

**Federation of Citizens' Associations of Ottawa (FCA-FAC)**  
**General Meeting Minutes: September 18, 2019**  
**Churchill Seniors Centre, 345 Richmond Road**  
**To Be Approved at the October 16, meeting**

**ATTENDEES:**

Sheila Perry – chair, Overbrook CA; Al Crosby, Fairhaven CA; Alex Cullen, Belltown NA; Archie Campbell, Dalhousie CA; Catherine Hacksel, Lowertown CA; Charles Ficher, Lowertown CA; Chris Burke, Mechanicsville CA; David Behn, Overbrook CA; David Clark, City View CA; David Williams, Pineview CA; Denys Cooper, Dows Lake RA; Don Stewart, Westboro Beach CA; Dorothy Tweedie, McKellar Park CA; Érin Cunningham, Bike Ottawa; Gillian Salmond, Wellington Village; Graeme Roderick, Tanglewood Hillsdale CA; Heather Mitchell, Westboro CA; John Riordan, Britannia Village CA; John Stevenson, Bike Ottawa; Kathleen Hudson, Westboro CA; Kul Kapoor, Katimavik-Hazeldean CA; Lorne Cutler, Hampton-Iona CA; Mari Weltman, Westboro CA; Maria Luisa Marti, Friends of James & Bay; Miranda Gray, Convent Glen/Orléans Wood CA; Morley Brownstein, Bel Air CA; Peter Ferguson, Lowertown CA; Rob McCrae, McKellar Park CA; Robert Brocklebank, Glebe CA; Robert Brinker, Carlington CA; Scott Milne, Hintonburg CA; and Steve Nichols, Briarbrook, Brookside, Morgan's Grant CA.

**Guests:**

Jeff Leiper, Councillor - Kitchissippi; Terrie Meehan, LeBreton Flats Community Benefit Agreement Coalition; Mary Huang, LeBreton Flats Community Benefit Agreement Coalition; Mohuma, City of Ottawa;

1.0 Welcome: 7:15 pm.

Sheila Perry welcomed members and guests to the Churchill Seniors Centre.  
The theme of this meeting was **Vision Zero**.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

Moved by A. Cullen and seconded by consensus. **CARRIED**

3.0 Greetings:

3.1 From **Don Stewart, Westboro Beach CA**; greetings were received.

Information on Westboro Beach CA can be found at <https://www.westborobeach.ca/> .

3.2 From **Jeff Leiper, Councillor for Kitchissippi Ward** greetings were received. He noted that his ward is a microcosm of most of the development issues seen in the city. It is touched by both LRT Phase 1 and LRT Phase 2 West. New very tall buildings are coming along Scott St. Affordability of housing is challenging. New condos are \$1,800 for a single bedroom in these new towers. These prices means kids who grew up here cannot afford to live here. Infill is common including developers asking to build duplexes which have basement apartments meaning they are really 4-plexes.

#### 4.0 Discussions of Theme(s):

##### 4.1 **Vision Zero** See [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vision\\_Zero](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vision_Zero)

Alex Cullen, chair of FCA Transportation committee introduced our theme. Vision Zero is a traffic design approach which seeks to ensure that no road user is harmed when any road user makes a human error. Vision Zero was considered by council in the spring at council and will be returning again this fall after they receive a staff report on the topic.

##### 4.2 **Vision Zero and Bike Ottawa**

- a) **Erinn Cunningham of Bike Ottawa** spoke about the state of Ottawa road safety over this summer. 4 cyclists were killed this year on our roads. 2 more were injured. 100 years ago our public spaces were designed organically as towns and cities grew. They then became car space. So the design favoured fast, straight roads. There are 3 E's when it comes to the current approach - engineering, education and enforcement.
- b) With Vision Zero, all users of the road have equal rights and responsibility including designers and planners. The philosophy is humans fail but design shouldn't.
- c) Ottawa is only starting the journey. But we have identified some trouble spots and made design changes. For example, Donald and St Laurent now has a bike right turn lane and a central bike box to prevent cars from turning into bike turning.

##### 4.3 **Q and A**

- a. *Cars are still needed. Why no references here to the highway traffic act?* Sometimes people don't know the rules even after years of driving experience.
- b. *Who do I lobby to get a pedestrian / bike only street?* City hall. Join the future discussions on the transportation master plan.
- c. *What support is there to make the city less car centric? How do we change attitudes?* More advocacy.
- d. *Does Vision Zero mean there is a lack of personal responsibility?* No, it is a shift to making all users share responsibility for road safety.
- e. *How do we handle conflicts between bikes and pedestrians on multi-use pathways (MUPs)?* Push for separated structures.
- f. *We aren't Sweden, are things that work in summer and winter different?* Sweden then wasn't like Sweden now. It is a culture change. We need to be planning for the city we want 30-50 years from now.

#### 5.0 Networking 8:22 - 8:38 pm

#### 6.0 Local Community Issues/Open Mic

##### 6.1 **Greenspace Alliance**

Greenspace Alliance is assisting with Ecology Ottawa's training and mentorship for youth. The Youth Climate Ambassadors program is designed to cultivate the next generation of environmental leaders, foster deep connections with the diverse range of local actors on climate change, and engage a large number of youth and the general

public in youth-driven, peer-to-peer engagement. See <https://ecologyottawa.ca/youth-climate-ambassadors/>

### 6.2 Westboro CA - FCA support for safer roads

Mari Wellman, Westboro Beach CA asked if FCA would be looking at issues like allowing bikes going under 10 km / hr on the sidewalk. The issue was referred to the Transportation Committee.

### 6.3 LeBreton Flats Community Benefit Agreement Coalition

Terrie Meehan of LeBreton Flats Community Benefit Agreement Coalition asked for the FCA's support. They are trying to negotiate with the NCC for a vision of LeBreton as a community not a field of condos. They were referred to the Planning and Zoning Committee.

## 7.0 Business Meeting:

7.1 Minutes of the April meeting (archived on FCA's website):

**Motion** from G. Roderick and A. Cullen, minutes be approved. **CARRIED**

### 7.2 Treasurer's Report

Lorne Cutler, Treasurer, reported we have a record 51 members. There is sufficient money in the bank due to a recent large anonymous donation to the FCA. Committees are to submit their proposed budgets to the board for the board's October meeting.

### 7.3 President's Report

Sheila Perry mentioned all the work over the summer on the official plan. More information will be shared at the October meeting. See <https://engage.ottawa.ca/> for the current city public consultations.

### 7.4 Communications

Maria Luisa Marti, acting chair said the focus will be updating the website. We need Twitter and Facebook volunteers.

### 7.5 Logistics

No report

### 7.6 Finances

See the Treasurer's report.

### 7.7 Membership

No report

### 7.8 Planning & Zoning:

Robert Brinker and Travis Croken are the new co-chairs. Lots of work is underway on the Official Plan. Please complete the 5 Big Moves Surveys before they close on October 18th. See <https://engage.ottawa.ca/the-new-official-plan>

### 7.9 Transportation Committee

Alex Cullen, chair, reported that the monthly committee meeting will now be held on the last Thursday of the month. The committee has commented on the Parking Management Strategy over the summer. This is coming to council shortly. The proposal will increase parking fees and make plans / suggestions for spending the parking surplus (which must be spent on parking related items). There will be transportation workshop on October 26th to help community

associations understand the Transportation Master Plan (TMP) process and issues.

#### 8.0 Announcements

8.1 If you are planning an All Candidates Meeting for the Federal Elections you will find the wisdom of FCA members helpful. <http://fca-fac.ca/2018/03/organizing-all-candidates-meetings/>

8.2 The FCA needs a host for the November meeting.

8.3 Gary Sealey, former president of the FCA, died recently. A write-up about his volunteer service to the wider community can be found at <http://ottawavoice.ca/assets/kanata-0822---web.pdf>

#### 9.0 Adjournment 9:05 pm

**Motion** to adjourn by D. Stewart and seconded by consensus.

**CARRIED**

#### **Next Meeting:**

Wednesday October 16 at City Hall: Introduction to a toolkit on the new Official Plan for community association to use when leading local discussions.