

## **West Wellington Community Association Record of Discussion, June 12, 2007**

**Special Meeting: Meet and Greet with Councilor Christine Leadman and Celebration of 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of WWCA**

**Chaired by:** Rob Bowman, President

**In Attendance:** Dave Haskins (Webmaster), John Sutton, Peter Duschenes, Christine Rowsell, Jason Thomson, Anne-Marie Laurin (Communications), Ralph Wiesbrock, Chris Duschenes (VP), Peter Duschenes (Treasurer), Cathy Bennett (Secretary)

Special Guests : Kitchissippi Ward Councillor Christine Leadman

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1. Welcome	Rob (President) welcomed all residents to the Meet and Greet with councilor Christine Leadman and to the 15th Anniversary Celebration of WWCA. Rob also welcomed Paul Dewar, MP for Ottawa Centre. Rob encouraged all to take a look at the map on back wall of interim design plan for the Wellington street road reconstruction/redesign.	

<p>2. Announcements</p>	<p>Rob mentioned the upcoming City sponsored Open House for CDP &amp; NPI Wellington Road Reconstruction (June 19<sup>th</sup>)</p> <p>City of Ottawa launching a giveaway day on June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9 am to 4 pm (Rain date June 24<sup>th</sup>). City residents are asked to place items (old furniture, appliances, cd's etc. at the end of their driveways and other residents can go around and take them. This initiative is to reduce items from going to the landfills.</p> <p>Rob introduced the purpose of the meeting- an informal question and answer session with Kitchissippi Ward Councilor Christine Leadman</p>
<p>3. City of Ottawa Councillor Christine Leadman- Greeted Attendees</p>	<p>Councilor Leadman started off by discussing that lots had happened in West Wellington in the last 2/3 years. Wellington street will undergo a major facelift and input is essential. She mentioned that now was the time to get involved in the communities future.</p> <p>Councilor Leadman encouraged residents to talk to their neighbours about the initiatives underway as they can have direct input on our main street. Rob has been actively involved so the WWCA is a great way to provide input.</p> <p>Councilor Leadman asked people to send comments to <a href="http://www.kitchissippiward.com">www.kitchissippiward.com</a></p>
<p>4. Christine Leadman (Informal Question &amp; Answer period)</p>	<p>a) GCTC will increase in parking and circulation problems in the area as it will also affect side streets. For example Harmer will be affected and there is already a difficult parking situation on the street.</p> <p>Answer: Councilor Leadman responded by the fact that we need to work directly with the GCTC to reduce / limit these problems. The City view this activity as happening in the evenings and thus it would be less stressful for residents, but we still have to watch</p>

out for the impact. She also noted that parking is available at Holland Cross.

Regarding Harmer St., it is a result of a past compromise, but we certainly could revisit the situation. Councilor Leadman talked about winter parking rules as another area of improvement.

b) CAA is moving into the old LCBO location on Wellington. There is a large parking lot, could they park there for the GCTC. Answer: Maybe

c) Cash-in-lieu of parking doesn't work. No cases seem to be turned down by the city. What happens to the cash? It should be returned to the area it came from.

Answer: Cash-in-lieu for smaller businesses is important. It is looked at by the city on a case by case basis. Picadilly had an issue with the cash-in-lieu as the property owner to keep uniform look of the area can't put public/private parking in a building. Councilor Leadman held a development application to ensure it was the best for the area. City process needs to change and Councilor Leadman was able to meet with developer and due to her persistence was able to get the developer to add a 'virtu car' parking spot there. The city is moving toward getting people out of their cars; however this won't happen over night. Councilor Leadman shares our view and understands our issue. She mentioned that the Planning Department is currently being restructured and this will be looked at in the future.

d) Cash-in-lieu: Lots of applications have gone through with this over the last 5-10 years. Would the city consider buying a site and putting money into a city parking lot, perhaps underground?

Answer: Parking to support the commercial trade is not part of the city's mandate to provide long term parking. The cash generated from cash-in-lieu goes back into the general coffers of the city. The city is not working to build parking facilities as they want to discourage driving. Also, underground parking is very expensive. Traffic

calming maybe a better option.

e) Resident of Huron Ave North: Parking issues are similar to Harmer, other issue is the fact that drivers use it as an alternative to Holland and the residents are concerned of the speed of through traffic as it is dangerous for young families.

Answer: It is a situation that we can look at. Perhaps entry treatments (bump outs) or to identify the fact that drivers are entering a residential area. The City tends to be slower on these initiatives, but she understands our need for things to happen sooner.

f) Powell Avenue in the Glebe had widened corners and bump outs could that be considered.

Answer: Councilor Leadman does not want to push problems onto other streets. We need to look at parking and traffic from a broad perspective where the root problems are. There will be increases in traffic with all of the development in the area. We need to figure out how it should be addressed. That is the role Councilor Leadman will play. Looking more closely at traffic studies that developers provide to determine the broader impact.

h) When you impede traffic it goes somewhere else. Studies say it actually disappears; we have to question the assumptions taken. Really look at what the traffic engineers are saying and take what they say with a 'grain of salt'.

Answer: Councilor Leadman disagreed with this comment. Engineers can't project traffic impact, they don't project potential.

I) On-line questionnaire of creative neighbourhoods will show what needs addressing.

j) 'Density bonuses' have allowed 2 zoning provisions, what is your opinions on that? Residents have a fear that Wellington will give away our density rate but will not have

	<p>improvements to the community.</p> <p>Answer: Councilor Leadman will look into this with the planning department.</p> <p>k) We need main streets that are pedestrian friendly, wider sidewalks.</p> <p>Answer: Councilor Leadman stated that there are many ways to increase pedestrian friendly sidewalks: reconstruction, more trees &amp; greening, wider sidewalks, we need your input on what you would like your main street to be.</p> <p>l) Do you know what is going on with the St. George Development and the church?</p> <p>Answer: Councilor Leadman believes that the developer and the church are doing a 'land swap' after that they will redraw the development. It is expected that there will be more consultations around this.</p>	
Wrap Up	<p>In closing, Rob Bowman (WWCA President) thanked Councillor Leadman and MP Paul Dewar for attending and invited attendees to stay for coffee and cake in celebration of WWCA 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.</p>	
15 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	<p>In recognition of the WWCA's 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Councilor Leadman cut the cake and helped to serve it to those in attendance.</p>	
5. Next Meeting	<p>July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at Fisher Park 8 to 9:30 pm</p>	