

**Federation of Citizens' Associations of Ottawa**  
**General Meeting – April 14, 2015 – 7:15 pm**  
**8B Sweetnam Drive, Stittsville**  
**DRAFT AGENDA**

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Adjournment

**Upcoming meetings**

**May 14: FCA General Meeting in Kanata- Beaverbrook, 2 Beaverbrook Road**

**June 4: FCA Annual General Meeting at City Hall, Colonel By Room 7:00 pm**

Should you wish an item to be on the Agenda, it can be placed there under Open Mike on the night of the meeting. If your Association representative does not plan to attend, please advise Graeme of the item and provide background information.

Background information for Draft Agenda of FCA General Meeting of April 14, 2015

**Agenda item 12 - Open Mike - Trees in Trust**

Along Ottawa streets there are many trees in the city right-of-way. While individual property owners may take an interest in the trees, they are the property and responsibility of the city.

When a city tree becomes infected or a hazard or dies, the tree is cut down and the city asks the owner of the abutting property if he/she wants the tree replaced. The practice is to drop a card in the property mailbox, inviting the property-owner to indicate if a replacement tree is wanted.

Stated simply, the city practice is that the property-owner is required to opt-in to have city trees replaced. In many cases the property-owner may fail to act and no replacement tree is planted. While this may reduce cost to the city, it means that the urban tree canopy slowly vanishes. In administrative terms it also means that the replanting activity by the city may appear to be addressing the deforestation, when in fact replanting is falling short of actual need.

An alternative approach would be an opt-out procedure. This would establish that the city replace its trees which need to be removed but give property-owners the opportunity to request that replacement be foregone.

**Motion:**

***That FCA request that the administration of the Trees in Trust Program be changed so that the normal practice will be to replace every tree that has been removed, and give notice to property-owners so that they can opt out of the tree-replacement or provide their preferences regarding species or type of tree to be planted;***

***That such request be widely circulated to both elected officials and to city staff; and***

***That member associations be encouraged to request such changes to their elected representatives.***