

Federation of Citizens' Associations of Ottawa (FCA-FAC)
General Meeting Minutes: February 20, 2019
Kanata Recreational Complex, 100 Charlie Rogers Place, Kanata
Approved at the March 20 meeting

Attendees: Sheila Perry – chair, Overbrook CA; Morley Brownstein, Bel Air CA; Alex Cullen, Belltown NA; John Stevenson, Bike Ottawa; Micheline Dumont, Brookside, Morgan Grant CA; Steve Nichols, Brookside, Morgan Grant CA; James Ramage, Brookside, Morgan Grant CA; Robert Brinker, Cardington CA; Alice Nakanishi, Centretown Citizens CA; Roland Dorsay, Champlain Park CA; Miranda Gray, Convent Glen, Orleans Wood CA; Archie Campbell, Dalhousie CA; Denys Cooper, Dows Lake CA; Bob Brocklebank, Glebe CA; Stefan Boginski, Greater Avalon CA; Paul Johanis, Greenspace Alliance; Lorne Cutler, Hampton-Iona CA; Kathy Fischer, Huntley CA; Heather Mitchell, Island Park; Neil Thomson, Kanata-Beaverbrook CA; Heather MacLean, Kanata Lakes CA; Lianne Zhou, Kanata Lakes CA; Steve Anderson, Katimavik-Hazeldean CA; Hayley Bennett, Katimavik-Hazeldean; Kul Kupoor, Katimavik-Hazeldean CA; Rod MacLean, Katimavik-Hazeldean CA; Emile Taman, Old Ottawa South CA; Ann Stairs, Riverview Park CA; George Stairs, Riverview Park CA; Phil Sweetnam, Stittsville Village CA; Graeme Roderick, Tanglewood-Hillsdale CA; Don Stewart, Westboro Beach CA and Larry Ladell, Woodpark CA.

Guests: Rob MacLachlan Heritage & Urban Design, Planning, Infrastructure and Economic Development, City of Ottawa, Westley Smith, Stittsville Business Association; Jenny Thompson, Stittsville Business Association; Dennis Van Staalduinen, Wellington West BIA.

1.0 Welcome: 7:20 pm. Sheila Perry welcomed members and guests to the Kanata Recreation Complex. The theme of this meeting was *Connecting CAs and Neighbourhood Businesses*. How can FCA and Businesses Benefit from One another.

2.0 Approval of Agenda: Moved by A. Cullen and D. Stewart CARRIED

3.0 Greeting from the Katimavik-Hazeldean Community Associations. Association president S. Anderson extended welcome and a greeting.

3.1 Community Association Hosting this gathering:

Katimavik-Hazeldean is the area bounded by the Queensway, Hazeldean Road, Eagleson Road and the Carp River. The K- H Community Association was incorporated in 1980. Its mandate is to keep neighbourliness easy: by undertaking projects which enhance and safeguard the quality of life of the community, including promoting and protecting the interests of residents/property owners and by initiating and/or fostering alone or with other organizations (a) responsible community planning & development and (b) activities that promote good citizenship and fellowship. The Association's Executive annually set community improvement goals. For instance in 2018 the 200 anniversary of the founding of Hazeldean was commemorated. It has a website: khca.on.ca/p/blog-page_29.html and an e-mail address: stevewrk@yahoo.ca

4.0 Business Association and Business Improvement Area: Stittsville Business Association and the Wellington West BIA both seek to promote awareness by their members and by the public of what available locally. BA are voluntary and BIA compulsory membership. Members of that BA invest 10% of their profits in their village. Each of the nineteen BIAs in Ottawa strive to enhance their district as a Destination Spot for visitors and potential new businesses via branding/marketing. Where BIAs are located near residential areas, there is an opportunity to

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engage the local Community Associations in a shared vision and joint undertakings. Many Cas mainly look to local individual businesses as event sponsors, source of volunteers, or locations of employment. There ought to be ongoing opportunities for the Executives of the Federation and of Business Organizations to listen and learn from one another.

5.0 Review of the Road Activity Bylaw:

The Road Activity By-law regulates to work over, on and under the City's rights-of-way associated with 'utilities, development or City's infrastructure'. The City has over 12,200 lane-kilometers of road. Anyone intending on excavating the right-of-way must obtain a Road Cut Permit. The review will be done in phases, proposed changes to By-law will be brought to the applicable standing committee(s) and Council during the first quarter of 2019. To provide comments on any aspect of the Road Activity By-law or to receive updates related to this review, email: roadactivity@ottawa.ca

6.0 Networking

7.0 Local Community Issues/Open Mic

The Resolution that accompanied the Agenda which had been received from the Kanata-Beaverbrook CA, referencing the December 14, 2018 announced intention of ClubLink to redevelop golf course lands in Kanata Lakes, was withdrawn before consideration. However, with a proposal to reduce the size of Stonebridge also occurring in 2018, it was suggested that Ottawa communities ought to be vigilant about our City's commitment to the protection of Greenspace.

8.0 Business Meeting

8.1 Minutes of the January 16, 2019 meeting (archived on FCA's website)

On a motion from G. Roderick seconded by consensus, minutes be approved. CARRIED

8.2 Treasurer's report:

On a motion from L. Cutler, seconded by consensus, the treasurer's oral report be received. CARRIED

8.3 President's Report:

Public consultations on the 2019 City Budget continues with Community and Protective Services Committee on February 21, Agriculture & Rural Affaires, February 22; Audit Committee on February 25, Transportation Committee on March 1, and Ottawa Public Library on March 4. Transit Commission and Police Services were held February 20th. Consideration /approval of the budget is scheduled for March 06.

8.4 Communications: Our last e-newsletter was sent February 13. It is being sent to those who subscribe or provide us an e-mail address when attending meetings. If you are not receiving these, advise B. Brocklebank

8.5 Logistics: The March 20 meeting will be hosted by the Greater Avalon Community Association. The April meeting will be hosted by Old Ottawa East and the May meeting hosted by Convent Glen, Orleans Wood CA.

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8.6 Finance: See the Treasurer's Report above.

8.7 Membership: The membership dues are presently due. As a reminder 'Renewals' not yet received will be contacted directly. Inquiries or new members could speak to E. Taman.

8.8 Planning & Zoning:

The Committee meets the second Wednesday of the month at McNabb Recreation Centre, 180 Percy Street. It also has a subscribing network.

- i) On February 14, Council's Planning Committee approved a workplan that will guide development a new official Plan by the end of 2021. An ongoing topic of our Committee is the Federations' contribution to the Plan Review process. We seek to ensure that one of the lenses used to articulate the new Plan is *Ottawa: A City of Neighbourhoods*. Articulate an rationale by March 4.
- ii) *Ottawa Next - Beyond 2036* report was received by Council's Planning Committee on Feb. 14. It would inform the Official Plan discussions by identifying long-term trends, challenges and opportunities facing Ottawa.
- iii) Council's Planning Committee on Feb 14 also advanced its 2019 draft budget, which includes \$64.8 million in operating funding and \$11.8 million in capital funding related to planning. This includes \$6.5 allocated to the Affordable Housing branch in the Committee's operating budget. As can be seen in our own Committee and GM meeting proceedings, Affordable and Accessible Housing has been an ongoing concern.
- iv) **Restoring Ontario's Competitiveness Act (ON: Bill 66):** It claims to cut 'unnecessary, inefficient, inflexible and out of date' regulations. Some of these inefficiencies and inflexibilities ensure citizens' and neighbourhood engagement in Approval Processes and enhance transparency and accountability to the public. There are several provisions which were found in Schedule 10 effected *the Provincial Policy Statement* and the *Planning Act*. The Province will forego most changes which had been identified in schedule 10.
- v) **A concern remains about the future of the Local Planning Appeal Support Centers (LPASC) which were created last April.**
- vi) **Development charges are a hot topic across the province.**
- vii) **Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing S. Clark sponsored an Affordable Housing Forum with knowledgeable persons on January 31. Our president attended. Rap-up session focused on solutions occurred a week ago. Changes will come in the Spring. A Ministry study on housing supply and a summary on discussions to date can be found on our website at <http://fca-fac.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/1902ONhs.pdf> . Those interested in joining a study team to examine the document and possibly propose FCA-FAC input for the study should speak with S. Perry.**
- viii) **The NCC is undertaking a review of the Master Plan of Gatineau Park.**
February 27, 6 pm to 8 pm
Centre Wakefield La Pêche, Gwen Shea Hall, 38 Ch de la Vallée-de-Wakefield, Wakefield
February 28, 6 pm to 8 pm
Meredith Centre, Rooms A and B, 23 Cecil Road, Chelsea

8.9 Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee met Feb 05 at McNabb Community Centre, 180 Percy Street. Made presentation at the Transit Committee 2019 budget hearing on February 20.

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- ✓ Stated concern about Commission's reporting requirements to Council. Matter tabled to next month's meeting.
- ✓ Commission's budget recommendations to Council:
 - \$5.1M/yr. additional funds to enhance service in Ottawa communities
 - Purchase 12 new buses and replace 79 buses
 - A fare freeze of 2.5 percent beginning July 1.
 - Increase call centre staffing for Para Transpo
 - Seniors travel for free on Sundays as well as Wednesdays, beginning July 1
 - Traffic study to improve reliability of services and reduce costs.
- i) FCA will also make a presentation at the Transportation Committee on March 1 regarding the 2019 budget. Among the issues to be addressed will be snow clearance. May in future hold related workshop.
- ii) Most Community Associations would be in support of funding for traffic calming measures.
- iii) Transportation Master Plan Review is an aspect of the Official Plan Review. Our committee aspired to contribute to that Review.

10.0 Adjournment: Consensus motion

CARRIED

Graeme Roderick, secretary

Sheila Perry, president