Committee has worked on a "who-to-call" list, the convoy, met with BIAs over street concerns, and attended community liaison meetings with Somerset West Community Health Center
- The DCA has been working on "big stuff" like 1010 Somerset and the official plan, but also "small stuff" like public art, an event in September in Plouffe Park, a new fence at Primrose Park, a

letter to the mayor about the truck convoy, and got 9 more trees at the 95 Norman development.

- Membership in the DCA costs \$5 per member for three years. EFTs can be sent to president@ottawadalhousie.ca, or cash can be given to the treasurer. Members are included in a Google Group, and can run for the board

Board election:

- The thirteen existing board running for reelection were:
 - Catherine Boucher, Dave Seaborn, Ed McKenna, Ryan Turley, Sally Rutherford, Jenna Moore, Archie Campbell, Suzanne Nash, Ida Henderson, Zsofia Orosz, Charles Akben-Marchand, Sophie McCarrell, Michael Powell.
- Lory Picheca also stood for the board, bringing the total slate to 14.
- The slate was approved by presented (moved by Zsofia, seconded by Stephanie Strudwick)
- Current bylaws state that the maximum number of board members is 15, and members cannot be appointed between AGMs.
- Catherine Boucher reminded the attendees that DCA members who are not on the board can still join committees.

The meeting was concluded with thanks to all in attendance from Catherine Boucher. Archie Campbell thanked Catherine Boucher for all of her hard work.