

**Federation of Citizens' Associations of Ottawa
General Meeting of 13 January 2016 – 7:15 pm
Tanglewood Park Community Centre, 31 Woodfield Ave.
Draft Agenda**

7:00	1. Arrive for set up and informal networking	15
7:15	2. Welcome and introductions	10
7:25	3. Adoption of agenda and explanation of meeting arrangements	10
7:35	4. "Speed dating" Five ten-minute meetings with invited experts Recorders collect community input for "State of Community Report"	50
8:25	5. Networking break	20
8:45	6. Minutes Approval of minutes of December 10 General Meeting	5
8:50	7. Open Mike a) b) c) d)	25
9:15	Adjournment	

**Next General Meeting: Thursday February 4, Glebe Community Centre, 175 Third Ave.
Theme: Communities prepare their 2017 celebrations**

[see the attached background notes for this agenda]

Community issues

During the Past Year, your FCA organized many useful discussions, workshops and some reports. Several Councillors and Senior Managers brought their insights to the FCA table. They included:

- Transportation and Transit
- Strategic Plan
- Ottawa Budget and Consultation
- Planning Strategy

And in discussion with individual groups:

- Avoid traffic chokes; set up a transportation construction coordinator
- Cost and availability of Community Centres
- Refugees – Ottawa initiative
- Social Housing
- Complete Streets
- Crime Statistics at the local, community level
- Website, social communication
- Tree canopy protection; mitigation of impact and of blown asbestos
- Future of Natural Spaces and Greenbelt

Now, it's your turn! Here are some of the questions we heard communities raising at the various meetings. Where do you stand on these issues? What would you like to say in a report to the City and the Public, on the state of Ottawa Communities and Citizen Groups?

- What's the appropriate way to manage change – CDP, community vision or zoning revision?
- Can we calm traffic? How would that affect commuters?
- What's the best way to work with our Councillor?
- How can we keep citizens informed and engaged?
- Can we form effective coalitions with other communities?
- How do we recruit community volunteers?
- Can we take steps to make our association more representative of our community?
- Do we understand regional differences in perception across the City?
- Are we learning from the experience of other communities?
- How can we keep up-to-date on City information flow?
- What are possible sources of funding for community activities?
- What should we be following in the City's budget?

Preliminary List of experts

Dennis Jacobs and Suzanne Valiquet of Momentum - Dennis is a professional planner serving both developers and community groups, many of whom are members of FCA. Before becoming principal of Momentum he was head of policy in the City Planning Dept. His Partner, Suzanne Valiquet, is expert in public engagement and social marketing as practiced in the fields of municipal planning, environment and transportation.

Agnes Warda – Chair of the Knoxdale-Merivale Ward Council, a grouping of the community associations in Ward 9 and member of the Board of FCA. Agnes will share her experience planning for events associated with 2017 celebrations and as well as working cooperatively among several Citizen Groups toward common goals.

Lee Ann Snedden – Chief, Development Review Services, Planning & Growth Management Dept., City of Ottawa. Lee Ann is interested in hearing your own advice on how better to engage Ottawa community associations through the Development Review Process.

John Smit – Manager, Policy Development and Urban Design, Planning & Growth Management Dept., City of Ottawa. John is freshly appointed as the responsible Director for a full range of Planning, including both Secondary Plans and Community Design Plans with about 15 such community-related plans listed in his current Work Plan.

James O' Grady - Owner of the Unpublished Ottawa social media website, a forum for civic issues and discussions overlooked by other media. James has extensive experience in communications around political and civic matters.

Keith Egli – Ottawa City Councillor, chair of Transportation Committee and a member of the Finance and Economic Development Committee.

Ulyana Osorio - Manager of Diverscity onboard programme, Volunteer Ottawa. For 60 years Volunteer Ottawa has been building Ottawa communities. Ulyana will share tips on programmes available to community groups helping them recruit, organize, train and deploy volunteers for all levels of involvement. 613-736-5266 ext 115 onboard@volunteerottawa.ca