

**Federation of Citizens' Associations of Ottawa**  
**Annual General meeting June 20, 2018, Ottawa City Hall**  
**Draft Minutes**

**Present:** Sheila Perry [Overbrook, chair], David Adams [Westboro Beach CA], Stefan Baginski [Greater Avalon CA], Charity Barrett [Carlington CA], John Blatherwick [Woodpark CA], A Brewer [Convent Glen Orleans Wood CA], Robert Brinker [Carlington CA], Bob Brocklebank [Glebe CA], Morley Brownstein [Bel-Air CA], Christine Burke [Mechanicsville CA], Archie Campbell [Dalhousie CA], C Casserly [Westboro Beach CA], Bonnie Charron [Riverside Park CA], John Chenier [Lowertown CA], Caroline Crowe [Trend-Arlington CA], Alex Cullen [Belltown NA], Lorne Cutler [Hampton Iona CG], Roland Dorsay [Champlain Park CA], Erwin Dreessen [Greenspace Alliance], Peter Eady [Civic Hospital NA], Lyle Fair [Cumberland CA], Kathy Fischer Huntley Carp CA], Linda Gama-Pinto [Heron Park CA], Bob Gordon [Old Ottawa East CA], Miranda Gray [Convent Glen/Orleans Wood CA], Jack Hanna [Centretown Citizens CA], Thierry Harris [Lowertown CA], Tanya Hein [Stittsville VA], Paul Johanis [Greenspace Alliance], Angela Keller-Herzog [Glebe CA], Jean Lesage [Convent Glen/Orleans Wood CA], Carolyn Mackenzie [Glebe CA], Rod MacLean [Katimavik-Hazeldean CA], Maria Luisa Marti [Friends of James & Bay], Elizabeth McAllister [Manor Park CA], Alice Nakanishi [Centretown Citizens CA], Cindy Parkanyi [New Edinburgh Community Alliance], Graeme Roderick [Tanglewood Hillsdale CA], Gillian Salmond [Wellington Village CA], Gary Sealey [Kanata Beaverbrook CA], Anne Stairs [Riverview Park CA], John Stevenson [Bike Ottawa], Phil Sweetnam [Stittsville Village CA], Emilie Taman [Old Ottawa South CA], Grace Thrasher [Manotick Village CA] and Agnes Warda [Glens CA]

**Observers:** Mary Huang, Mila Ruckparel, Caroline Williams,

**Guests:** Ed Kucelak {OSCAR}, Brendan McCoy [OSCAR], Erin McCracken [Ottawa Community Voice], Jon Willing [Ottawa Citizen]

1. Welcome: Sheila Perry - chair, welcomed all representatives of member and non-member organizations. She noted that Notice was given and that the Agenda had been posted on our website.
2. Adoption of Agenda: On a motion by Alex Cullen, seconded by Roland Dorsey that the agenda be approved. CARRIED
3. Presentation of the 2018 Awards:
  - a) FCA Award was presented to former president Graeme Roderick.
  - b) FCA Builder Award was presented to SJAM Multiuse Winter Trails and to Ski Heritage East Trails.
  - c) FCA Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Phil Sweetnam of the Stittsville Village Association
  - d) Local Media Excellence Award was presented to Ed Kucerak of the Ottawa South Community Association's Review [OSCAR] for an article on the public consultation on Brewer Park's renewal. Ed directed the donation portion of the award to the Centretown Connections Men's Health and Wellness Support Group.

4. Panel Discussion:

Panelists Erin McCracken, Reporter, *Community Voice* newspaper, Ottawa, and Jon Willing, Reporter, City Hall Bureau, *Ottawa Citizen/Ottawa Sun*, discussed “Community Associations Engaging the Ottawa Media (and vice versa)”. Hats off to neighbourhood newspapers [and their advertisers] and to community associations who use social media. With an endless significant number of municipal issues, some of which cut across neighbourhoods, wards or regions of the city; and with a decreasing number of local reporters, two aspect of a reporter’s job are to keep the public informed of divergent points of view and to amplify the voices of neighbourhoods and other communities. An added aspect is connecting with a public whose use different mediums to receive local news. A lively Question & Answer dialogue followed.

The chair thanked Erin and Jon for their participation, giving each an acknowledgement card from the Ottawa Foodbank that a donation had been made in their name.

Refreshment Break and Networking

5. AGM Business Meeting:

- i) Recorder: Graeme Roderick was appointed recorder of these draft minutes.
- ii) Minutes: On a motion by Rod McLean, seconded by Miranda Gray, that the June 15, 2017 draft Minutes as circulated be approved. CARRIED
- iii) President and Executive Board’s Report: Sheila Perry reviewed informative initiatives and timely actions of the year. Our capacity to be responsive to members’ interest and needs has grown and will continue to do so, guided by a 5-year plan. Because heritage and culture are facets of the life of many neighbourhoods, our scope has been broadened. FCA works to ensure that our collective concerns (i.e. policies) influence City Hall. We can amplify the voice of our members or potential member. As we regularly remind elected officials and staff that Ottawa is a city of dynamic neighbourhoods, to strive to involve neighbourhood associations in all regions/wards of the city.  
 MOVED by Sheila and seconded by consensus that this report be received. CARRIED
- iv) Treasurer’s Report: Lorne Cutler stated the 2017/2018 (April 30) financial position of the Federation.

<i>Operating:</i>	<i>Revue</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>Surplus</i>
2017/2018	\$1950*	1647	303
2016/2017	\$3420	3085	334
Financial Position	Assets	Liabilities	Reserve
2017/2018	\$8,280	\$691	\$7,589

To deliver significantly more services (i.e. workshops, member benefits), and to engage more neighbourhoods, we will need more income and/or a reduction in our costs. Funds will be sought beyond those derived from membership fees of 46+CAs. And we now have meeting space in City of Ottawa facilities gratis.

MOVED by Lorne and second by Phil Sweetnam that the membership fee be increased by \$5.00, commencing in 2019. CARRIED

MOVED by Lorne and seconded by Alex that the Financial Report be received. CARRIED

- v) Year-end Survey Report which recaps ten responses was presented by Bob Brocklebank. The closing date will be extended.

- vi) Nominations Committee Report presented by G. Roderick and G. Sealey:  
Sheila Perry was proposed as president; Alex Cullen was proposed as vice-president; Graeme Roderick was proposed as secretary and Lorne Cutler was proposed as the treasurer. In making these proposals, Gary invited other nominations from the floor. There being none in each case, he declared the candidates acclaimed. The Members-at-Large, also acclaimed, are: Robert Brinker, Robert Brocklebank, Roland Dorsay, Kul Kapoor, Maria Luisa Marti, Don Stewart, Phil Sweetnam, Emilie Taman and Agnes Warda. The members, who, either now or earlier in the year moved on, were thanked for their volunteer service: Miranda Gray, Thierry Harris, Bruce Lindsay and Chad Rollins. Some may return.
- vii) Committees: The current committees were identified, their chairs and members thanked for their valuable dedication and a few recent accomplishments were mentioned. The audience were invited to join a committee [i.e. planning, transportation]
- viii) Board Retreat: June 23, Overbrook Community Centre
- ix) Next FCA General Meetings: September 13, 2018

6. Announcements:

FCA's moderated Mayoral Candidates Debate will likely be held in early October in a venue like Tom Brown Arena. Associations or a group of Associations are encouraged to hold Ward debates.

On June 27 Agnes Warda will receive the Mayor's City's Builder Award  
John Blatherwick had received the City's Builder Award in 2017.

7. Adjournment: On a motion by Phil Sweetnam, seconded by Alex Cullen that the meeting be adjourned  
(9:15 pm) CARRIED

Graeme Roderick, secretary

Sheila Perry, president

