

# **Federation of Citizens' Associations of Ottawa (FCA-FAC)**

**General Meeting Minutes: April 17, 2019**

**Ottawa South Community Centre, 260 Sunnyside Avenue**

**Approved at the May 15 meeting**

**Attendees:** Alex Cullen – chair, Belltown NA; Marty Carr, Alta Vista CA, Morley Brownstein, Bel Air CA; John Stevenson, Bike Ottawa; Cliff Wardle, Briarbrook, Brookside, Morgan's Grant CA; Robert Brinker; Carlington CA; Charity Bartlett, Carlington CA; Philip Bartlett, Carlington CA; Alice Nakanishi, Centretown Citizens CA; Lynne Bankier, Champlain Park CA; Roland Dorsay, Champlain Park CA; David Clark, City View CA; Miranda Gray, Convent Glen-Orléans Wood CA; Archie Campbell, Dalhousie CA; Denys Cooper, Dows Lake CA; Maria Luisa Marti, Friends of James & Bay; Robert Brocklebank, Glebe CA; Jennifer Humphries, Glebe CA; Sue Stefko, Glebe Annex CA; Stafan Boginski, Greater Avalon CA; Erwin Dreessen, Greenspace Alliance; Jay Baltz, Hintonburg CA; Rod MacLean, Katimavik-Hazeldean CA; Peter Ferguson, Lowertown CA; Catherine Milton, Lowertown CA; Allan Smith, Manotick VA; Dorothy Tweedie, McKellar Park CA; Ron Rose, Old Ottawa East CA; Judy Flavin, Old Ottawa South CA; Christy Savage, Old Ottawa South CA; Bethany Armstrong, Old Ottawa South CA; Richard Slowikowski, Old Ottawa South CA; Laura Urrechaga, Old Ottawa South CA; Brian Ure, Old Ottawa South CA; David Behn, Overbrook CA; Steve McNamee, Overbrook CA; Dave Williams, Pineview CA; Kris Nanda, Riverview Park CA; Ann Stairs, Riverview Park CA; Phil Sweetnam, Stittsville VA; Graeme Roderick, Tanglewood-Hillsdale CA; Graham Devine, Westboro CA and Don Stewart, Westboro Beach CA..

**Guests:** Councillor Shawn Menard, Capital Ward (17); Alain Miguelez, Manager of Planning Policy and Resiliency, Infrastructure & Economic Development, City of Ottawa; Jason Burggraaf ED, Greater Ottawa Homebuilders Association.

**1.0 Welcome:** 7:05 pm. Alex Cullen welcomed members and guests to the **Ottawa South Community Centre**. The theme of this meeting was *Ottawa New Official Plan: What Communities Want and How to Get There*.

**2.0 Approval of Agenda:** Moved by R. Brinker and R. Dorsay

CARRIED

**3.0 Greetings:**

**3.1 From the Old Ottawa South Association.** Association president R. Slowikowski extended welcome and spoke of their Association:

Old Ottawa South is bounded by two waterways: the Rideau Canal to the North and the Rideau River to the East and South. It is bounded by Bronson Avenue to the West and by Avenue Road to the East. It is one of Ottawa's oldest neighbourhoods. Its current population is approximately 9,000. Seventy-five percent of homes are either single or semi-detached ones, near 80% being occupant owned. Many homes have heritage status.

There is a strong sense of community:- an elementary school, a library, several parks, a vibrant main street, all being within walking distance or easily accessible by public transportation. The president reflected on this past winter having 89 freeze/thaws cycles that made sidewalk near impossible & street conditions daunting. OACA support maintenance standards being reviewed.

The mission of their Association is to promote quality of life in the community so that it's a pleasant, fulfilling and meaningful place to live by: a) promoting and protecting the interests of the community with respect to planning and development, b) ensuring our community's interests are

communicated to the public and relevant organizations; c) conducting activities of benefit or interest to our neighbours, and d) informing our neighbours about available activities. The Association's 20-member board operates a community centre and a newspaper (OSCAR). It's social media links are: website - [oldottawasouth.ca](http://oldottawasouth.ca), [facebook.com/oldottasouth](https://www.facebook.com/oldottasouth), a [twitter account: @OldOttSouth](https://twitter.com/OldOttSouth) and an e-mail address [president@oldottawasouth.ca](mailto:president@oldottawasouth.ca).

### 3.2 Capital Ward (17)

Councillor Minard was first elected to this 10 sq. km ward in 2018. He is the former president of the Rideau River Residents Association and Centretown Citizen's Community Association. The ward comprises the neighbourhoods of the Dow's Lake, Glebe, Glebe Annex, Heron Park, Old Ottawa East, Old Ottawa South and Riverside, and Carleton University. Its population is approximately 37,600. He aspired to make Ottawa a better place to live.

## 4.0 Panel Discussion on Ottawa's Next Official Plan (OP): A Guide to Growth and Development

**Panelists:** J. Baltz, J. Burggraaf, S. Minard, and A. Miguez

Jay's and Alain's presentations can be found here:

<http://fca-fac.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/BALTZ-FCA-April-2019.pdf>

<http://fca-fac.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/ALAIN-MIGUELEZ-Presentation-to-FCA-April-17-2019.pdf>

The OP establishes a policy framework that informs the shape of the communities where we live, play and work. It shepherds developers and builders. The current planning horizon is up to 2036. The window of the new plan is mid-century. The plan needs to be compatible with the Transportation Master Plan, Infrastructure Master Plan, Greenspace Master Plan and Updated Development Charges Bylaw. It anticipates city boundaries. The City's administration aspires for us to be the most livable mid-size city in North America. Would it then contemplate affordable housing? Aging in Place? Climate change? What ideas might your neighbourhood contribute to the construct *livability* in terms of mix of places to live, heritage, abundance of greenspace, proximity of centres of employment/service and walkability/ease of access to public transportation?

Timelines:

March 2019	Nineteen Discussion Papers on Policy Directions placed in circulation. Neighbourhood Feedback Form open until May 31
March 2019 – Dec 2019	Engagement on <i>Policy Directions</i> FCA assigns persons to City's study groups and to its own Planning Committee's task groups.
Jan 2020 – Jan 2021	Drafted OP placed in circulation. More debate, dialogue, consultation. Finalize changes to draft.
Feb 2021	Statutory Public Meetings at Planning Committee. Listening Calibrating.
Mar 2021	Council adopts OP
Mid- 2022	Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing approvals OP OP takes effect.

It was suggested that community associations speak with staff, express views to your councillor and express views early.

**5.0 Networking -****6.0 Local Community Issues/Open Mic:**

- Development in potential flood plains/watersheds: BBMG CA reports flooding on the Carp Road. The standard of 1/100 year acceptable risk seems questionable in the context of freshets on the Ottawa River in 2017 and now 2019.
- Riverview CA expressed concerns about City's emergency preparedness.
- City View's 21 Withrow Avenue is a farm home built in 1842. Developer Theberge Homes has a conditional offer on the two-acre property and is planning a subdivision. The City View CA wants it for neighbourhood and others' use. It has published a brochure *Kilmore: An Art and Culture Hub and Nature Park – A Place Worth Saving for the Future* that was made available tonight. The Association has been collecting donations to strengthen its plea to City Council to purchase the property. Ward Councillor R. Chiarelli has proposed a 10 year monthly levy to assist with the \$2.3 million purchase price. A majority of residents is supportive. A private partner is also being sought.
- There is no easy way for cyclist/pedestrians to access the Ottawa *Trainyards* from the southside of Industrial Ave. Perhaps an overpass. However, by August 2019, a multi-use pathway (1.2 k) will be in place to improve cyclist/pedestrian links from Riverside Drive to the Smyth Road Hospitals.
- Alta Vista Parkway (Nicholas Street exit of Queensway and run south to Walkley) continues to have the support of the Alta Vista CA.

**7.0 Business Meeting:****7.1 Minutes of the March meeting** (archived on FCA's website):

On a motion from G. Roderick and P. Sweetnam minutes be approved. CARRIED

**7.2 Treasurer's report:**

It was noted that the financial position of FCA remains as reported in the March meeting.

**7.3 Vice-President's Report:**

In the temporary absence of the president, A. Cullen reported that the affairs of the organization continue to be well-managed.

**7.4 Communications:** Our e-newsletter was sent on April 7 to those who subscribe or provide us an e-mail address when attending meetings. If you are not receiving it, advise B. Brocklebank.

**7.5 Logistics:** The May 15 GM will be held at Hunt Club/Riverside Park Community Centre.

**7.6 Finance:** Our fiscal year-end is April 30.

**7.7 Membership:** The membership dues are presently due.

**7.8 Planning & Zoning:**

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

- **Development Charges:** Documentation for the revision of the development charges bylaw, last approved in June 2014, is expected to be released by month's end. Although there has been extensive discussion with the development industry, community groups have been invited to a single briefing only.

Moved by consensus that FCA request greater community involvement be secured in future discussions of Development Charges. CARRIED

- **Urban Boundary Appeals:** Although discussion about a new *Official Plan* has begun (see item 4.0), a few official challenges to the earlier OP's continue.

Moved by E. Dreessen and R. Dorsay that the FCA join in a call for the remaining appeals of the urban boundary be dismissed by Local Planning Appeals Tribunal. CARRIED

In justifying support for dismissal two arguments could be advanced: (1) studies (2013) related to the current OP are now out-of-date and new studies have begun and (2) Council did not consider urban boundary expansion at all so no decision to appeal.

- **Official Plan Stakeholders Meetings:** FCA has been asked to provide nominees to participate in three focus groups: Growth Management, Intensification Strategies and Selection Criteria for Possible Expansion Lands. Meeting to occur from April through June.
- **FCA has assigned interested individuals to comment of the 19 Discussion Papers.**
- **Community Association Boundaries:** The City is working on cataloging/mapping the boundaries of Community Associations. Associations should take the initiatives to advise on what their boundaries are.

### 7.9 Transportation Committee:

The Transportation Committee met April 3 at McNabb Community Centre, 180 Percy Street.

There are 34 members associated with this committee.

At its March meeting the Committee had considered *the Municipal Parking Management Strategy* Policy which is under staff review, with a June reporting date to the Transportation Committee. Of its five objectives, our committee tabled at our last GM meeting suggested changes to # 3 and # 5) objectives for consideration this evening.

Moved by R. Dorsay the following changes be approved and submitted to the City:

*# 3 Promote sustainable modes of transportation by supporting and maintaining programs and facilities that encourage sustainable mobility choices, including public transit, cycling, walking, electric vehicles, car sharing, and new technologies as they emerge.*

*#5 Ensure financial sustainability by ensuring that revenues support the objectives of the MPMS, recover all Parking Services operating and capital expenditures, and contribute to the Parking Reserve Fund to finance future parking system development and then assist in the funding of related initiatives to encourage the use of alternative modes of transportation.*

CARRIED

It was noted that the winter [Transportation] Plan does not address winter safety.

### 7.10 Nominations & Recognition Committee:

The Call for nominations for the Executive Boards was made by the chair of the Committee. The revised summary of awards for 2019 were also contained in the circular. The closing date is May 17.

**8.0 Adjournment:** Moved by A. Campbell and seconded by consensus.

CARRIED