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Draft Minutes

General Meeting - February 15, 2017

Present: Maria Luisa Marti, CCCA; Sandra Stefanik, Cardinal Creek C A; Sean Crossan, Cardinal Creek C A; Rod MacLean, Katimavik Hazeldean C A; Bob Parkins, Ottawa East; John Chenier, Lower Town; Anne Stairs, Riverside C A; Phil Sweetnam, Stittsville Village A; Ali Ramenzani, Glebe C A; Don Stewart, Westboro Beach C A; Miranda Gray, Convent Glen C A; Trevor Haché, Healthy Transportation Coalition; Chad Rollins, Action Sandy Hill; Suzanne Brown, Bel-Air; G. Roderick, TCHA; Marco Vallee, OCA; John Verbaas, Action Sandy Hill; Chris Banker, RPRA; Louisa Caron, SSD; John Stevenson, CFSC; Kul Kapoor, Katimavik Hazeldean C A; Bob Brocklebank, Glebe C A; Alex Cullen, Belltown N A; Erwin Dreessen, Greenspace Alliance; Phillip Berlet, C C A; Archie Campbell, Dalhousie C A.

Executive committee member **Chad Rollins** chaired the meeting In view of the absence of both the President Gary Sealey and Vice-President Sheila Perry.

On a motion by Alex, seconded by -- the **agenda** was adopted with three Open Mike announcements and formation of Nominating Committee added to Committee Reports. No votes opposed

On a motion by Jon seconded by Bob the minutes for January 12 meeting were adopted. No votes opposed.

Cardinal Creek Community - Sean Crossan welcomed FCA to the bilingual 6600 home Community. Cardinal Creek's feature is some 300 meters of karst through underground limestone which is the 12th longest cave system in Ontario and protected by the Province as it is an earth science area of natural scientific interest (ANSI). Each October Carleton University Earth Sciences Department and the CCCA jointly educate residents about the karst on a Geo-Heritage Day. The CCCA was incorporated in 2006 and began by having the City reduce the speed limit on Trim Road to 60 km/hr and built barricades at entrances to community pathways to protect children from snowmobiles. Trim Road is in the centre of the Cardinal Creek community.

The CCCA has planted over 7,100 trees in our community over the last 12 years. The association conducted a tree survey in conjunction with Laporte's Flowers and Nursery and we discovered that only 66 percent of the trees were healthy in our parks. The key tree diseases were emerald ash borer, Dutch elm disease and wiper sniper damage by the parks crews. Maple trees were also heavily affected by heat. Since meeting attendance at monthly meetings dwindled CCCA now videos holds about 3 or 4 public meetings a year and our last meeting with videotaped and is available on our Facebook site.

Work on developing the as yet un-named Park 18- A, movie night in the park, the third year of Children's Community Garden, and Neighbourhood Watch illustrate the variety of CCCA activities which led to its receiving the 2016 Orleans Not for Profit Association Excellence Award.

Transportation Master Plan Presentations:

Alex Cullen introduced the topic, providing background data and the TMP modal share goals for walking, cycling, transit and cars to 2031. The current TMP was endorsed in 2013 and the City does intend to upgrade it until 2019-20 when LRT Stage NO. 1 is operational. Trevor Haché set out the pedestrian and cycling goals in the TMP. Miranda Gray sketched the treatment of transit goals in the TMP. John Verbaas reviewed the TMP performance in making road improvements in 2014 to 2019 period. Alex then reviewed the TMP in terms of its affordability. Please note that the presentations are from the TMP and reflect how the TMP presents the situation looking forward from 2013 to 2031. Please note that there is to be a morning workshop on **April 8th** at a location to be determined and posted on the FCA-FAC website.

The text and charts from the Transportation Master Plan presentations are at the FCA website: fca-fca.ca and then clicking "**Transportation Presentation Available**" under "What's New" listing on the FCA home page.

Questions:

Erwin reminded the meeting that the City had reduced the Development Charges for roads and that the City should look back to see what of the projects the City has actually achieved.

Chad noted that 60% of the City residents are car users. More transit service to Barrhaven, Riverside South & Orleans should improve the modal split for the City of Ottawa.

Kul pointed out that road maintenance is not a priority matter for the City and argued that the City needs to rethink how it designs roads so that even the elderly are able to cross streets

safely. The laws may require that pedestrians must completely cross the road before traffic proceeds but the City does not design roads to support slow elderly in crossing a street.

Phil: stated that FCA needs to find out what is included to be paid for in development charges on roads. In short what do Development Charges apply to? Alex pointed out that City revenue from Development Charges is reduced due to lower growth.

Sean argued that West, East & South statistics need to be presented as one of the goals of the meeting was to attract new members to the FCA

Miranda reemphasized that presenters provided a glimpse of the TMP.

Ali noted that the City has done away with indoor parking and limited total parking requirement since it is worth \$60,000 in the cost of a house.

Don emphasized attention to modal split is essential

Alex pointed out that roads are extremely expensive to build and to maintain.

Open Mike

Erwin: asked whether FCA is interested in participating in making a joint submission on an Ottawa Site Alteration By-law before March 3rd, 2017? Alex and Chad requested that the request be sent to the full FCA Board.

Trevor: raised the matter of user fees and announced that the Healthy Transportation Coalition will be holding a session on "Rogue User Fees" on March 28 from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm at U of Ottawa - Miriam Hall.

Sean: invited FCA member organizations to come to Cardinal Creek Winter Family Fun Fest on the February 18th from 1 pm to 4 pm at 1825 Trim Road.

Committees:

Planning Advisory Committee: a) FCA is working on having real Citizen Involvement in the City of Ottawa Public Advisory Committee membership; b) on February 6th the workplan for the Planning and Growth Management Department which is still confidential. Activities were reduced from 93 to 36 items, but were items actually completed, just renamed, eliminated or merely had identification reworded and c) submission on proposed Site Alteration By-law deadline is end of February, 2017

Transportation Committee: a) the TMP workshop April 8th, site to be determined, is open to all FCA members who will be asked to complete a survey prior to the session; b) On Friday,

February 17 City of Ottawa hold a briefing on Stage No. 2 those wishing to attend should contact the City.

Communication Committee: member organizations and individual residents are invited to forward their suggestions on improving the FCA website to: info@fca-fac.ca

Membership Committee: membership period is the calendar year and the fee is \$30.00

Governance Committee: three meetings making FCA and Civic officials involved in public engagement vital and effective partners now FCA expects to reinitiate the public engagement strategy

Nominating Committee: Maria Luisa and Graeme need more volunteers to join the committee. In addition to specifying membership of the FCA Executive Committee, the nominating group will propose candidates for the three awards FCA will confer at its AGM in June

On motion by Archie Campbell, the **meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm**

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