



**General Meeting October 18, 2017 from 7:15pm  
Routhier Community Centre, 172 Guigues Ave  
Draft Agenda**

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10. New Business	20	100
a) Budget Issue - Glebe		
b) CAFÉS - Ottawa city Green energy strategy		
c) Housing First Issues - Vanier CA		

Next FCA General Meeting – Wednesday November 22, 2017 - Sandy Hill

**Directions to Routhier Community Centre**  
<https://goo.gl/maps/cYV6j4CTUB52>

Transit: OC Transpo bus 6

**Directions:** From 417 take Nicolas street exit, turn right on Besserer and left on Cumberland. Take Cumberland all the way down past St-Patrick and Guigues is the street just north of St-Patrick. Other option is to take Vanier Parkway exit from 417 and go down (north) until St-Patrick. Turn left on St-Patrick going west and turn right at Cumberland. There is free parking at the back of the Routhier Centre.

### **Agenda item 3a– Introduction to Lowertown**

Lowertown Community Association: [www.lowertown-basseville.ca](http://www.lowertown-basseville.ca)

Historical Introduction to Lowertown: <http://www.lowertown-basseville.ca/introduction.html>

Demographics + additional info: <http://www.lowertown-basseville.ca/our-community--notre-communauteacute.html>

### **Agenda item 10a – Budget motion - Glebe Community Association**

Motion resolves that the GCA participate in the City's pre-budget consultations, including through the FCA, recommending that \$1.5M be allocated in the City's 2018 budget for FTEs and programming/project resources for the Renewable Energy Strategy (also known as "Energy Evolution").

Motion: Be It Resolved That the FCA provide input to the City's pre-budget consultations as well as Budget 2018 Committee and Council meetings,

- urging that the City dedicate \$1.5 million of Hydro Ottawa dividends annually to the Energy Evolution Program, in order to resource,
  - project funding under the program including local counterpart funding for accessing and leveraging provincial and federal climate change funds, and
  - a minimum of 2 permanent staff positions and part time resources and professional consultants as necessary

More information: <http://fca-fac.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/GCA-motion-RES-budget-2018.docx.pdf>

### **Additional Business item 10b - CAFES update: City renewable energy strategy**

From Liz Bernstein, President, Lowertown Community Association: We need you to demand a REAL renewable energy strategy from the city of Ottawa, and funding commitments of at least \$1.5 million in the 2018 budget to implement some of the strategy.

5 Actions you can take:

1) Contact your councillors and the Mayor to demand a real renewable and financial commitment.

2) Participate in our renewed push for a meeting with the Mayor. We requested a meeting in April and never received one. We met with Councillor Chernushenko in May. Some have met again since.

I propose we renew our request for a meeting - if you did not yet join our call for a meeting there is still time - please let me know urgently if you will join. See attached.

3) Participate in 2018 Budget consultation process - inform your Councillor of your request related to the budget, attend consultations. Here is information on the Budget 2018 process: <http://ottawa.ca/en/city-hall/budget-and-taxes/budget/budget-2018>

4) Attend the November 21 meeting of the Environment and Climate Change Committee as the Renewable Energy Strategy is on the agenda.

5) Sign and share Ecology Ottawa's petition - share news in your newsletters and social media:

[http://www.ecologyottawa.org/real\\_clean\\_energy\\_strategy\\_petition](http://www.ecologyottawa.org/real_clean_energy_strategy_petition)

Background information (includes Glebe motion from 10a):

[http://fca-fac.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/CAFES\\_backgroundinfo171011.pdf](http://fca-fac.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/CAFES_backgroundinfo171011.pdf)

Original letter to Mayor:

[http://fca-fac.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/17-05-11-Letter-to-Mayor\\_CAFES.pdf](http://fca-fac.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/17-05-11-Letter-to-Mayor_CAFES.pdf)

### **Additional business item 10c - Vanier CA Housing First and Homelessness Prevention**

<https://www.housingfirstottawa.com/>

Community Associations are increasingly facing development project proposals that may drastically alter their neighbourhoods. At the same time, research demonstrates that healthy neighbourhoods require a balance of housing that serves a wide range of income needs and services. The City of Ottawa has a Ten Year Housing and Homelessness Plan. Do the criteria and guidelines serve the needs of our communities in Ottawa? We look forward to exploring the issue of affordable housing and the City of Ottawa strategy at our general meeting. Vanier Community Association has issued the attached report and invitation to an open meeting on Thursday, October 12 from 6 to 8 pm.

For further information: <http://ottawa.ca/en/residents/social-services/housing/affordable-housing> <http://ottawa.ca/en/residents/social-services/housing#our-10-year-housing-homelessness-plan>

More information on declaration on FCA website: <http://fca-fac.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Declaration-onSalvation-Army-Project-333Montreal-Rd.Déclaration-sur-le-projet-du-Salvation-Armée-au-33-rue-Montréal.pdf>

October 6, 2017

### **VCA's statement on the Salvation Army's planned project at 333 Montreal Road**

Over the past few weeks, many VCA board members and members at large have been engaged in several community committees to build an evidence-based response to the Salvation Army's proposal on 333 Montreal Road. The VCA favours an effective program to support homeless individuals, including appropriate shelters, but we do not support the model proposed by the Salvation Army. Instead, we applaud the work that is accomplished by our 12 small shelters on a daily basis in Vanier, as they embrace what we believe are the most effective ways to support homeless individuals and end chronic homelessness; the Housing First Model.

As pointed out by many experts at the Housing First Symposium in Vanier, the overconcentration of shelters in one area (12 in Vanier) will foster acute chronic homelessness as well as have negative socio-economic impact on the community at large. Therefore, we ask the City of Ottawa to take into consideration factors of socio-economic impacts on families, children, businesses, seniors, and French culture to ensure the quality of life of all residents as the City has committed to in the 2012 Plan for Sustainability and Resilience. We also urge the City of Ottawa to respect its commitment to endorse the housing First Model Paradigm in its policies and initiatives. While the City of Ottawa has officially endorsed the Housing First Model in its 10-year Housing and Homelessness Plan, we see limited evidence of a broad-based implementation of the model, although we are encouraged by recent steps just in the last two years with provincial funding, for example, through the John Howard Society. Moreover, as a service manager, the City has the responsibility to ensure that service delivery agencies respect the standards and criteria set and endorsed by the City of Ottawa. It is also important to note that many cities (Toronto, Washington, Winnipeg, Halifax, Washington, San Francisco, Paris) and countries (Australia, United States, France) are moving away from mega shelters to implement the Housing First model, unfortunately the City of Ottawa is not demonstrating any leadership to implement the Housing First Model. Considering this evidence, we request the suspension of the current proposal review and ask for a moratorium on all new shelters until the City considers the related issues toward a more effective implementation of Ottawa's Housing and Homelessness Strategy similar to that undertaken by the City of Toronto.

The 333 Montreal proposal also presents major concerns regarding existing bylaws and planning principles based on the City's review and public consultations in 2008 in regards to the location of shelters in the city. An independent report to the City has highlighted that shelter rules are being misconstrued for the benefit of the proposed development and not in line with the

city planning policies regarding shelter locations. The VCA believes the SA proposal, as presented, will set a concerning precedent not only for Vanier, but for every single community in the City of Ottawa. **Thus, we would like to invite Community Associations from across Ottawa to meet with the VCA on Thursday, October 12th from 6:00 to 8 pm at 290 Dupuis St. to discuss the Housing First model, a city-wide strategy and how you can support us to ensure that such a proposed project does not happen in any community in Ottawa. For more information, please contact the VCA [vca.acv@gmail.com](mailto:vca.acv@gmail.com)**

**Planned dates for General Meetings:**

Nov. 22, Dec. 20, Jan. 17, Feb. 21, Mar. 21, Apr. 18, May 16, AGM Jun. 20

**Planned Executive/Board Meetings:**

Oct. 25, Nov. 29, Jan. 25, Feb. 28, Mar. 28, Apr. 25, May 23, Jun. 23