

**Federation of Citizens' Associations of Ottawa
General Meeting of 18 October 2017
Routhier Community Centre, 172 Guigues Ave
Minutes (Draft)**

Attendees: Sheila Perry [Overbrook CA – Chair], Robert Brinker [Carlington CA], Bob Brocklebank [Glebe CA], Morley Brownstein [Bel Air CA], Archie Campbell [Dalhousie CA], Bonnie Charron [Riverside Park CA], Joe Chouinard [New Edinburgh CA], Joan Clark [City View CA], Denys Cooper [Dows Lake RA], Alex Cullen [Belltown NA], Erwin Dreessen [Greenspace Alliance], Miranda Gray [Convent Glen Orleans Wood CA], Thierry Harris [Lowertown CA], Angela Keller-Herzog [Glebe CA], Bruce Lindsay [Riverside South CA], Rod MacLean [Katimavik Hazeldean CA], Jennifer McFarran [Vanier CA], Pat McLachlan [Glens/Pineglen CA], Cora Murphy [Woodroffe North CA], Stefan Perrault [Synapcity], Chritian Pupp [Old Ottawa East CA], Graeme Roderick [Tanglewood Hillsdale CA], Sandra Miton [Lowertown CA]. John Stevenson [Bike Ottawa], Don Stewart [Westboro Beach CA], Samantha Strath [Vanier CA], Phil Sweetnam [Stittsville VA], Nancy Wilson [City View CA]

1.0 Welcome: 7:15 pm Sheila Perry, President, welcomed members to Routhier Community Centre.

2.0 Approval of the Amended Agenda: moved by Don Stewartt/seconded by Alex Cullen CARRIED

3.0 Lowertown/Basseville CA: Lowertown is the oldest community in the city of Ottawa. It's a bilingual community of 12,200.. Covering less than 3 sq kilometers, it contains a number of waterways, It includes the ByWard Market in the south-western, and residential properties in the north and east. It comprises residents of Français, Irish, Jewish and Catholic Canadian heritage. The area has a community police officer. The main concerns of the Community Association are: transportation, safety, housing/homelessness, heritage conservation and planning in the context of the environment. The Association has a website: lowertown-basseville.ca, a facebook page: [facebook.com/LowertownBasseville](https://www.facebook.com/LowertownBasseville) and a twitter account: @MyLowertown:.

3.1 Greetings were received from Thierry Harris VP Lowertown Community Association, Councillor Mathieu Fleury (Rideau Vanier), MPP Nathalie Des Rosier (Rideau-Vanier) and MP Mona Fortier (Ottawa-Vanier). Those in attendance or their representative answered questions.

4.0. Federation's response to City of Ottawa's Transportation Master Plan (2013) [TMP]:

The sixteen recommendations articulated in the 10 page document are based on an April 23 workshop to which 40 people attended and a Survey of FCA member associations. In summary: The FCA supports the goals of the TMP and recognizes that there has been progress in meeting some of these goals. Nevertheless the FCA believes there are opportunities now to adjust policies in order to better achieve the TMP's goals.

4.1 MOTIONS:

4.1.0 Moved by Alex Cullen and seconded by Miranda Gray that this document be sent to the Chair and members of the City's Transportation Committee, and that a request be made for an opportunity to make a presentation at the November 01st Committee meeting.

4.1.1 Move to amend was made by Angela Keller-Herzog and seconded by Jennifer McFarran that the recommendation be expanded to include:- the City of Ottawa provide additional resources to ParaTranspo to enable it to better meet the demand for this service by our aged and disabled communities. CARRIED

4.1.2 Moved by consensus that the amended document be sent to [as stated above] CARRIED

4.1.3 Moved by Angela Keller and seconded by Graeme Roderick that an applicable press release be sent to media contacts. CARRIED

Members of the committee would be the core of the delegation attending the Nov 01 meeting. Community Associations are encouraged to communicate with their councillors on relevant recommendations for their neighbourhood.

5.0 Networking Break

6.0 Open Mike on local community issues:

a) Synapcity.ca (formerly Citizens Academy): Stefan Perrault reported that on November 2 and 16, their organization is holding a workshop on “Come Imagine Barrhaven, with registration by October 31. Synapcity also holds boot-camps of six evening sessions to learn how the City of Ottawa works, targeted to people looking to improve life in Ottawa: “Become a city maker. The organization also uses a Pop Up approach to reaching local citizens.”

b) Federal Sustainable Development Act: Morley Brownstein observed that the House of Commons Committee on the Environment and Sustainable Development had recently recommended amendments to the Federal Sustainable Development Act. Not contained was a recommendation to include the National Capital Commission (NCC) within its mandate. When hearings are held on these amendments, this recommendation will be made. Morley could be a contact person for FCA members who are interested.

7.0 Approval of the September 20 Minutes of the FCA General Meeting: Moved by Alex Cullen/seconded by Don Stewart – CARRIED

8.0 Treasurer’s Report –In absence of Treasurer Lorne Cutler, it was reported by the chair that our book balance is approximately \$7000.

9.0 Committee Reports:

9.1 Communication: Keeping current our website, our newsletter, surveys, e-mail Alerts is a challenge. Persons interested in joining this vital committee could speak to Theiry Harris or Bob Brocklebank

9.2 Governance: Bob Brocklebank continues to monitor the City’s progress in achieving its targets in implementing its Public Engagement approaches and tools. City staff have been made aware that FCA and its member associations awaits its often delayed Report on City’s progress.

9.2.1 Office Plan Review: Last completed in 2013, in the next review City will again involve the FCA.

9.3 Logistics: Don Stewart indicated the meeting schedule is

November 22nd All Saints Community hub 10 Blackburn @Laurier

December social event

January 17 Tanglewood Park Community Centre, 30 Woodfield Drive;

February, Katimavik; March April May

June 20, AGM City Hall,

Help fill in the location!

9.4 Finance: No report

9.5 Membership: New members should speak with Miranda Gray or inquire via info@fca-fac.ca

9.6 Planning: In Chad Rollins’s absence, the chair reported that an autumn Planning Forum was held on October 17. Reference was made to the status of the City’s infill review and Bill 139.

9.7 Social: No report

9.8 Transportation: In November and December, representations will be made to City committees on the budget implication of the recommendations contained in our Response to City of Ottawa's Transportation [see #4.0 above TMP]. Next meeting will be in January 2018.

10.0 New Business:

10.1 Energy Evolution Program (raised by the Glebe Community Association):

MOTION:

10.1.1 Moved by Angela Keller-Herzog and seconded by Robert Brocklebank that FCA provide input to the City's pre-budget consultations as well as to the 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 CARRIED

10.2 REAL renewable energy strategy (Lowertown Community Association):

MOTION

10.2.1 Moved by consensus to receive the request that the FCA and its members consider demanding a real renewable energy strategy from the city of Ottawa and seeking funding commitments of at least \$1.5 million in the 2018 budget to implement some of the strategy. CARRIED

ACTION: Executive Committee

Member Associations could:

- 1) Contact your councillors and the Mayor to demand a real renewable and financial commitment.
- 2) Participate in our Associations renewed push for a meeting with the Mayor
- 3) Participate in 2018 Budget consultation process - inform your Councillor of your request related to the budget, attend consultations.
- 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 .

10.3 An Ottawa-wide strategy to support homeless individuals (Vanier CA) With the potential move of the Salvation Army Shelter from George Street to Montreal Road, Vanier, their Community Association would like the support of the FCA and other neighbourhood Associations

10.3.1 MOTIONS

10.3.1a Moved by Samantha Strath and second by Catherine Hacksel that FCA asks the City for a review of the Salvation Army's proposal in the context of 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan, and for a review of the Planning Department's recommendations to ensure that rules are applied. Moreover, the FCA and its members endorse the VCA's official public statement addressed to the Mayor and their respective City Councillor to express their opposition to the project.

10.3.1b Moved by Alex Cullen and seconded by consensus to divide the motion at the end of the first sentence. CARRIED

10.3.2 Moved by Alex Cullen, second by Thierry Harris that FCA asks the City for a review of the Salvation Army's proposal in the context of 10-its Year Housing and Homelessness Plan (2014-2024), and for a review of the Planning Department's recommendations to ensure that related rules have been applied. CARRIED

10.3. 3. Moved by Samantha Strath, seconded by Jennifer McFarran that the FCA endorse the VCA's official public statement addressed to the Mayor and their respective City Councillor to express their opposition to the project. FAILED

Community Associations had been invited to a meeting on October 12 to seek to develop a city wide strategy. Those present were asked to become involved.

11.0 Notice of Motion: Reimbursement of Donations to Municipal Candidates

Mover: Don Stewart

12.0 Adjournment moved by Archie Campbell CARRIED

Graeme Roderick, Secretary

Sheila Perry, President