



**General Meeting Wednesday, December 12, 2018 from 7:00pm  
8 Sweetnam Drive, Stittsville**

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**Directions to 8 Sweetnam Drive**

<https://www.google.ca/maps/place/8+Sweetnam+Dr,+Stittsville,+ON+K2S+1G2/@45.2773473,-75.9247029,15z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x4ccdf5dfc2cf025:0x53c97536d1852131!8m2!3d45.2773472!4d-75.9159428>

Sweetnam Drive runs south from Hazeldean Road. It is east of Stittsville Main Street and West of Huntmar Drive/Iber Road.

**1. Agenda item 4. Linking Leaders Presentation** - Kaite Burkholder Harris is a Project Manager in Community Systems Planning for the Canadian Observatory on Homelessness. She is leading the Making Zero Count Project - a national initiative to define an end to homelessness. She has worked with a number of communities across the country to support local level systems planning to prevent and end homelessness. Linking Leaders is a civic leadership series that brought together a broad based coalition of community leaders passionate about seeing an end to homelessness in Ottawa. We spent three months hearing about the success stories of other communities through guest speakers, and local experts and have crafted a vision of how Ottawa can move forward on this urgent social issue, with a renewed focus on prevention & systems integration. <https://linkingleaders.ca/>

**2. Agenda item 5. Demystifying the City of Ottawa's Finances**

an overview by Lorne Cutler, Treasurer, FCA - Presentation followed by Q/A and recommendations <https://ottawa.ca/en/city-hall/budget/understanding-your-city-budget>

**3. Agenda item 7. Healthy Transportation Coalition**

<https://www.facebook.com/healthytransportation/>

Members of the Healthy Transportation Coalition believe there are many needed improvements in the National Capital Region before we will have a truly healthy transportation network. We need better pedestrian, cycling and public transportation infrastructure. Communities that are home to vulnerable populations should have excellent access to healthy transportation options. Complete Streets that serve all modes of transportation and users, no matter their age or abilities, need to be built in these communities. And, we also need Complete Streets leading to and from public transit stations, schools, green spaces, and areas of our cities that contain local businesses. Improving the linkages between existing cycling, pedestrian, high-occupancy vehicle transportation networks should also be highly prioritized. With a focus on community organizing, research, the need for effective policy and infrastructure, our members fund and co-create projects to build more livable communities.

VALUE PROPOSITION: If we all work together, as members of the Healthy Transportation Coalition, we will make more progress, more quickly.

**Petition for Affordable Housing Near Rapid Transit**

More than 40,000 families in Ottawa do not have housing they can afford. National trends indicate that housing costs increase near rapid transit hubs. The City's plan to expand the Light Rail Transit system causes concern for an increase in housing costs where modest income populations are at a disadvantage. Affordable, inclusive, and equitable Transit-Oriented Development is needed to foster safe and healthy communities, people, and a strong economy.

I/We the undersigned, petition Ottawa City Council to:

- 1) Pass a strong citywide inclusionary zoning by-law that ensures 25% of new development is dedicated to affordable housing and places a special emphasis on deeply affordable housing within 1 km of rapid transit stations;

- 2) Ensure that all available government-owned land within 1 km of current & future rapid transit stations is used for non-profit and co-op housing;
- 3) Create a 2019-2022 Term of Council Priority that integrates transit and planning, with clear, affordable housing targets; and
- 4) Commit at least \$12 million/year of City funding, over and above federal and provincial grants, to build new affordable housing.

#### **4. Agenda item 7. Retail Cannabis sales**

City of Ottawa: Reports to Council:

<http://app05.ottawa.ca/sirepub/mtgviewer.aspx?meetid=7330&doctype=agenda&itemid=378077>

The Vanier Community Association has prepared an extensive briefing note on this topic. The principal questions raised are:

- (1) whether to opt in or out concerning permitting cannabis retail stores within Ottawa (the report recommends opt-in making a strong case to opt in based on economic, public safety and public health grounds), while
- (2) outlining actions which need to be done by the City (policing, changes to by-laws and related enforcement for example on consumption, protection of youth and public education) within its authority and
- (3) the City's role concerning the opening and operation of cannabis retail stores once the decision is notified to opt in.

The complete document is available at <http://fca-fac.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/VCAcann.pdf>

#### **5. Agenda item 10 – Governance Committee**

Residents are invited to apply, by December 13, for appointment to various Agencies, Boards and Committees. Details are [at https://ottawa.ca/en/city-hall/get-know-your-city/volunteering/other-volunteer-opportunities-city/committees-and-boards-recruitment](https://ottawa.ca/en/city-hall/get-know-your-city/volunteering/other-volunteer-opportunities-city/committees-and-boards-recruitment)

#### **6. Agenda item 10 – Planning & Zoning Committee**

The city is reviewing its use of site plan control. Several FCA members have been involved in discussions about possible proposals which may go forward as early as next month, Details on the current application of site plan control are found at <https://ottawa.ca/en/site-plan-control-law-no-2014-256-amended-laws-no-2015-142-2016-271-2016-355-and-2017-320>

A summary of possible changes is found at <http://fca-fac.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/SPC1812.pdf>

A briefing session on the review for community groups is being explored.

#### **7. Agenda item 10 – Transportation Committee**

The FCA Transportation Committee at its Nov. 6, 2018 meeting discussed Council's anticipated Term of Council Priorities for its 4-year term (2018-2022). In past years the City established tax caps for property tax increases (2.5% from 2010 to 2014; 2% from 2014 to 2018).

The Committee believes that such tax caps have led to insufficient funding for road infrastructure, inadequate funding for winter maintenance operations, and transit fare increases (21% from 2011 to 2017 when inflation increased by only 8.4% over the same period). The Transportation Committee agreed that each budget should be presented, discussed and voted on, based on its merits in meeting the needs of the City, not based on an artificial tax limitation.

The FCA Transportation Committee proposes that the FCA recommend to Ottawa City Council that its Term of Council Priorities not include a tax cap on property taxes during Council's term of office, rather, each budget should be presented on its merits.

With respect to the City Budget for 2019, the FCA Transportation Committee proposes that the FCA recommend to Ottawa City Council to provide resources for:

- a cyclist/vehicle driver public education campaign on how to share Ottawa's streets safely,
- additional resources to enhance winter sidewalk maintenance to improve walkability,
- development of a Vision Zero program to eliminate traffic deaths by a target year,
- expanding traffic calming on residential streets,
- development of a transit fare strategy to improve transit ridership, and
- additional resources to Para Transpo to meet the needs of its disabled and elderly clients.