



Members Present: D. Proulx, R. Pinet, L. Hodgkinson, A. Matlar, J. Lawrence, T. Bevacqua, B. Kusiewicz, R. Rotter

Guest Speakers:

1. Frank Cairo from Caivan Developments
2. Donna Sarrazin from the future Richmond Oaks Medical Centre
3. Brian - ROSSS Caregiver Support Program
4. Councillor Scott Moffatt from the City of Ottawa street renaming project

Because of the length of meeting expected with speakers, the decision made by the Board to not run the meeting as a regular Board meeting but instead have speakers and allow time for questions.

Frank Cairo of Caivan Developments

History:

In 2006 the City Development Plan process commenced (CDP).

Richmond had been chosen as a candidate site to relieve the city growth pressure.

The process of the CDP happened over 4 years with resident participation, City of Ottawa staff and the landowners group with Mattamy homes: a Whole Village Plan.

A commitment was made to review the completed plan every 5 years to ensure the protection of urban boundaries and criteria.

The CDP included infrastructure, communal wells, housing styles, road design, environmental needs. The final document went to (Ottawa) City planning and received approval.

Process: Criteria had to be met for the environment in order to meet the plan for the western development of Richmond. 750 homes are to be built by Caivan Development. Environmental assessments were done for serving expansion areas and plans made for the environment, health and safety economics, maintenance etc.

The Area being discussed: From Queen Charlotte, west, to “before Franktown”.

Note - Later Frank Cairo clarified that the building would happen East Joy’s Side Road

Mattamy lands are south of Cairo lands (closer to the river) but Caivan properties will be built on the north and south of Perth Street

Phase one, on the south side, will be ready to begin by 2018 summer

Each phase will take about 2-3 years each to complete. They will begin on the south end (of the western development) and then as time passes the home designs will change and adapt according to consumer interest.

Upgrading to accommodate the building:

Sewer pipe upgrades are being done along Martin street along the road allowance. This work will affect traffic but still allow traffic to drive on Martin.

Force main and pump station changes will occur. Work has already started and will be completed over the next three months.

A new park will be added.

Connections to existing neighbourhoods will be made with sidewalks along Perth street.

Expandable water plans to bring on other parts of village for water supply as needed will be completed at current and plus standards - over 10 million dollar facility in a class of its own and it will be turned over and managed by the city after Caivan builds it. This neighbourhood will pay for water like everyone. There will be no expense to the city or neighbours for this. If a new street comes on in the future and adds on to the facility then it will mean wells can be decommissioned.

A **Stormwater pond** will also be built with other upgrades with costs covered by the developer as are development charges (money that must be paid to the village of Richmond towards improvements eg. parks and walkways and village development, in return for building on the land. It is like a “tax” that is charged to all developers by the city). This is Not paid for by the City of Ottawa.

Sewage BTE (benefit to existing) - means refers to a replacement program for parts that might be eg. Rusting out.... The city would have to do repairs but because the new infrastructure has to accommodate growth it is not done by the city. Some of the development charges cover it (not our yearly taxes).

Question: John Shearer asked for clarification of what parts would be paid by the city or the developer.

Answer: The city can advance the funds initially to pay for this and then use development funds to pay the funds back. Growth sometimes is “debt to City”. Bridges for example or in this case renewal of the City. Bottom line is projects that are growth related are paid for by growth.

Question: Richard Lefevre - Has there been discussion then about decommissioning of existing wells?

Answer: It is a possibility meaning “we haven’t closed the door” and existing homes can be added into the system ... e.g.. opportunities to decommission “risky” wells. Let’s not close the door as a possibility.

Question: John Shearer - A traffic roundabout coming from the new subdivision to join onto Perth Street is a possibility?

Answer: Where the main North/South road in the new subdivision joins Perth St., yes, but the building of that roundabout will not be triggered by traffic immediately but will come in a later building phase as homes are built closer to Perth Street.

Question: Tino Bevacqua - How many homes in the 1st phase

Answer: 177

Question: Lee - when will the homes be available?

Answer: Sales likely will begin in March (2018). The model home must be built first. Architecture is still underway.

Question: Brian - What % of the homes will be townhouses and what will be the lot sizes?

Answer: Phase 1 is only single detached homes with lot size 36 and 42 foot wide (plans with some smaller) by 90 feet deep.

These are the communities that are to be built by Caivan only. In the fullness of time “Metric” will be building some homes later, more south.

Question: Ken Fox - Access to Perth street? Already there are problems for residents on that side of town trying to get onto Perth Street because of speeding (crazy) cars. Will there be traffic lights?

Answer: One entry point will be built as an emergency access - work (construction) and living (residential) zones will have separate roads. Because of people being “insane” driving at 80 km it might make access harder. Best solution will probably be development itself - as people hit homes vehicle speeds will diminish. Line painting to inform people can help, however police enforcing speeds are also needed as people will drive the speed they get away with. People are not getting caught. Drivers are best with urban design of homes. (Talk to Scott Moffatt about that)

Question: Brian; What about big trucks leaving the village? Will they travel through town?

Answer: West of the village construction vehicles will be avoiding the village as much as possible. Some may go east bound but most of supply comes from the west. Traffic crossing Huntley is already difficult.

Question: Bonnie Jenson - when development is completed will Ottawa Street become a throughway access point?

Answer: A Southern connection has not been decided on. The Main connection will be Perth Street.

Clarification: It (development land) stops at Strachan and it is not bordered by Joy’s Side. Will not connect with Martin Street. Walking access through to the village by Strachan etc. will exist.

CDP documents are available on the City of Ottawa at,

They also will be added to the Richmond Village web site for easy access.

Donna Sarrasin talking about the new Medical Centre

A multi-disciplinary clinic is now available in Richmond and continues to be developed. The clinic began 1 year ago.

The goal: A one patient medical “home”, with resources under one roof combining family medicine with other services:

10 physicians have been working in the existing Rabb medical clinic (built only for 2 physicians) taking over 6,000 community members (6200 patients in total). Maximum clientele has been reached in that environment but some patients can still be taken if necessary before the new clinic is built.

Specialties include: OB; well women; geriatrics; family medicine; high end care; outreach geriatrics for those over 65; services to Richmond Lodge and holder monitoring; services to come when the new clinic is built include - mental health (looking at getting mental health services).

Other services in the new clinic building:

IDA pharmacy
Back on Track
Can Medical Alliance
Biotest labs
Richmond massage

Progress:

1. Challenge was Dr. Rabb deciding to retire before the expected date, so that 2400 patients had to be taken on AFTER each physician was already at their medical limit for patients. In a short time MD's were brought in and everyone took on an additional 700 patients each. There is some additional room. All patients (affected) have been contacted to tell them they have coverage with a supportive MD
2. Lab was at risk for being shut down because their client numbers were too low - but reached out to community and through social media now they are at and just beyond capacity.
3. Official groundbreaking date is Sept. 6th. 2017

Kim from Cedarstone (who is building the new clinic plaza) spoke:

-Building the project was to start in May and bureaucracy slowed things down, however shovels are now in the ground.

- Local contractors and suppliers are being used.

-He says “I am a “humble home builder” but excited”.

-Stantec is consulting to do engineering and planning (He made Kings Grant and Richmond Oaks) and with patience of the medical staff and local partners it is progressing.

-**First phase** is medical, pharmacy and physio.

-You can follow the progress through Facebook or contact Kim@cedarstonehomes.com

- Cavanagh will be starting excavation.
- Realistically by March the medical offices will be ready.
- **Phase 2:** Office buildings eventually will be available for other health professions. Their Water supply would be nice to hook up to a senior's building. "If we have good development we can grow the community in a healthy way."

ROSSS Caregiver Support Program

- Leanne VanderBugt is the lead on this project but was absent
Brian reported on her behalf -

ROSSS stands for Rural Ottawa South Support Services

The ROSSS Caregiver Support Program:

- meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month
- St. Paul's United Church on the lower level.
- Each meeting has a speaker/topic eg. "Healthy aging", then question period.
- **Free** for all caregivers to attend
- Respite is provided.

Concern: More participants are needed. Manotick has good attendance but here in Richmond they need their numbers up to continue the program.

Tino Bevacqua on the Richmond 200

1. RVA Next open meeting: Wednesday October 18th

Topic: Richmond 200 Festivities Updates for the 2018 year events and the June 17 weekend celebrations. All are welcome to attend.

2. Recognition platform on Perth Street across from the Richmond Arena.

-sponsors and main supporters of the Richmond 200 are listed.

3. Grant application are in to city so we are hoping to raise over \$100,000 for the celebrations.

Tino Bevacqua to Scott Moffatt - We are waiting to hear if Richmond will get the \$29,000 grant it has applied for.

Scott Moffatt: It is not a matter of "if" but "when". We are just trying to move the money from other places.

Many fundraising events so far, to get the community engaged, and have fun! Coming up are some fund raising activities - a Euchre tournament; and then there will be the New Year's Gala for which there are only 200 tickets at \$100 each.

4. There will be Richmond 200 paraphernalia at the Richmond fair to purchase.

Councillor Scott Moffatt - Street Re-Namings

Stittsville News and in his (Scott Moffatt's) blog online, he mentioned renaming of streets. Some had already been named after amalgamation in the first stage of this process, so that any Streets with a duplicate name or too similar sounding a name in other parts of the City of Ottawa have now been done eg. York St. became Royal York.

17 years in happening. "Rare occasion that a city does this (he gave examples of other Canadian cities that have many streets with similar sounding names who have chosen not to change the street names)

- met with staff discussed naming issues.

- he consulted with emergency services who informed him that the only change they required for the street name changes (except for Hamilton) was to add a single cardinal direction marker to one end of each street. eg. Fowler South, and the other could side could remain Fowler Street.

Scott says he had consulted with other residents in his district (outside of Richmond) about street name changes and was able to come up with changes everyone was agreeable with.

However when it came to Richmond, he decided that since there were so many streets to deal with and so many of the residents here affected, he would make the decision not to use the criteria set out for changing street names by the city and instead just make the decision himself: to add the singular cardinal direction marker, thereby satisfying the emergency services, and not forcing residents who live on a historically named street to change, and causing the least amount of work for himself and the people affected.

The 12 street names to change include: King Street North, Lennox Street South, Ottawa Street West, Fowler Street South, Burke Street East, Colonel Murray Street South, Queen Charlotte Street North, Cambrian Road West, Cockburn Street South, Maitland Street South, Royal York Street West and Hamilton Street will become George Hamilton (plus Links Drive, at Dwyer Hill and Hwy#7, will change to ?)

Question: Justyna Lawrence - This Does not follow criteria set out by City of Ottawa

Answer: No, "This is on me", the decision was not made by the city but by me.

There was no consultation with residents. The way things have gotten done has changed as we've gone along.

Question: Residents of Richmond deserve the same rights as those of Ottawa. We in Richmond ARE residents of Ottawa. Just last year Stittsville affected residents were able to participate in the process of their street names.

Answer: It's been complicated. I went to the streets in my municipality where they had to change names. My staff made suggestions and I offered them to the residents on one street and they were agreeable to the change. On Richmond road we added just three letters and people were upset. There's a street who are suing the city of Ottawa for changing the name of their street. Neighbours have been fighting with each other. Over time my staff and I have decided to change how things are done.

Question: Justyna Lawrence - I do not believe that lone cardinal direction signs will prevent any confusion for emergency vehicles, especially given the recent problems with loss of GPS abilities on the East Coast of Ottawa and problems such as Blackberry not having service for a period of time and the potential risk of hackers disrupting phone and GPS signals. I believe that residents in Richmond will still be at risk for problems. It's not just that the streets are cut in half by the river but some are cut in half by land. Two of our streets have the south end of their street on the north side of the river. Would residents be able to tell an emergency vehicle if asked which of the southern streets are not on the south side of the river? People don't know. In the past they referred to different parts of town based not on the street names but on the landmarks there and the people who lived there currently or historically. Now the village has grown from 200 residents to 6,000 we have quite different needs.

Answer: I was told by emergency services that single cardinal direction signs would satisfy them. It was my desire to preserve history. Keep it fair we would not have to make a choice about who gets to keep the "heritage name". This process has already created all kinds of problems in the city of Ottawa. One street is suing the city for changing their street names. There have been fights between neighbours.

Question: Justyna Lawrence - The process outlined in the city of Ottawa's page on street name changes says that affected residents will be notified and consulted and give the opportunity to be involved in the naming decision. (reading out directly from the city of Ottawa page)

Answer: Letters have not been sent out yet. There has been a problem with Google in the areas of the city that have already made their street name changes, not being ready to put them into their system, so we have delayed sending them out until that is done.

Question: Justyna Lawrence - Will the city still agree to pay for this process given that it does not meet the criteria for street names and making all buildings easy to find and ensuring that a 911 caller could give clear directions? And if the affected residents are not happy about this decision, if there are enough people the RVA has an advocacy committee ...

Question: David Proulx - But what you are saying Scott, is this is a "done deal"? At this stage even if someone wanted to address this, there is nothing that can be done?

Answer: That is correct. The decision has been made.

Question: Justyna Lawrence - So the letters that you say are going out, they are not to get any feedback from residents, only to inform them of how to change their address?

Answer: That's correct.

Notes:

- The ensuing free discussion amongst the audience appeared to be that the "done decision" was good as it would not delay the process from going through and there had already been too much discussion about this topic as there are very few people affected by the changes.
- It was suggested that anyone with concerns should speak to Scott Moffatt on an individual basis.
- Of note, there were only 2 residents from affected streets present of approximately 50 people in attendance.

- -Street name changes had not been on the email blast agenda of issues being discussed at the meeting and no residents appeared to have known prior to the meeting except being informed by Justyna Lawrence that street names would be changing.

The meeting ended at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Justyna Lawrence, Secretary of the RVA