

**SCC Executive Meeting: Mon, Jan. 22, 2018:**  
**Location: Erskine Church.**

**Attendees:** Rosemary Batista (10 min late), Lee Baxter, Jonathan, Jason, Jessica, Dominic, Roy, Ed

**Guests:** Mark, Cnr Johnson, Cindy

**Item #2: Future Donation Policy:**

- Donations? We need a future donation policy. Lee states we need to tie to a future event.
- We rely on donations, but we don't have a clear plan on how to fundraise and receive donations.
- People need to know how donations are being used. Jason says make a certain goal (dollar amount).
- Clarify donations on a laminated sheet. One for food bank donation and the other for SCC activities.
- How can we be more clear on the internal discussions?

Motion: Lee puts out the motion to make 2 placards specifying where the food bank donations and SCC donations go (so this will tie a donation to a future event).

Second: Jason

Vote: passes (all were in favor).

Rosemary arrives at 7:20 pm, Cnr Aidan and Cindy at 7:22 pm.

**Item #3: Mark Coakley from Ainslie Wood Community Association:**

Clarified Ward 1 and how AW is separate from Westdale. AW is larger area than Westdale. AW and Strathcona are very similar: highest poverty in the ward (AW is hidden poverty), Low public facilities and services available (library, rec. Centres, etc.), lots of immigrants, other neighborhoods have more money (ie. household income).

Question: How do the neighbourhoods compare population wise?

AW and Strathcona both have lower PBAC spending and participation. More participation is rewarded with more PBAC spending. This is not fair.

\*Suggestions provided on paper from Mark. This is only a "draft", so we can offer suggestions or changes.

A request to send a joint letter to PBAC from AW, Strathcona, Poverty groups, MSU, Accessible Hamilton (disability rights group).

Dominic provided printout of projects.

1 representative from strathcona and 2 from AW, compared to 6 from Westdale and 4 from Kirkendall.

Westdale has 5 community funded hubs, AW have none.

Balance need with popularity is the largest issue.

AW would like to partner with Strathcona to resolve the issue.

Questions:

Strathcona is the 2nd group approached.

Are you OK with Strathcona makes changes to the draft provided.

What are the important projects? (Community Centre, buying park land to expand existing park).

How long did AW work on the PBAC points? Conceptually 2 yrs, but was put together in the last few months.

Is the purpose to be more equitable? - Yes

Aidan Johnson:

[https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/aidanjohnson/pages/917/attachments/original/1507905194/10.1\\_Motion\\_-\\_Ward\\_1\\_Expenditures\\_%28A.\\_Johnson%29.pdf?1507905194](https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/aidanjohnson/pages/917/attachments/original/1507905194/10.1_Motion_-_Ward_1_Expenditures_%28A._Johnson%29.pdf?1507905194)

Complicated model. Ward 2 model uses half of the PBAC money and it is equally allocated to each neighbourhood. The neighbourhood association does the PBAC process for the ward.  
Ward 1 - Uses all PBAC budget ward-wide.

Each Ward get \$1.5 million for infrastructure spending. Only Ward 1 and 2 do PBAC. Ward 2 half is allocated for PBAC.

Sympathizes with the challenges facing the neighbourhoods with more poverty. Agrees with the principle that lower income neighbourhoods needing more money.

They try to have equal representation from each neighbourhood. Aidan reaches out to people to ask them to participate on PBAC.

Paid outreach is a great idea to increase participation - but no place where the money comes from. Consider this.

Legal requirement for money set aside to be used for that purpose. In theory a new CLR could take away the money set aside for projects. Aidan will think about this.

Mary Kiss created a precedent for spending public money on private property. (Dow Parkette). So Westdale facade funding is allowed. Aidan also comments that \$1 Million for potential new rec centre on the French Board property, Alexander Park site, has been put aside already.

Very difficult to get volunteers for PBAC.

Re Mark's sheet, Aidan agrees with statements 1, 2 and 3. Item 4 yes this is a problem. A legal requirement. Item 5 Aidan thinks it is ok for the Theatre (Mary Kiss precedent).

Jonathan - Both neighbourhoods lack available space for large capital projects.

Aidan Suggests thinking about changes more for section 4.

Westdale set precedent for the late submission as it was not on sale at the time.

Rosemary states that Head st. is in very bad need of repair.

Jonathan also states is the vision to make this more equitable and more fair?

Cnlr Aidan states - do we stop doing the PBAC process? This will solve all the problems. Do we pay people to help market PBAC?

Mark dismisses himself (approx. 7:40 pm).

### **Item #1 : Aidan Johnson Updates:**

LRT - Council voted in December to ask metrolinx to run LRT (unanimous)

Voted to ask province to provide pension, benefits, and pay equal to HSR employees (1 opposed).

Current City Budget process is ongoing, Transit issues are ongoing. So Councillors are trying to keep budget/taxes low.

Rosemary - Concerns about HSR employees losing jobs. Nobody has heard of this situation. We don't know about the HSR budget post LRT. She is also concerned re reduction of 30 stops. Aidan suggests a shuttle system to connect HSR to LRT route.

Transit presentation is coming.

Budget process is ongoing. Most council members don't want to raise taxes (election year). Aidan requesting that an HSR budget be brought forward, a large budget that addresses all short falls and post LRT issues.

Rosemary - With reduction of stops, how viable is the shuttle bus proposal?

Answer from Aidan - The whole HSR process needs to be redone. It was built on transit routes developed 50 years ago to service employment areas that are no longer used.

Rosemary - Question about land across from YMCA contamination. Has the LRT land been studied enough. Answer - Yes. Jackson and James st. S. property developer not going ahead- this is Ward 2.

More discussion on road repairs - Strathcona is high priority.

\*Motion by Jonathan - We present the PBAC improvement ideas to the membership list before any choices or responses given to AW.

Roy questions what to do without a lot of response.

Follow protocol in constitution (25%)

Ed suggests we preface the suggestions with an explanation to the membership about the changes. Need to define the problem carefully and provide context.

\*Amend motion - We present the PBAC improvement ideas with a preface about what the problem is and how it impacts strathcona, then request feedback before responding to AW.

\*Jason Seconds Motion. Vote passes.

Action Item: Ed and Jonation will work together on this.

#### **Item #4: Holding a community info nite re Strathcona Roads, bike lanes, and LRT:**

Thomas is not present. He had sent email stating Mid-May is ideal time for info nite, based on suggestion from the LRT team.

Ed moves to have a meeting about the info night for Bike lanes and LRT when staff is available (after April)

Second by Jason

Vote passes

#### **Item #5:Police/Crime Info nite:**

Rosemary asks - What about the police superintendent board meetings?

Motion that Rosemary be nominated to be representative at police superintendent meeting until AGM. (Replacing Celeste).

Second by Dominic

Motion Passes

Police information night to be combined with neighbourhood watch (**Item #7**)?  
Theft is increasing in certain areas of the neighbourhood.

Motion by Jessica - To schedule the police info night and combine with a neighbourhood watch startup meeting.

Jonathan seconds the motion

Vote Passes

#### Meeting Details

Heidi - Police community services who takes control of neighbourhood watch requests will attend meeting.

Vanessa to attend.

Sgt. Gill will come or send representative.

Tentative Date Tuesday March 20 (7:00)

#### **Item 6: Costs/Benefits of Joining Larger Neighborhood Association:**

- Rosemary - Benefits of larger organization?

Talking with contact at economic development that would create revenue generating activities (eg. selling concessions).

Incorporating?

A person is allocated to helping BIA's and neighbourhood associations? Can we get him to come to a meeting?

Action: Rosemary to send a contact for this person.

Let's investigate later on the larger organization. Start with Ward 1?

Ed states we should talk to all 4 neighborhood associations in Ward 1 for ideas.

Dominic has links about a model for structure for Larger association involvement. (Rosemary has emailed).

#### **Item #8: New Sub-committee for purchases for future events like the SOTG:**

Sub committee for events. Work towards buying or acquiring things on the list of stuff we need to run SOTG, AGM, Egg Hunt, etc. Jonathan to chair, Rosemary and Roy to participate.

#### **Item #9: Pick a standard date for meetings:**

Group members present agree that Monday/Tuesday of third week of each month is the time for future SCC meetings in 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm approx.