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April 19, 2017 - General Meeting

Draft Minutes

Present: Chad Rollins, Action Sandy Hill; Maria Luisa Marti, Friends of James and Bay; David Clark, City View CA; Miranda Gray, Convent Glen-Orleans Wood CA; Bob Brocklebank, Glebe CA; Rod MacLean, Katimavik–Hazeldean CA; Sheila Perry, Overbrook CA; Roland Dorsay, Champlain Park CA; Kul Kapoor, Katimavik–Hazeldean CA; Don Stewart, Westboro Beach CA; Bruce Lindsay, Riverside South CA; Alex Cullen, Belltown NA; Bob Parkins, Old Ottawa East CA; Graeme Roderick, Tanglewood-Hillsdale CA; Christopher Hawkes, Rockcliffe Park RA; Bonnie Charron, Riverside Park CA; John Stevenson, Citizens for Safe Cycling; Thierry Harris, Lowertown CA.

At 7:20 pm Vice-President Sheila Perry in calling the meeting to order, thanked Phil Sweetnam who welcomed everyone to Stittsville and then invited each person to introduce themselves.

Sheila explained that Gary Sealey had resigned on April 9 due to serious health issues he was experiencing.

Adoption of the Agenda

On a motion by Alex seconded by Bruce the Agenda was adopted with the addition of the Nomination Committee to item #3 of the Agenda.

Welcome to Stittsville

Regretfully Councillor Qadri had a previous commitment and would not be able to attend the FCA meeting so Phil Sweetnam introduced Stittsville. The community is experiencing very rapid growth. From some 25,000 in the 1960's to a comfortable 35,000 in the 2017 Stittsville projects to double its residents by 2037 for the whole Stittsville-Carp area. The new residents may well be more densely crowded within the community.

Certainly facilities which served the original residents will need to be very substantially improved and increased to serve the 70,000 people from Stittsville's former hub. Now it serves the TransCanada Trail, originally Stittsville was a travel centre with seven hotels in the 1890's accommodating stopovers from trains.

A primary concern for the future is the eventual use for the Canadian Tire Centre. No new use for the arena building has been announced although the Stittsville community hopes it will be a positive contribution.

None the less Stittsville is a vibrant community with a great spirit as is illustrated with its Arts in the Park event attracting 80 artists sharing their art, the \$25,000 donated by local businesses to operate Canada Day celebrations and the locating of a 50 meter high new cell tower at the edge of the business and residential areas.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee consisting of Archie, Maria-Luisa and Graeme (chair) reported that Officers Kul, Lorne and Sheila requested that the members of the current Executive Board be polled by phone and results be reported to them on April 18. The result was that only one person was willing to service as president, that being Sheila Perry. Her Association is a member of FCA in good standing. It is anticipated that she would be acclaimed at the Executive Board meeting occurring on April 26. In reply to a question, Nominating Committee chair, Graeme reported that the Committee was not instructed to search for a replacement as Vice-president. Miranda Gray,[Convent Glenn – Orleans Wood CA], moved seconded by Rod,[KHCA] that the Nominating Committee poll the current executive committee on member's willingness to serve as vice president and report results to the April 26 executive board meeting

Adoption of Past Minutes

The February 15 minutes for were adopted on motion by Rod seconded by Roland.

The minutes for March 15 were adopted, as amended on request by Miranda Gray, on a motion by Rod seconded by Roland.

Waste Management Landfill

Phil Sweetnam, who was the chair of a Stittsville committee on the Waste Management landfill concerns, reported that a few years ago there was a huge concern about the odour problem from the Carp road Landfill. In the past three years, Waste Management has succeeded in ending the foul odours from the landfill.

Its approach has been threefold. The company draws the gases generated in the landfill by creating a vacuum through the 125 holes drilled into the refuse ranging from 40 feet up to 150 feet deep. While it uses the methane gas to generate electricity, W M destroys the other waste gasses at a temperature of 900 degrees centigrade. The leachate is pumped into a City sewer connection to the City sewage treatment plant.

Methane gas constitutes 50% of the gases which, when fully operational, the M W sparkling process is expected to produce 6.4 megawatts sufficient to support 6,000 to 6,500 homes. Currently it generates 5.1 megawatts. Each of the six generators contains 20 cylinders producing 1.6 megawatts. Interestingly 70% of the methane becomes heat to be dissipated by a large fans, the electricity is generated by 30 % of the energy content of the methane.

The Carp landfill is well placed next to Highway 417 so it is convenient for trucking institutional, commercial and industrial (ICI) waste to the site. The Ministry of the Environment approved the landfill two years ago and W M anticipates that it will accommodate ICI until 2042. The City's Trail Road landfill accommodates residential waste. Despite the financial advantage to accepting commercial waste from Quebec, W M declined. Councillor Eli El-Chantiry insists the W M site must be as safe as it can be made to be. W M takes waste from Stittsville and 50 to 60 per cent of the Kanata, Goulbourn and West Carleton areas. Phil feels that the original property owners, the Rump family, would never have spent \$20 million dollars on the dump as W M has done

It was felt that the suburban location of the landfill requires specific attention to environmental issues, such that the FCA should have an Environmental Committee.

Year End Survey

To introduce the year end survey 2017, Sheila organized participants into four break-out groups to consider General Meetings/Activities, Issues of Concern, Information Sharing, and Membership Matters.

Thierry Harris acknowledged that in collaboration with Miranda Gray, he felt that FCA should pursue the details of the year end survey by asking what is the FCA doing and how effective is the FCA in what it does. What improvements do we see to correct what may be wrong with our activities? Against this background what comments do we have in reviewing FCA activities. In looking at issues of concern are we overlooking or missing anything that should be a priority for FCA. Information Sharing needs to take in not just other Community Associations, but with City officials as well as with the media. As example the Noise By-law review seems to generate little discussion among member CA's. Finally what value does the FCA provide to its member?

In reporting for the group that considered information sharing, Alex Cullen stated that his group looked at internal matters. They discussed the use and distribution of information in brief so that members may identify those items of greatest importance. Then each CA could read about the matter in depth or in part deciding take action or ignore the item.

Bob Brocklebank reporting for the membership group explained that adding value to member organizations is not merely formalized contact but should include social aspects. Further there is the lack of facilities limiting contact among associated individuals. The group felt that local people should

be recognized by FCA and/or by the City. Mentorship might be encouraged by partnerships linking sister/brother organizations inside the FCA.

Bonnie Charron and Miranda Gray reported for the issues group highlighting operational, practical reaction, and timing. An example is Old Ottawa East practical response to Infill Issues. The group saw that young people should be trained to look at issues and build capacity within the FCA. It should be remembered that issues may be very localized dealing with getting xyz on my block or in my neighbourhood.

Greame Roderick explained that the Activities Group discussed our General Meeting/workshop formats including speed dating and themed meetings. Opportunity to express and discuss viewpoints was considered more desirable than having many guest speakers. There is a difficult balance between networking and time for members to explore a theme as well as time for FCA business matters. Regarding workshops, we need to identify the scope of the topic to attract the widest interest. For example, was the scope of the recent Transportation Workshop: the *Transportation Master Plan* too broad? We must ask why members or others from their Association's board might attend a particular workshop? Yes, interests vary.

Committee Reports

Governance Committee On behalf of the Governance Committee, Bob reported that there had been three meetings on engagement some time ago but that he was optimistic now that Jocelyn Turner has been designated to lead the City staff involvement in engagement. The workplan for the Planning Dept. is being analysed; we have lists but are seeking clarification of the meaning of the projects.

Transportation Committee Alex reported that he was pleased that 21 people had attended the Transportation Workshop and that he wished to acknowledge Robert, John, Trevor, and Roland who led the discussion of the four aspects of the TMP - walking & cycling, roads, affordability, and transit. Alex stated that the various discussion group topics, the Committee description of the TMP discussions and the results of the Transportation Survey will be integrated into a comprehensive elaboration of the matters which should form parts of the City's updating of the TMP.

While Alex will have the survey results posted on the FCA website, he did set out the kinds of information presented in the responses of the 111 respondents to the survey. The replies on question # 1 indicate that safety and complete streets are the priority. On transit, service and affordability are critical. To decrease car use respondents chose road design, transit and congestion. Affordability was most promoted through Federal-Provincial contributions and equity considerations. Kanata, Barrhaven and Gatineau were the areas which should be the next areas served by LRT construction after 2023. Increasing transit demand depends on service availability, design of the transit system and lessening road capacity. 75% of respondents were from within the Greenbelt. 30% of the respondents were new to the FCA.

Communications Committee Thierry advised the members that the committee terms of reference are approved. A function of the committee has been to organize a monthly survey on the theme of the upcoming monthly general meeting, while the Committee teased its way through the wide variety of functional needs that good practice imposes on an operating organization. Certainly qualitative data are becoming more readily available. Police test cases with Lowertown and Overbrook C A's are of interest. They do show the need for a safety and security committee.

Environment Committee has not been formed by FCA. It should be noted that the Parks Summit will be held on April 22 followed by an Earth Day reception. As well the City's Glad Cleaning the Capital campaign is underway. Riverside C A will be having a plant sale. The Glebe Old Home day is being celebrated on earth day.

Governance Committee Bob informed the members that public engagement discussions are happening and will begin on May 10th.

Dan Garvey with the Planning Department will issue official notification of development applications.

Membership Committee Bob indicated that approaches were made to 128 community associations of which 21 have paid the 2017 membership fee to date. There were 45 organization members in 2016.

Planning Committee met with members of GOHBA [Greater Ottawa Home Builders Association] on March 30: Discussion involved R 4 Zoning review, Infill 1 and 2 review in Fall 2017 including Streetscape Analysis. The FCA Planning Workshop is recommended for Fall 2017. The R 4 Zoning Submission due date has been extended to May 31.

Maria-Luisa noted that the consultation on Planning Act Section 37 Benefits has involved only four community associations. It is expected to produce a report on September. It is a follow up from a 2012 FCA response on money and benefits and a review of GOHBA analysis. The FCA will submit a summary to City Planning Committee

Sanctuary City

It was noted that the Sanctuary City concept was received and discussed by the Community and Protective Services Committee but no recommendation was forwarded to City Council.

Future Meeting Guests

Sheila noted that Stephen Willis will come to the May 17th FCA meeting to discuss the impact of the reorganization pattern for the City staff and the Planning Department in particular. Marc Denhez, a recently retired member of the OMB, will be the FCA guest speaker at the FCA AGM on June 15; his topic will be appropriate changes needed for the better functioning of the Ontario Municipal Board.

Information Items

Maria-Luisa – Register as a member organization for AGM and please use the FCA registration form

Chad commented that ASH had issues with R4 Zoning review and will pursue the matter at a public meeting on Thursday, April 27 in Sandy Hill East Centre at 7:00 pm.

Awards are listed at the first tab on FCA website and nominations are due May 15th

101 in one Day will be June 3rd coordinated by SynapCity with communities as the hubs of activities.

Don Stewart reminded the members that the FUN AGM meeting on April 29 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm and made available on the FUN website

Bonnie Charron won the draw for a bouquet of flowers

Adjournment: 9:15 pm