

Federation of Citizens' Associations of Ottawa (FCA-FAC)
General Meeting of February 21, 2018 - Minutes
Approved: March 21 2018

Attendees: Sheila Perry [Overbrook CA] chair, Morley Brownstein [Bel Air CA], John Stevenson [Bike Ottawa], Matilde Hahn [Britannia Village], Robert Binker [Carlington CA], Maria Luisa Marti (Centertown CA), Miranda Gray [Convent Glen, Orleans Woods CA]. Dona Roney [Chatelaine CA], Bob Brocklebank [Glebe CA], Sue Stefko [Glebe Annex CA], Erwin Dreessen [Greenspace Alliance], Kul Kapoor [Kanata Hazeldean CA], Rod MacLean [Kanata-Hazeldean CA] John Chenier [Lowertown CA], Phil Sweetnam [Stittsville VA], Graeme Roderick [Tanglewood-Hillsdale CA], Don Stewart [Westboro Beach CA], Dave Grosvenor [Woodroffe N. CA] and Cora Murphy [Woodroffe N. CA].

Guests: Councillor Bob Monette, [Orleans, Ward 1], Dan Chenier [Ottawa Recreation, Culture and Facilities Services], Deanna Schofield [Recreation, Culture and Facilities Services – Strategic Initiatives], Genny St. Amour [Recreation, Culture and Facilities Services - Program and Project Management], Anouk Hoedman [Safe Wings Ottawa], Diane Holmes [Safe Wing Ottawa], Maria Lahiff, [Volunteer Ottawa]

1.0 Welcome: 7:20 pm. Sheila Perry, President, welcomed members to Bob McQuarrie Recreation Complex, 1490 Youville Drive.

The theme of this meeting was Revisiting Design Standards for Recreation Infrastructure

2.0 Approval of Agenda: moved by A. Cullen/seconded by consensus
CARRIED

3.0 Community Association organizing this gathering:

Convent Glens - Orléans Woods is bordered to the north by the Ottawa River, the south by St. Joseph Blvd., the east Champlain St. and the west by the National Capital Commission's Greenbelt. It is an established area, with many of the homes having been built during the 1970s. Both Anglophones and Francophones are well-represented in the community. The association was revitalized in 2013. The Association seeks to preserve and enhance the quality of life in the residents through communications, leisure activities such as a Winter Carnival and through work with the ward councillor and other civic groups on projects such as the recently established Ski Heritage East Trail. Development, and Transportation, with a current focus on LRT; are ongoing concerns. The Association has a monthly e-newsletter published in both languages, a website: <http://www.conventglenorleanswood.com>, a twitter tag: @CGOWCA, a Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CGOWAssociation> & e-mail address: conventglenorleanswood@gmail.com

Chatelaine Community Associations is an adjacent neighbourhood Association in Orléans

3.1 Greetings were received from M. Gray, president of CGOWCA, Councillor B. Monette, and Rec & Culture General Manager D. Chenier.

4.0 Recreation, Culture and Facility Services:

a) Donations to the City – A review and development of policy/guidelines on donor/sponsor is underway . This statement would set out policy under which the City will accept donations from

community and private groups, as well as a procedure for the recognition of donor contribution (i.e. use of space over a pre-determined time period).

b) Recreation Infrastructure Standards. Revised standards would be applied to the development and costing of a ten-year set of priorities for new facility that can also be applied when renewing aging facilities. The collection/ allocation of development charges (i.e. Cash in Lieu of Parklands) would also inform priorities. Today's presentation is the first in a series on consultation the department wishes to undertake in reformulating these standards. Given the time limitations of this meeting, city staff would be pleased to conduct a more extensive dialogue with our members.

5.0 Member's New Benefit: FCA-FAC is a member of Volunteer Ottawa (VO). Ms. Lahiff, their staff, explained that amongst the new benefits of membership with VO is a discount our member organizations can use for a wide range of training courses oriented to the volunteer sector. A complete listing of offerings and registration information is available at <https://www.volunteerottawa.ca/>. To register for a course, current member organization would require a password. FCA/VO are working out a way members could obtain the requisite password. VO also offers tailored facilitations such as board of directors' governance/development, strategic planning , volunteer recruitment/retention etc.

6.0 Network Break:

7.0 . Safe Wings Ottawa – A. Hoedman , founder and coordinator of Safe Wings Ottawa, indicated this is an initiative of the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club to reduce bird mortality from window collisions. It does so through research, prevention and rescue. Full information is available at www.safewings.ca

8.0 Open Mike on local community issues:

a) Integrating subsidized housing projects into local community:

Context: The city's rent-supplement program currently has 3500 units in private or non-profit rental housing which provides affordable accommodation across Ottawa for eligible low and moderate-income households. At present, there are also 22,500 social housing units across Ottawa.

S. Stefko asked other Associations with relevant experience, what approaches have they utilized to foster integration [i.e. connection to local resources]. She could be reached at info@glebeannex.ca .

9.0 Approval of January 17 2018 Minutes of our General Meeting – Moved: G.Roderick/
seconded: A. Cullen. CARRIED

9.1 Business Arising:

None

10.0 Treasurer's Report –As indicated in the January meeting proceedings (# 8.0), although we have 'savings', there's been a year-over-year shortfall in net income. The Finance Committee and others are meeting on March 11 to consider options. An example of a recurring expense has been renting space in City owned community buildings. The City has recently agreed to waive the fee.

11.0 Committee Reports:

11.1 Communication: The communications team is cautiously exploring new methods of improving communications with and among FCA members and other regular participants in our activities. The Google Calendar is one such tool. The team keeps current our website, monthly Newsletter, surveys, e-mail, Alerts etc. Persons interested in joining this committee could speak to B. Brocklebank. It was noted that Tech Soup Canada offers software to not-for-profit organizations at a very reduced price.

Regarding the survey done in conjunction with the January workshop Ottawa - a City of Neighbourhoods, at the time of the Feb 04 finale, 81 individuals from 27 community associations had participated. The results will soon be in circulation.

11.2 Governance: The City said it would release a report on implementing their Public Engagement targets during the first quarter 2018. By next meeting, it should be known whether there will further delays.

11.3 Logistics: Don indicated the meeting schedule is March 21 Kativacik-Hazeldean; Kanata Recreation Complex, 100 Charlie Rogers Place with a theme of Community Safety and Drugs.

April: One CA is looking onto the possible use of space. ,

May and June 20, AGM - City Hall. Please help us fill in locations! acquired

11. 4 Finance: Finance Committee is working on a Business Plan that should assist us in going forward. Ideas are welcome. FCA is positioning itself to apply for a Trillium Foundation's Grow Grant. Registration by April 25 and application by May 16.

11.5 Membership: See item # 5.0 above. Renewing FCA members have until the end of April to remit fee. .

11.6 Planning & Zoning:

11.6.1 R4 Zoning Review - Since 2016, our Planning & Zoning Network has participated in various "Review" discussions with City officials and with the development industry. 'Reviews' were largely stimulated by modification or expansion of residential buildings in the inner urban area into what has been termed "bunkhouses" – dwellings with many bedrooms. Many measures would apply not only in R4 zones, but city-wide. It has now been proposed to proceed to the first of two stages which includes:

- Clarify bylaw definitions (e.g. rooming house vs dwelling unit, over-sized dwelling unit and single - housekeeping unit);
- Restrict number of bedrooms in a Dwelling Unit in a multi-unit building to a max. of 4 bedrooms per unit;
- Permit Over-Sized Dwelling Units to a maximum of 8 bedrooms in detached dwellings asof-
- right in any residential zone;
- Require major rezoning to allow an Over-Sized Dwelling Unit in a multi-unit building;
- Require enclosed prescribed garbage storage and curb-side access. Remove prescribed landscaping requirement for low-rise apartments of up to 12 units.

Community groups are invited to submit comments by Feb. 28. City staff intend to officially release proposals in April for Planning Committee consideration in May.

11.6.2 Policies regarding Rooming Houses -

A review of policies regarding rooming houses has also been launched by the City.

Information and an invitation to complete a survey can be found at

<https://ottawa.ca/en/residents/laws-licenses-and-permits/laws/rooming-house-licensinglawreview>

11.6.3: Ottawa - A City of Neighbourhoods:

The Jan 27 workshop with expert panel of S. Willis (City of Ottawa), D. Renfroe (GOHBA) and R. Delaney [Collaborative Decision Making] was well received by over 100 participants. The

break-out groups were also viewed as productive. A Summary of Proceedings remains a work in progress

11.7 Social: Bayview Yards, a one-stop location for technology and marketing talent and businesses, would be a great place for the FCA to hold a focused networking gathering & social. The Executive continues to explore how this rendezvous might come together.

11.8 Transportation: FCA Transportation Committee met on January 31. It focused on developing transportation-related questions for both provincial & municipal candidates for the upcoming elections. Next meeting will be the evening of March 1 at McNabb Community Centre (180 Percy St.).

11.9 Nomination & Recognition Committee: The synopsis of the awards for 2018 were circulated.

Moved by the chair **that M. L. Marti and J. Chenier be elected as the member representatives to the nomination committee, the former president G. Roderick being the chair.** CARRIED

12.0 New Business:

12.1 Workshop on All Candidates Meetings: With a Provincial General Election in June and a Municipal Election in October, a March 15 workshop is being held at McNabb Community Centre. A poster for can be found at <http://fca-fac.ca/wpcontent/uploads/2018/02/180315wk.pdf>. Of interest to community groups intending to organize all candidate meetings

12.2 Development of a strategy for post-municipal election engagement: After the last municipal election, FCA were determined to make themselves and our views better known to the Councilors. We did so. Might we do so again, perhaps discouraging mayor and council from imposing an annual limit of a 2% tax-increase?.

12.3 Site alteration Bylaw: The text for the proposed bylaw was published on February 20, and placed on the agenda for the Planning Committee on February 27. For background matter, visit <https://ottawa.ca/en/site-alteration-law-development>, FCA's letter dated 22 September 2017. <http://fca-fac.ca/wpcontent/uploads/2018/02/170922sa.pdf> and <http://greenspacealliance.ca/index.php/currentissues-ottawa-city-hall/site-alteration-by-law/>

RESOLUTION: moved by E. Dreesen seconded by D. Stewart -

WHEREAS the City is finally coming forward with a site alteration by-law, a direction going back to the 2003 Official Plan; and

WHEREAS a site alteration by-law is a vital instrument to regulate, in both urban and rural areas, modifications to natural or other open areas including woodlots; and

WHEREAS over the past year City staff has engaged in useful consultation with stakeholders including an FCA/GA¹ Working Group¹; and

WHEREAS on the one hand, the proposed by-law would cover both urban and rural areas and include potential regulation of vegetation removal; but

WHEREAS on the other hand, only site alteration within 30 meters of Natural or Other protected areas so designated in the Official Plan would potentially be pro-actively regulated; would not bring in a permit system for site alteration, would have weak notification provisions and would be enforced only upon complaint; and

WHEREAS every other Ontario municipality that City staff and the FCA/GA Working Group have examined employed a permit system to implement its site alteration by-law; and

WHEREAS there are strong indications that landowner and developer stakeholders oppose even

¹ Greenspace Alliance

this weak by-law; and

WHEREAS the FCA/GA Working Group, in its final comments to staff, concluded that, on balance, this by-law cannot be supported;

therefore, be it

RESOLVED that:

FCA Members support in principle the conclusion reached by the FCA/GA Working Group,

BUT, if Council proceeds with this by-law, that at least it be amended by

- **requiring that the Ward Councillor be notified of any intended site alteration;**
- **requiring a permit for any site alteration in peri-urban lands; and**
- **requiring City approval for any site alteration within 120 metres of any Natural or other protected area; AND**

FCA Executive be authorized to present the Members' views when the matter rises to Standing Committees and Council

CARRIED.

Community Associations are encouraged to seek the support for FCA's position with their councillor.

11.0 Adjournment moved by M. Brownstein

CARRIED

Next meeting: in Katimavik-Hazeldean – Kanata Recreation Complex, 100 Charlie Rogers Place.

Graeme Roderick, secretary

Sheila Perry, president