



FCA GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING

June 15, 2017-- For immediate Release: The Federation of Citizen's Associations of Ottawa (FCA) is pleased to announce its lineup for its 30th annual General Meeting. The Meeting will take place **June 15th , 7:15 p.m. at City Hall in the Colonel By room.**

The FCA has gone through a transformative year with many groups from around the city participating in civic activities ranging from planning to safety and security, transportation, environmental causes and many more. The FCA acts as a bridge connecting both community and City Hall to enable more community engagement in civic issues. Guest speakers from all levels of government including councillors and top level city staff are regularly invited to the FCA's general meetings.

This year's AGM will feature guest keynote speaker Marc Denhez, a lawyer and former member of the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB), who will be providing an allocution titled: ***Fixing the planning system.***

"We are delighted to welcome Marc Denhez as our guest speaker. His background, knowledge and experience with OMB cases and planning issues are most helpful in our communities," says FCA President Sheila Perry.

Also featured will be the presentation of **the 2017 FCA Awards**, This year's recipients include Judy Forrest from the Centretown Citizens Community Association, Ian Johns from the Lowertown Community Association and Archie Campbell from the Dalhousie Community Association.

Judy Forest will be receiving the **FCA Award** given to outstanding volunteer contribution to the mission / activities of the FCA.

Judy Forrest: "I very much appreciate this recognition of the work that I have done over the years for my community, especially coming from an organization that I worked for many years ago."

Ian Johns is receiving the **FCA Builder's Award** given to recipients who improve the quality of life of the city's citizens.

Ian Johns: " I am so pleased to receive this award, and especially because it comes from the Community Associations whose members are the back bone of our communities and work so hard to improve this city."

Archie Campbell will be receiving the **FCA's Lifetime Achievement Award**. This award is for Outstanding voluntary contribution to improving the quality of life of the fellow citizens, not only at the neighbourhood and/or ward level, but may be at the city and/or provincial/national level. They have been an inspiration to others, steadfastly engaging others to participate in civic life.

Archie Campbell, co founder of the Dalhousie Community Association, a member of FCA since 1986: "I'm very honoured to receive this award, though also humbled by knowing of many others who deserve this award more than I do. I look forward to adding their names to this award in the years to come. I'm especially proud of my work with The Centretown Buzz, a community newspaper in Somerset Ward jointly run by two community associations, which has published on a monthly basis for nearly 22 years."

FCA President Sheila Perry: "We are very proud to award the following recipients our FCA Awards. They have set a high standard and are exemplary in their contributions to neighbourhoods and community building in Ottawa."

About the FCA

The FCA-FAC is the forum for citizens associations and similar non-profit volunteer groups in Ottawa, Canada. Member associations share information about issues facing their communities and, when appropriate, take joint action. The FCA encourages discussion of civic affairs. It does not endorse parties or candidates seeking office. The FCA is an incorporated non-profit corporation under Ontario law and, as such, can appear in its own right before the Ontario Municipal Board.

The FCA membership includes associations from the city center, the inner suburbs, the suburban communities outside the Greenbelt and rural Ottawa. The membership of the FCA is not comprehensive — there are established community groups which are not yet members of the FCA. Nevertheless the FCA strives to communicate with all identifiable community groups.

FCA AGM Meeting Agenda

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