

FCA-FAC Ottawa General Meeting Minutes (Draft)

Approved: January (17)

Date: November 22 2017

Location: 10 Blackburn Av, Ottawa, K1N 6P9

Attendees: Sheila Perry [Overbrook CA], chair, Chad Rollins [Action Sandy Hill CA], Morley Brownstein [Bel Air CA], John Stevenson [Bike Ottawa], Jonathan Morris [Britannia Village CA], Roland Dorsay [Champlain Pk.CA], David Clark [City View CA], Joan Clark [City View CA], Miranda Gray [Convent Glen/Orleans Woods CA], Bob Brocklebank [Glebe CA], Angela Keller-Herzog [Glebe CA], Lorne Cutler [Hampton Iona CG], Eileen Hunt [Hampton Iona CG], Linda Hoad [Hintonburg CA], Duff Mitchell [Island Park], Neil Thomson [Kanata Beaverbrook], Kul Kapoor [Kanata Hazeldean], Catherine Hackel [Lowertown], Sandra Milton [Lowertown CA], Joe Chouinard [New Edinburgh C Alliance], Christian Pupp [Old Ottawa East CA], Mark Seebaran [Old Ottawa East CA], Emilie Taman [Old Ottawa South CA], Steve McManee [Overbrook CA], Bonnie Charron [Riverside Park CA], Anne Stairs [Riverview Park CA], Chris Baker [Rockcliff Park RA], Graeme Roderick [Tanglewood Hillsdale CA], Don Stewart [Westboro Beach CA],

Guests: Leanne Moussa, (All Saints Events Hub), Mathieu Fleury [Councillor, Ward 12], David Jeanes and Linda Hoad [Heritage Ottawa]

1.0 Welcome: 7:20 pm. Sheila Perry, President, welcomed members to All Saints' Event Hub.

2.0 **Approval of the Amended Agenda:** moved by Don Stewart /seconded by Neil Thomson

CARRIED

3.0 The future **All Saints Event Hub** was purchased in December 2015. From then on, the 116 year old building has been refurbished/repurposed. The goal is to achieve a balance between public,, office, and spiritual space as well as commerce and new development. "We think every resident of Sandy Hill will find at least one thing that would attract them to this location" said Leanne Moussa.

3.0 Sandy Hill CA:

Sandy Hill / Côte-de-Sable is a bilingual community of 12,500. Significant recreational features are the 15 acre Strathcona Park and 8 acre MacDonald Park, with its stone gazebo. The community's rich history includes resident political leaders J.A. MacDonald, W. Laurier, R. Borden, WLM King and L. Pearson. Université d'Ottawa and thirty embassies are located in the neighbourhood. There currently is a Heritage Inventory project. Six, but potentially 8, heritage conservation districts have been designated there. 853 locations have been designated of being of a culture heritage character.

Acton Sandy Hill (ASH) was created in 1969 in response to a proposed "King Edward Expressway" that was to run through the neighbourhood. ASH won that battle. Its main concerns are: safety, heritage conservation, planning and zoning, transportation as well as the impact of student on the neighbourhood. The Association has a website: ash-acs.ca, an e-mail address: infor@ash.ca, a facebook page: facebook.com/ActionSandyHill and a twitter account: **ASH / ACS (@ASH_ACS)**.

3.1 Greetings were received from Chad Rollins (ASH-ACA president) and Councillor Mathieu Fleury (Rideau Vanier). They answered questions.

4.0 Heritage Ottawa (D. Jeanes and L Hoad)

Heritage Ottawa, a registered charity, was established in Canada's centennial year. Its goal is to ensure the preservation of Ottawa's unique heritage character for future generations. Its many

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accomplishments, including Doors Open Ottawa, Walking Tours, Heritage Day (third Monday in February), Annual Heritage Forum, Colonel Bye Day, Advocacy and Publications - found at www.ottawaheritage.org, have been recognized in 2016 by the National Trust's Governors' Award and in 2017 by the City of Ottawa's Heritage 150 Award. To celebrate its 50th anniversary landmark year, it's publishing 50 stories of built heritage. Heritage Ottawa awards an annual research or publication grant.

Heritage Ottawa maintains contact with the City of Ottawa's Heritage Department and makes periodic advocacy presentations to the Built Heritage Sub-Committee of the Planning Committee, and to other committees at Council. The sub-committee deals with matters arising from the part IV and V of the Ontario Heritage Act (1990). To learn more of the work of the subcommittee check out <https://ottawa.ca/en/city-hall/your-city-government/council-and-standing-committees#built-heritage-sub-committee>. The City holds a heritage primer every other year.

Should a community association wish to heighten awareness of local heritage sites they could acquire know-how by accessing the Ontario Heritage Toolkit: [\[http://www.mtc.gov.on.ca/en/heritage/heritage_toolkit.shtml\]](http://www.mtc.gov.on.ca/en/heritage/heritage_toolkit.shtml) Associations could use a student to do the research, paying them through Young Canada Works, or via Ontario Summer Experience Program.

5.0 Networking Break

6.0 Open Mike on local community issues:

a) *Ottawa-wide strategy to support homeless individuals* (Vanier CA) [item 10.3: Oct 2017 FCA proceedings]

In the absence of L. Touchant, President of Vanier CA, Councillor Fleury's remarks were informative. He said that he had appreciated the observations/recommendations of the FCA. On November 22, Council approved the Salvation Army's proposal to move to Montreal Road. He understands discussions are being had on the merits of the community appealing to the OMB.

b) *Rental registry*

It was noted that in the spring 2017, the city of Toronto introduced a rental registry. It was hoped that it would provide protection for tenants, but hold substandard landlords more accountable. While the city of Ottawa does not yet have a comparable registry, since 2011 ACORN Ottawa's housing justice program has helped tenants to make application to the *Landlord & Tenant Board* which has power to order repairs, grant rent abatement or return fees.

c) *Hydro Corridors: Vegetation Management* (Neil Thomson. Kanata Beaverbrook CA)

Kanata-Beaverbrook's affected property owners (124), and their CA have recently entered an Agreement with Hydro 1 regarding the vegetation management of areas adjacent or in a Hydro 1's corridor (80 foot wide easement). The ward Councillor was actively involved. It was agreed that core to Hydro 1's relationship with residents of the neighbourhood is communication/consultation. This written agreement could serve as a template for other neighbourhoods containing a Hydro 1 or Ottawa Hydro corridor.

<http://www.kanatabeaverbrook.ca/resources/KbcaReviewOfHydroOne2018Proposal.pdf>

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7.0 Approval of the October 18 20 Minutes of our General Meeting: Moved by Graeme Roderick/seconded by Chad Rollins. – CARRIED

7.1 Business Arising:

7.1.1 Federation's response to City of Ottawa's Transportation Master Plan [TMP]

ACTION arising from Oct 18 proceedings MOTION - 4.1: FCA delegation presented at the Nov 2 Transportation Committee meeting. Committee members had received our 10 page Report before hand. It was recommended that it be reviewed by the City staff.

7.1.2 Energy Evolution Program & REAL Renewable Energy Strategy:

ACTION arising from Oct 18 proceedings MOTIONS 10.1.1 and 10.2.1: FCA provided input into the pre-budget consultation with the Environment and Climate Protection Committee as directed. Ecology Ottawa, CAFES and the Ottawa Chamber of Commerce were on the same page. The related motion taken up by the committee failed because of a tied vote. It was noted that Committee members and City staff are on notice that a united community is watching.

7.1.3 Ottawa-wide strategy to support homeless individuals:

ACTION arising from Oct 18 proceedings Motion 10.3.1: FCA identified the General Meeting's concern to the Planning Committee. Given that many of the delegations to the Planning Committee over three days of hearings were concerns about best practices in working with vulnerable people, the initiative's fit with the Housing First Strategy of the City and the challenges of integrating a facility in an apprehensive neighbourhood, why was Community and Protective Services Committee not involved?.

8.0 Treasurer's Report –Lorne Cutler reported that our book balance remains approximately \$7000. He spoke of revenue of \$1200 and recurring expenses of approximately \$2000. Those who have not renewed were encouraged to do so.

9.0 Committee Reports:

9.1 Communication: Bob is preparing a short survey, from which a report will be prepared by year's end

Keeping current our website, newsletter, surveys, e-mail Alerts remains a challenge. Persons interested in joining this committee could speak to Thierry Harris or Bob Brocklebank.

9.2 Governance: The City's progress in implementing its Public Engagement targets should be known during the first quarter of 2018.

9.3 Logistics: Don indicated the meeting schedule is

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February, March -Katimavik; April May

June 20, AGM City Hall,

- Help fill in the location!
- Members have identified opportunities for social networking as a significant benefit of membership. Sheila asked for assistance in planning such a get-together.
- It was noted that *Bayview Yards* has meeting space available for public gatherings.

9, 4 Finance: The Finance Committee recently met. The Federation is guided by a budget. Although late in the fiscal year, the Executive will be approving the budget at its November meeting.

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9.5 Membership: Expanding the benefits of membership is one of our goals. Members of the Executive are in discussion with Volunteer Ottawa on our member Associations receiving a potential benefit as a result of FCA's membership in Volunteer Ottawa. For instance, a discount on Officer and Directors' Liability Insurance.

9.6 Planning:

- OMB Reform (Bill 139) - Committee hearings completed on Nov 23, 2017; referred back to the legislature for third reading.
- X R4 Review - Staff were to proceed with Phase 1 by this fall, this has been delayed as they don't have internal agreement. Our Committee has asked for a meeting to discuss the status and stated that we would prefer a meeting before they agree internally on how they want to proceed.
- Infill 1 & 2 Review - Should have begun by now. Our Committee has inquired with staff on status of this review, and have yet to receive a detailed reply.
- Complete Communities Workshop – Our Committee is organizing a half day workshop for Jan 27, 2018 at Tom Brown Arena to begin the discussion for the next Official Plan review with a focus on building complete communities.

9.7 Social: The Art and Culture Community is interested in establishing a relationship. This could be advanced by having it as a theme of a general meeting.

9.8 Transportation: In the remaining days of November and in 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 #7.1.1 above TMP]. Our well received report may have additional impact if it were again sent out in 2018 when work has begun on the new TMP.

10.0 New Business:

10.1 *Federal Sustainable Development Act:* Morley Brownstein [Oct 18 proceedings item # 6.0 b] again 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. To strengthen the significance of this recommendation, members are being asked to approve a two part motion:

MOTION:

10.1.1 That the Federation of Citizens' Associations of Ottawa (FCA) urge the House of Commons' Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development, in its study of Bill C-57, An Act to amend the Federal Sustainable Development Act, to amend Bill C-57 by adding the National Capital Commission to the Schedule of agencies subject to the Federal Sustainable Development Act.

10.1.2 That the FCA seek to appear before the Standing Committee accompanying a representative of the Bel Air Community Association to testify in support of the amendment.

CARRIED

ACTION: Executive

10.2 Reimbursement of Donations to Municipal Candidates:

10.2.1: Moved by Don Stewart, seconded by Eileen Hunt that FCA request the City of Ottawa implement an election contribution rebate program for the 2018 and in subsequent municipal election with the

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rebate to be at least 75% of the first \$300 contributed.

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2 opposed, and 3 abstained

ACTION: Executive

10.3 Recognition: Sheila Perry announced that Maria Louisa Marti (who is on leave from the Executive) and Lorne Cutler have been named recipients of the Ontario Centre 150 Awards. Fifty women, fifty men and fifty youth who have dedicated their time and talent in the service of our Ottawa Centre at to recognized during a December 2 ceremony at Carleton University.

11.0 Adjournment moved by Don Stewart

CARRIED

Graeme Roderick, Secretary

Sheila Perry, President