



GREELY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING MARCH 11, 2020

1. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

The President gave the following update:

- The Winter Carnival was successful and well-attended. We are looking for volunteers for next year's 50th Winter Carnival.
- The President was invited to attend the Osgoode Village Community Association meeting. There may be an opportunity to order joint fireworks for Canada Day.
- Canada Day work will be starting up and we will be looking for volunteers.
- We are looking at Saturday, June 18, for a possible Greely-wide garage sale.
- There are public meetings on the Ward Boundary Review that the City is conducting. Official Plan Review and Transportation Master Plan, Waste Management Plan, and Development By-Law changes are all happening now. <https://engage.ottawa.ca/>

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

3. GCA COMMITTEES

The following are the current GCA Committees: Government Relations; Community Events; Greely Loop; and, Youth. The Greely Loop Committee is looking for volunteers for this Committee.

It was decided that there should be a sub-committee for Greely Businesses and the current Greely Business Association will fall under this committee. It was noted that the focus will be local to Greely but that there should still be representation at the Osgoode Ward Business Association.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

A financial statement was handed out by Sandi Bonini covering the period up until February 29, 2020. Overall, the Winter Carnival made a couple of hundred dollars. We have to consider fund-raising as income for the GCA is based mostly on donations/sponsorships. It was mentioned that Foodland donated all the food for one of the brunches. Next year will be the 50th year for the Winter Carnival and we are looking for suggestions and volunteers.

5. HARD ROCK CASINO – UPDATE

Martin Petersens, Chair of the GCA Government Relations Committee, gave an update on the current planning for the Casino. A By-Law Amendment had already been passed with regard to the size which is expected to be 29,000 square meters compared to about 17,000 square meters currently. Plans include a 1,600 seat theatre, new restaurant, and 170 room, eight-story hotel. According to the revised site plan, the hotel will now be south of the main building closer to Albion Road. Consideration is being given to redirecting the main entrance for the casino to Earl Armstrong Road.

Information can be found on the City web-site at: <https://ottawa.ca/en/city-hall/public-engagement/projects/hard-rock-ottawa-raceway-and-casino-expansion-development-applications>

6. INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

(a) Earl Armstrong

LRT Phase II is coming out and there will be bridges built over Earl Armstrong, Bowesville, and Limebank.

The plan is to extend Earl Armstrong through Riverside South to High Street to realign and cross over Albion to continue over to Bank Street. It is expected that there will be four lanes between Albion Rd. and Bank St. just north of the Casino and eventually two lanes extending from Bank to Hawthorne. The plan for Earl Armstrong is conceptual and there is no funding in place yet, so this may not happen until 2031. It was noted, however, that this does not necessarily help traffic flowing north/south.

(b) Bank Street

Widening of Bank Street is planned for 2025 that extends just south of Findlay Creek to Dunn Skipper, which is the new set of lights just north of Home Hardware. A small hotel is included in the development plans near the Home Hardware.

Widening of Bank St. to Rideau Road is not planned until 2031 based on current funding. The realignment of Albion Road at Leitrim with turn lanes is to take place this year. Realignment of Leitrim from Limebank will be a significant change. However, this was contingent on the airport building a new runway which has not happened. It is expected that the Leitrim and Bank St. interchange will be done next year.

Bank at Rideau Rd. intersection was supposed to be done this year, but land is needed from Tomlinson, so it is anticipated that this will not be done until 2021.

It is expected that the intersection at Bank and Mitch Owens, based on preliminary drawings, will be altered in 2021-22.

Martin Petersens emphasized that it is important for residents to start writing letters to our Councillor, the Mayor, and City Planning and Infrastructure staff with regard to our transportation needs as waiting until 2031 is not realistic given the north/south congestion.

7. WARD BOUNDARIES

Ward Boundaries are currently under review by the City. The current urban boundary comes out to just north of Home Hardware on Bank Street. They are considering moving the urban boundary further south in light of the Richcraft development. The urban boundary is as far as the City will put in water and sewer.

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