

READ

Rosemount (Library) Expansion and Development Group

Meeting #5

Notes Final

Monday, April 13, 2015

7:00 pm

Hintonburg Community Centre, Basement Meeting Room

Present: Richard Van Loon, (Chair), Emily Addison (HCA), Jane Beaumont, Andy Billingsley CHNA), Bonnie Campbell (WBCA), Barb Clubb (a/note taker), Paulette Dozois, Linda Hoad (HCA) (Treasurer), Blaine Marchand, Alayne McGregor, Jeanette Rule (Champlain Park CA), Sally Rutherford (SWCHC Bd), Lindsay Setzer, Valerie Stam, Megan Therrian (Dal CA)

Guests: Dick Stewart, Maxine Betteridge-Moes (*Kitchissippi Times*)

Regrets received: Emilie Hayes

1. **Welcome:** Chair Van Loon opened the meeting welcoming all and called on Valerie Stam to introduce Dick Stewart who spoke on Development Charges and Section 37 funding programs.
2. **Presentation by Dick Stewart:** Mr Stewart provided the group with background on Development Charges and Section 37 Funds, two possible sources of funding for the expansion/renewal of the Rosemount branch.
Development Charges are fees imposed by the City of new single-detached and semi-detached homes outside the greenbelt. These charges are supposed to cover the cost of additional city infrastructure and services related to new home (roads and related services, police, emergency, public libraries etc. *Source: buildingottawa.ca*). The Ottawa Public Library has its own Development Charges bylaw which stipulates how much the library receives for new facilities (these funds are area specific and in the case of Rosemount the area is inside the Greenbelt) and how much for collections which can be spent city-wide.

Section 37 “authorizes a municipality with appropriate Official Plan provisions to pass zoning bylaws involving increases in the height or density otherwise permitted, in return for the provision by the owner of community benefits. The community benefits must be set out in the Zoning By-law amendment and then secured in an agreement registered on title. The term “community benefits” reflects the City’s priority on providing public benefits within the local community in which the contributing development project is located. The increase in height and/or density is an incentive to the developer to provide community benefits at no cost to the city. Source – www.ottawa.ca

In his presentation, Mr Stewart emphasized the following:

Section 37

- Securing funds under Section 37 is always a process of negotiations
- Funds are usually ward specific, but City has priorities

- While benefits are identified in the bylaw, there is a lot of room for interpretation
- Community Design Plans (CDP) are really important; depending on how specific it is, the community association could have more power to negotiate
- Section 37, Bylaw was passed in 2012 and is supposed to be adjusted for inflation every year but it has only been adjusted once so far. However it is due for review shortly and this will present an opportunity for groups like READRosemount to speak out
- Usually developers provide cash-in-lieu
- There are two phases to the process: pre-application phase and ward councillor involvement (where the councillor can engage the community)
- Funds are not made available the building permit has been issued for the project
- Toronto has a better bylaw than Ottawa, project specific and resulting in more money for community

Development Charges

- Available only for growth and related projects
- OPL gets more than \$1M/year; most recent expenditure for capital funds was @\$10M for the Beaverbrook expansion
- Current OPL DC fund will be \$13.7 M at end of 2015
- READ should find out exactly what the OPL has planned for the funds
- Mr Stewart urged READ to become familiar with the City Treasurer’s annual update on DC funds and the reserve funds accounts
- Mr Stewart feels that there is better possibility of larger amounts of funding from DC funds than from Section 37 funds, if Rosemount is deemed eligible.

Action:

Chair to contact Councillor Leiper regarding READ’s concerns about DC (and Sec 37) funding for Rosemount;

Chair to raise the DC issue when he meets with OPL Chair and CEO.

3. **Notes of previous meeting March 9, 2015:** were approved with no changes. The draft of current minutes and final version of all minutes are posted on Google Drive.
4. **Activity update** since March 9, 2015 including reporting on action items.

Action	Update
Action: Chair Van Loon to follow-up with a more formal meeting with the Mayor or designate.	In progress.
Action: Chair Van Loon to set up meeting with FOPLA president,	Done. Chair will meet with FOPLA board on April 21, 2015
Action: Valerie Stam will invite Dick Stewart (well versed in Section 37 and Development Charges) to come to the next READ meeting. Linda to keep on researching development charges.	Done. Mr Stewart presented at April 13 mgt.
Action: Chair Van Loon will send a letter to the presidents of all the associations.	Done
Action: Jeanette Rule will create a list of the names and email contacts of the President of each of the associations, for Richard to use.	Done. There is now a list of the 13 Community Associations complete with website and president/chair contact

	information. 7 CAs have appointed liaison representatives.
Action: Linda H. will speak to Emilie Hayes liaison for the Somerset West Community Health Centre about possible help that the SWCHC could provide.	Done
Action: Jeanette Rule will work with Emily Addison to coordinate an email and Google drive account in READ's name.	FB: https://www.facebook.com/READRosemount Twitter: @READRosemount Google Account transfer in progress.
Action: Richard will investigate Ottawa AM Radio (CBC) and Alan Neal (CBC All in a Day-afternoon) for contact at the appropriate time.	Richard and Jeanette were interviewed for CBC radio and TV; features aired over the past weekend and will be posted on FB page.
Action agreed to date:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o READ Should try to get article in The CentretownBuzz http://www.centretownbuzz.com/ (Possibly the April issue). Contact is Archie Campbell. 	In progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Paulette will write article for Newswest 	Research completed; Blaine Marchand submitted article which will appear Apr 16 in Kitchissippi Times/Newswest Online.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Bonnie will contact EMC News 	In progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o READ communications committee to coordinate above activity. 	No formal meeting held; but lots getting done.
Action: Linda will investigate if future meetings can be booked under a community association who have free access to meeting rooms,	In progress
Action: Chair Van Loon will consider requesting some modest funding from the 12 community associations,	Letter sent; funds will be requested when meetings are held
Action: Lindsay Setzer will enquire with the Parkdale Food Centre (Located with the SWCHC) if there would be room to hold future meetings.	Done. Lindsay reported that READ could meet in the SWCHC/Food Centre area in return for some food and/or labour donations.
Action: All members consider participating in the OPL/City consultations on the new central library.	Done: several members attended and a READ follow-up submission was sent in
Action: continue building the partners and linkages list at each monthly meeting.	Emilie Hayes working on expansion of the list.

5. Roles and Responsibilities: Richard Van Loon committed to staying on as chair until December; Linda Hoad will stay on as Treasurer for time being; B. Clubb will continue as acting note taker. There may be a need for a vice-chair. The chair thanked Jeanette Rule for her work on the FB and Twitter accounts and the READRosemount gmail account.

Action: to review additional role requirements at May 11th meeting.

6. Communications:

Mailing lists and Gmail account: It was agreed that READ would maintain a Gmail account and transfer various mailing lists there. The READ Gmail account is READRosemount@gmail.com. There may be a need for an additional and more sophisticated mailing list system (e.g. Mail Chimp) in the future.

Google Drive: The current READ Google drive space is attached to Emily Addison's own Google account.

Action: Jeanette will work with Emily Addison to coordinate establishment of a Google drive account in READ's name linked to the Gmail account which has been populated with all READ members to date.

Facebook and Twitter: Jeanette has set up both accounts have been set up with the following addresses:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/READRosemount>

Twitter: @READRosemount

Action: BC to update READ two pager to include FB and Twitter and email.

Action: BC to advise all READ members and send out latest 2 pager with notice of next meeting.

Website: it was agreed that READ needs a website.

Action: Alayne McGregor and Jeanette Rule to work on website proposal for next meeting.

Media Coverage: All agreed that the media coverage has been good

* Article coming out in Kitchissippi Times

* Blaine Marchand's article will be coming out in Newswest

* Still working on getting article in CentretownBuzz

* Agreed to target another round of articles in late May early June

Book Mark: Agreed that READ could use a bookmark at various events around the area.

Action: Emily Addison agreed to take the lead on creation of a READ bookmark

Action: All comms activity to be coordinated by Communications Committee

7. Advocacy:

Action: Chair will continue to seek meeting with Mayor

Action: Chair to seek meeting with MPP Yasir Naqvi and MP Paul Dewar to orient them to the project and seek their support. Rosemount is located in both their constituencies.

Action: Chair meeting with Chair of Board and OPL CEO on May 13, 2015

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8. **Finances:** The chair wrote to all 13 community associations on April 7th requesting all to appoint a liaison to the group if they had not already done so and requesting a meeting with each of them. At those meetings they will be asked for a small amount of funding support. Some have already offered but READ needs a bank account or an organization to provide financial services before it can accept funds.

Action: L. Hoad to continue working with SWCHA with regard to financial services they may be able to provide to READ; they are scheduled to get back to her by April 17, 2015.

9. **Other:**

Community Events: there was a general discussion about the number of community events that READ could be represented at such as *Prose in the Park* and *West Fest*.

Action: For discussion and decision at May meeting.

June READ Meeting: Lindsay Setzer agreed to enquire about possibility of meeting at the Parkdale Food Centre for the June Meeting.

Architects: Paulette Dozois suggested that some young, local architects (e.g. Rick Sheen, Anthony Bruni and Ken Elder) be invited to consider what options there might be for Rosemount. Agreed to leave this to the May meeting.

Next Meeting

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Richard Van Loon, Chair
Approved Meeting of May 11, 2015

Attachment: April Action List

Action Items: From April 13/15 Minutes

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