

**Federation of Citizens' Associations of Ottawa [FCA-FAC]
General Meeting of October 16, 2019 - Draft Minutes
Colonel By Room Ottawa City Hall, 110 Laurier Av W**

Attendees: Sheila Perry, Overbrook CA - chair; Morley Brownstein, Bel Air CA; Alex Cullen, Belltown NA; John Stevenson, Bike Ottawa; John Riordan, Britannia Village CA; Karen Patzer, Britannia Village CA; Robert Brinker, Carlington CA; Alice Nakanishi, Centertown Citizens CA; Mary Huang, Centertown Citizens CA; Miranda Gray, Convent Glen-Orléans Wood CA; Roland Dorsay, Champlain Pk.CA; David Clark, City View CA; Joan Clark, City View CA; Denys Cooper, Dows Lake CA; Emilie Grenie, Ecology Ottawa; Stephane Audet, Fisher Heights & Area CA; Maria Luisa Marti, Friends of James and Bay; Bob Brocklebank, Glebe CA; Stefan Baginski; Greater Avalon CA; Rod MacLean, Katimavik-Hazeldean CA; Catherine Hacksel, Lowertown CA; Peter Ferguson, Lowertown CA; Christine Burke, Mechanicsville CA; Carol Brascoupe, Ottawa South CA; David Behn, Overbrook CA; Phil Sweetnam, Stittsville VA; Graeme Roderick, Tanglewood-Hillsdale CA; Mohammad Albertus, unidentified CA; Gillian Salmond, Wellington Village CA; Don Stewart, Westboro Beach CA; Larry Ladell, Woodpark CA; Steve Kissner, Woodpark CA

Guests: Charmaine Forgie, City of Ottawa, and Elizabeth Whyte - PIED, City of Ottawa.

1.0 Welcome: 7:10 pm. Sheila Perry welcomed members and guests to City Hall. The theme of this meeting was Ottawa of the Future

2.0 Approval of Agenda: Moved by A. Cullen and seconded by consensus. CARRIED

3.0 Greetings:

3.1 Greetings were received from Centertown Citizens Community Association (CCCA) and the Friends of James & Bay. Information on CCCA is found at <http://www.centretowncitizens.ca> Councillor Catherine McKenny (Somerset Ward 14) sent greetings.

4.0 City's Official Plan: Extensive information on the Official Plan project including the toolkit is found at <https://engage.ottawa.ca/the-new-official-plan>. The toolkit could be used by CAs when leading local discussions.

5.0 A Community Benefits Agreement for LeBreton Flats: This was a follow-up to the dialogue at the September 2019 General Meeting with the LeBreton Flats Coalition [as represented by M. Huang]. At that meeting the Coalition, representing 21 organizations, was seeking FCA support and had been referred to the Planning & Zoning Committee.

MOTION: moved by A. Cullen and seconded by S. Audet that the FCA endorses the development of a Community Benefit Agreement between the National Capital Commission (NCC) and the LeBreton Flats Coalition and that at its November General Meeting, FCA consider joining the Coalition.

CARRIED

A letter will go to the NCC.

6.0 Networking Break

7.0 Local Community Issues / Open Mic

1) Snow & Ice Clearing issues/Expenses in Ottawa Communities

Heathy Transportation Coalition brought forward a petition that they encouraged our CA representatives to sign or to have the members of their neighbourhood sign:

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

- Bring snow clearing standards of all sidewalks in the City of Ottawa to a Class 1A standard.
- Commit \$7 million a year to bringing winter sidewalk maintenance to a class 1A standard, starting in the 2020 Budget.
- Conduct a cost/benefit analysis of the costs incurred from slip/fall and vehicle damage liabilities compared to how much it would cost to bring winter sidewalk maintenance to a class 1A standard.
- Take an equitable approach to snow clearing - redevelop the snow clearing schedule to prioritize sidewalk clearing over road clearing and prioritize the mobility of Ottawa's most vulnerable residents.

2) Ecology Ottawa: Ecology Ottawa and Greenspace Alliance are running a workshop on Climate Solutions and Ottawa's Official Plan. Details and registration information is at

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/climate-solutions-and-ottawas-official-plan-nov-15-and-16-registration-74353638735>

8.0 Business Meeting:

8.1 Minutes of the September meeting (archived on FCA's website): Motion by M. Gray and A. Cullen that minutes as amended be approved. CARRIED

8.2 Treasurer's Report In the absence of Lorne Cutler TABLED

It was noted that FCA. Committees are to submit their proposed budgets to the Executive Board for its October meeting.

8.3 President's Report: Sheila Perry reported that the City will release its budget on November 6. Responding to it, the master plan, etc. requires a significant volunteer commitment. The City recognizes the extent of the volunteer commitment that FCA and its member organizations make.

8.4 Communications: Maria Luisa Marti, acting chair said the committee's focus will be updating the website. We need social media volunteers.

8.5 Logistics: D. Stewart encouraged CA representatives to consider their local facilities for hosting one of our general meeting.

8.6 Finances: See the Treasurer's report.

8.7 Membership: In need of help/volunteer. Members are reminded of the excellent topical workshops that are available at a discount through Volunteer Ottawa.

8.8 Planning & Zoning: R. Brinker and T. Croken are the co-chairs. Work continues on the Official Plan. Please complete the 5 Big Moves Surveys before October 18th. See <https://engage.ottawa.ca/the-new-official-plan>.

The FCA is organizing an October 26 workshop with the theme of "A new Official Plan for Ottawa – Launching Community Discussion" Tom Brown Arena.

8.09 Protective Services: A consultant's recommendations on rental accommodation are now being reviewed. <https://ottawa.ca/en/city-hall/public-engagement/projects/rental-accommodations-study> An online survey is now underway and public meetings are scheduled for Oct. 22 (long-term) and Oct. 23 (short-term). Discussion before Council committee is expected to be in mid-November.

8.10 Transportation Committee: A. Cullen, chair, reported that the monthly committee meeting are now being held on the fourth Thursday of the month (i.e. Oct 24th). At their Sept 26 meeting, a group of

riders, who had formed to lobby for improvements in transit service, made a presentation.. Workshop on a Review of the Transportation Master Plan will be held November 30 at Tom Brown Arena

MOTION by A. Cullen and R. Dorsay:

Whereas in previous years, FCA's Transportation Committee had approval of the membership at an General Meeting [GM] to made representation to the City's Transportation Committee and to OC Transpo Commission on the proposed City's budgets and

Whereas this year's budget calendar makes the process difficult: draft 2020 City budget being tabled on Nov. 6 and OC Transpo Commission budget on December 4, and

Whereas the City's Transportation Committee holds its budget meeting on November 20, and FCA holds its General Meeting that evening and its Transportation Committee meeting on November 28,

Resolved that this General Meeting authorize our Transportation Committee to develop and present budget submissions, subject to the approval of the content by the FCA Executive Board.

CARRIED

8.11 Governance

TABLED

9.0 Announcements:

9.1 Gary Sealey, former president of the FCA, died Aug 5. A memorial service was held October 5 at City Hall, 150 in attendance. If a donation were to be made in his memory, an information sheet is available from S. Perry.

9.2 Neighbourhood Data: - What's in it for your Association? Overbrook Community Centre, sponsored by FCA and ONS

10. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by D. Stewart and seconded by consensus

CARRIED

Next Meeting: Nov 20: Room 304, Peter D Clark Place, 255 Centrum Boulevard, Orleans, Convent Glen-Orléans Wood CA to host

Graeme Roderic, Recorder