

2020 Queensway Terrace North Annual General Meeting

October 21, 2020

7:30 p.m.

Zoom

Chair: Simon Partridge, President

Note Taker: Catie Sahadath, Secretary

68 attendees registered for the AGM, including Board members and guest speakers.

October 21st Sewer backup

This topic was brought forward for discussion at the AGM, as a number of residences were subject to flooding on the morning of October 21, 2020.

Bay Ward Councillor Theresa Kavanagh introduced two speakers to give more information and to field questions on the matter:

- Damon Berlin, Stakeholder Relations, LRT Stage 2, (damon.berlin@ottawa.ca)
- Jamie Robinson, KEV

They gave the following update:

- There are sewer pumps on Connaught and Hanlon
- One of the pumps experienced a backup, which caused flooding on Hanlon and Hopkins
- Upon discovery, crews were dispatched
- The cause is unknown at this time, and is under investigation
- The contractor and the City are working closely together to help residents and to resolve the issues.
- ~10 homes were affected, and residents were contacted
- Residents were informed to contact their insurance companies, and were provided the contact information for the City's Risk and Insurance. This unit works directly with residents' insurance providers.
- Some residents have been unable to remain in their homes, and they have been temporarily relocated to hotels
- Some residents were provided with meals
- No further backups are anticipated
- This bypass system will be in place for another ~2 weeks

Attendees asked the following questions:

Q: With high levels of covid-19 reported in sewage in the City, what risks have the residents affected by the Hanlon Ave back up face?

A:

- Residents should contact Public Health if there are concerns
- Because of varying levels of water in different houses, there is not one complete answer
- Councillor Kavanagh has sent a message to Public Health to ask, and will get back to the Community

Q: How did this problem occur?

A:

- The City is confident that this issue has been addressed
- The pump stopped and backed up

Q: With the City/LRT contractors accepting responsibility for the sewage back up how/when will affected residents be reimbursed for insurance deductibles or for items contaminated and not covered by insurance?

A:

- Contact your insurance if you are affected, they are best to answer this
- No one should be out of pocket whatsoever
- Insurance may want a homeowner to pay a deductible, but that will all come back from the City's/contractor's insurance
- Risk and Insurance can also speak with affected residents about premium increases

Q: How will these people be made aware?

A:

- Communication about this between Kew and residents
- The City is happy to play a role to facilitate communication.
- If anyone knows of anyone who has not yet been in touch with Jamie and his team (via e-mail to Damon)

Councillor's Update

Bay Ward Councillor Theresa Kavanagh gave an update to residents, answered residents' questions, and participated in discussions about neighbourhood issues.

- Budget briefing on Monday, October 19th
 - Transit budget: issue bc of fewer fares
 - Recreation ibid
 - Some help from province, feds. Still has a shortfall.

- Unsure how long this will happen
- Public Health
 - No Halloween
- Stage 2
 - Flyover is being built
 - November 12th: Bay Ward public information meeting
 - Updates from neighbourhood resource team, as well as LRT (tip to tail, all neighbourhoods)
 - Community Associations will be asked to join to give info about their neighbourhoods
 - Typical concerns:
 - Traffic calming
 - Speeding
 - Maybe bc people are home to notice it?
 - Working with the community
- Frank Ryan Fieldhouse
 - Report came back about what needs to be worked on
 - It will be done but bc of Covid, no timeline
- Lincoln Fields
 - Rexall is going up, will be completed for the Spring
 - Metro coming up next
 - Will continue to Summer 2021
 - Once Metro and Rexall are complete (fall 2021) the demolition of the mall will happen, then paving
 - Do not have next steps yet about what is happening there, but once it is available, it will be passed on
- Storm Sewer project:
 - Going ahead, briefings have occurred
 - 2021/2 project
 - Sidewalk on Henley
 - Link to project info on Ottawa.ca
<https://ottawa.ca/en/city-hall/public-engagement/projects/queensway-terrace-storm-sewer-rehabilitation>
- Connaught sidewalk planned
 - Timing and placement to be decided.
 - Consultations will occur
 - Unlikely 2021, likely 2022

Q: During the budget briefing there was reference to deferring capital projects. Are any of the projects for QTN being considered for deferral, such as Connaught?

A: Only one discussed has been Fieldhouse, and the overview has just come last week. Connaught sidewalk will go ahead bc it is coming from LRT S2 pocket of \$\$

Q: For the storm sewer project, will they not be improving the sidewalk on Clarendia?
And what about Mossdale and Moncton?

A: No.

Q: Will people on Henley lose access to their laneways for the whole of the construction season?

A: No. Sidewalk will be on the side where the forest is.

Q: Do we know what the creek will look like once the bridges (pedestrian and lrt) are done?

A: No, there won't be much change. Pedestrian bridge will be moved (we have pictures!)
The one to Woodroffe HS will change to back of parking lot. Conversations with OCDSB.
No change on the creek.

- Energy Evolution:
 - 2050 goal to eliminate greenhouse gasses
 - Includes transit, electric cars, infrastructure
 - Improving cycling connectivity issues
 - Meetings forthcoming
- Racialized youth
 - Making overall recommendations about how to keep racialized youth from becoming disenfranchised
 - Employment is especially difficult

Q: For the next construction season with the storm sewer, there will be problems of access and egress from QTN because Alpine will be closed. Any chance of temporary light on Kelly and Pinecrest?

A:

In general:

- Issue: problematic bc it is so close to Dumaurier
- Traffic counts: doesn't support the placement of a light there

With relation to Alpine being closed:

- Will look into this

Comment: Parking on roads will be problematic with development and sewer work and LRT

Response: If there are issues with drivers disobeying no turn signs please report it to Ottawa Police Services. They note when complaints come in and that helps them prioritize where they monitor. Thanks

Board Introductions

(In the presentation slides)

Communications:

- Facebook - New QTNca Facebook page
- Weekly digest of website updates

Community Safety

- Resources are allocated based on reports
- Crime analyst assigned
- Important to make reports
- Pamphlets are available
 - Community police officer will bring it all!
 - All valuables removed tag
- Cameras at homes are effective
- Small group of people doing thefts
- "9-o-clock lock" practice

Planning

(See slides)

Pathways

- City reviewed pathways
- Goal: make LRT stations as accessible as possible; the places people want to go; recreation
- Infill housing
- Zoning amendment passed
- When detailed info is available we'll make it available to the community

Theresa: "My office is organizing meeting with Stephen Willis on the future of Queensview. I mean he will meet with community along with John Manconi."

Q: Historically has anyone ever petitioned for a sidewalk on Kelly?

A: No. Board has flagged access to LRT to the City

Councillor Kavanagh: In terms of sidewalks requests go through a process by city staff to see if they are warranted. I can check on Kelly. Keep in mind it takes years to get a sidewalk even if it passes warranted since the list across the city is long and sidewalks are very expensive.

Q: Are plans changing at Lincoln Fields? councillor advised that nothing planned after Metro

Councillor Kavanagh: I will inform the community on any new proposed buildings on Lincoln Fields site. There are not further plans presented at this time

Comment: Yes as a Kelly resident today I would give up lawn for a sidewalk

Comment: No parking signs on the Kelly corner would help but residents may not be too happy. Buses use that street as well.

Comment: And Clarenda (traffic, speeding)

Comment: Ideally sidewalks would be flat with the road (no curb) as this reduces falls especially for seniors.

Good in our hood:

- Info on where residents want trees
- Spring cleanup cancelled due to Covid
- Fall cleanup went ahead. Not as well attended, but a lot less garbage around.

Comment: There are a number of small garbage bags dumped along east side of Alpine by woods.

Events:

- Frank Ryan skating season going forward for this winter
- Winter carnival -- TBD because of pandemic

Comment: Signs on Clarendon and Kelly to remind people to yield to incoming traffic when there's a car parked in your direction. I've had someone pass me on the left as I was safely waiting for clear passage.

Comment: If anyone is interested in helping to organize a community meeting about traffic and road safety, please let me know (lija.bickis@gmail.com)

Councillor Kavanagh: FYI. Britannia Winter trails will be in place again this winter. Last year was a pilot project and this year the trails will be expanded and the season will be longer. I should note they are looking for volunteers as well if anyone is interested.

Board Elections:

8 available places

Nominees:

- Annette Dillon
- Jessica Dawson
- Marty Brett
- Lija Bickis
- Kathy Vangergrift
- Simon Partridge
- Sarah Partridge
- Christopher Wu

Board members on continuing terms (2019-2021):

- Catie Sahadath
- Andy Church
- Gerald Gaugl
- Masuma Rustamzada

Thanks to all the volunteers!

General Questions

Q: Are neighbourhood dues ever collected (carnival)

A: No! We accept donations but don't solicit them