**CHNA Board Meeting Notes**

Wednesday August 30, 2017

**Location:** 80 MacFarlane Ave

**Attendees:** President – Karen Wright, Vice President – Peter Eady; Safety – Shane Quinn; Treasurer – Julie Westall,Secretary – Laurel McIvor, Fundraising and Membership – Trish Barr, Transportation - Luanne Calcutt, Communications – Shelley Mullins

**Regrets:**  History and Heritage – Andy Billingsley, Planning and Development – Kathy Kennedy

1. **Welcome and Confirmation of Agenda**
2. **Karen – President**
	1. OMB Appeal to the Official Plan Amendment 150: The City has met the 2 OMB's pre-requirements and are now in a position to review our 2014 appeal to that left out the 1995 wording agreed to by the City, the Hospital and the CHNA regarding 45 Ruskin (the Hospital Parking Lot). We need to decide 1) If we will proceed with our OMB appeal..and 2) If we will do so with legal counsel.
	2. The original purpose of the appeal was to pressure the city to not allow the development of a mega parking structure on the land and instead to honour the agreement to use the lot at its current size until no longer required by the hospital. We now know that the mega parking structure is definitely not going to happen.
	3. If we won the appeal and the wording is restored to OP, the return to a park isn't assured, just the agreement that the residents will be part of the re-evaluation: "The period of usage is for not less than 30 years, beginning in 1995. The Hospital will continue to monitor its parking operations and will assess all other options for the supply of parking facilities appropriate to the demands which it faces during this time period. Subsequent to this time period, the use of these lands as a park will be re-evaluated. Area residents, the local community association, the City and the Civic Hospital are to be included as participants in the re-evaluation.”
	4. Both the mayor and Kitts have both said the parking lot will be given back to the city and become a park.
	5. Things have changed since we submitted and today we know the hospital is moving, we know where and approximately when. The existing parking structure can handle the Heart Institute and if the land is redeveloped, proper parking would be part of the planning.
	6. Experience has shown that if we wish to win, we need to spend the $$ and use the lawyer. We could participate without a lawyer if we wish to make a statement...but it will be a large investment in our time to handle the appeal properly.
	7. We've been told many times this sort of site specific wording isn't appropriate for an Official Plan; the OMB will be reluctant to see it restored in the new Official Plan.
	8. MOTION: for Karen to ask our lawyer about the cost of a strongly worded letter to retract our OMB appeal but add caveats that we still expect the city to honour the intention of returning Ruskin parking lot to a park.
		* Shelley moved, Peter seconded
		* All in favour, passed.
3. **Shelley – Communications**
	1. MOTION: for Shelley, Trish, and Luanne to explore costs of generic signs, sandwich boards or CHNA banners with our website to post at our events.
		* Karen moved, Laurel seconded.
		* All in favour, passed.
4. **Adjourned: 7:15 pm**