31 August 2026/ 7:00 - 8:30 PM / ASH Board of Directors Meeting
Hybrid meeting: Board Room in the Sandy Hill Community Centre / Zoom

Present: Betsy Shuurman, Kathleen Lalande (Secretary), Alec King, Cilaine Maurin, Megan Reilkoff, Patrick Munro, Masood Qureshi, Marilyn Whitaker

Present on Zoom: Thomas Waller, Shauna Young (Belong Ottawa)

7:05 pm start of meeting with quorum of 8 people (board)

1. Review and approval of agenda

Motion to approve Agenda.
Moved by Alec. Seconded by Cilaine, . **Carried.**

2. Review and approval of previous meeting minutes

Motion to approve June 29, 2026 minutes-June 29, 2026
Moved by Patrick. Seconded by Marilyn. **Carried.**

3. University of Ottawa update

- President Marie-Eve Sylvestre, Eric Bercier and Julie Cafley attended.
- The university wants stronger ties and ongoing dialogue with Sandy Hill.
- A 2,600-bed student housing project will be presented to the community on October 6; an invitation will follow.
- Demolition is expected in January 2027, with completion in 2031. Parking, transportation and construction disruptions will be communicated.
- The university plans an on-campus party and community canvassing for the October 4 Panda Game weekend.
- The Environment Committee is in contact with University of Ottawa students.

4. Chair's Update- 7:39 pm

-Letter of support for outdoor pavilion in Strathcona Park approved via email July 8, 2026- no updates yet

-Motion to Support ASH Living Gazebo project passed via email July 15, 2026
-Municipal Candidates' Forum

- All Saints offered to host a meet and greet with school board candidates and a ward councillor candidates forum in late September.
- Action Sandy Hill could support the mayoral candidates' forum planned in Centretown.
- Follow-up will take place by email.

5. Treasurer's Report

May, June, & July 2026
-Little account activity over the summer
Motion to approve the report.
Moved by Cilaine. Seconded by Alec. **Carried.**

6. Councillor's update

- Anna (speaking on behalf of Councillor Plante) noted that the election blackout period is in effect.
- Rosalinda (Sandy Hill resident) raised housing concerns and said she had not heard back from Alan at the councillor's office. Anna will follow up with him.
- City contact: anna.miedema@ottawa.ca.
- 8:16 Councillor Plante arrived

7. Committee Updates

-Town & Gown
Patrick will continue to represent ASH at Town & Gown meetings.
-Bylaw
Alec is arranging a meeting with Jake Gravelle and Kayla Woods, the Director and Program Manager respectively for Bylaw and Regulatory Services, to discuss how ASH can help and review Sandy Hill bylaw data. Alec will recruit members for his committee.
-Environment
-Heritage
Masood reported good resident turnout at a meeting six weeks ago; Aidan also attended. Masood and Aidan have met twice about planning and will meet with residents interested in the planning portfolio.
-Membership & Outreach
-Planning- please see Heritage update above

8. Focus Discussion #1 - Centre 454
-Centre 454 Funding Extension letters

- Shauna Young of Belong Ottawa asked ASH to take a position on Centre 454's relocation and funding extension.
- Centre 454 must leave Ward 12 to retain funding. It is looking at properties elsewhere and seeks more time to move.
- Shauna reported that staff collect 45 litres of garbage per hour and that distribution of harm reduction supplies has doubled.
- Centre 454 could offer a warming space this winter.

Continued ASH discussion regarding Centre 454

- Charlotte, a nearby resident, described safety concerns, including an assault on her sister, and said some neighbours have moved away.
- Two letters are circulating: Belong Ottawa seeks more time to relocate; another written by residents asking the City to enforce the deadline.
- Councillor Plante encouraged ASH to meet with City staff to better understand housing and shelter planning.
- ASH discussed both letters but took no position.
- Patrick will draft a separate letter on behalf of ASH for presentation at the September meeting.

9. Focus Discussion #2 - Fall activities

-Committee meetings
-Focus for Community Conversations
-Upcoming events

- Committee leads were asked to add meeting dates to the list when available.
- Community Conversations will be held online. Volunteers are available to help with events.
- Registration for the One & Only Arts and Crafts Fair is open.

10. Adjournment
Motion to adjourn at 8:53 PM
Moved by Cilaine. Seconded by Patrick. **Carried.**

Next meeting is on September 28, 2026.