

Federation of Citizens' Associations of Ottawa (FCA-FAC)
General Meeting Minutes: December 11, 2019
Carlington Community Health Centre, 900 Merivale Road

ATTENDEES:

Sheila Perry – chair, Overbrook CA; Agnes Warda, The Glens CA; Alice Nakanishi, Centretown CCA; Archie Campbell, Dalhousie CA; Charity Bartlett, Carlington CA; Denys Cooper, Dows Lake RA; Don Stewart, Westboro Beach CA; Graeme Roderick, Tanglewood Hillside CA; John Stevenson, Bike Ottawa; Karin Lynch, City View CA; Kul Kapoor, Katimavik- Hazeldean CA; Lisa Rossman, Carlington CA; Lorne Cutler, Hampton-Iona CA; Lynn Curry, Hampton-Iona CA; Marc Dorgeville, New Edinburgh CA; Maria Luisa Marti, Friends of James & Bay; Miranda Gray, Convent Glen-Orléans Wood CA; Robert Brocklebank, Glebe CA; Robert Brinker, Carlington CA; Stefan Baginski, Greater Avalon CA; and Stephane Audet, Fisher Heights CA.

Guests:

Riley Brockington, Councillor – River Ward; Cameron MacLeod, Carlington Community Health Centre

1.0 Welcome:

Sheila Perry welcomed members and guests to the Carlington Community Health Centre.

The theme of this meeting was **Healthy Communities**.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

Carried by consensus. **CARRIED**

3.0 Greetings:

3.1 The **Carlington Community** Association welcomed us to their territory. The community started with housing for WWII vets. There are at least 1,000 immigrants who arrived recently. Also at least 400 people identifying also indigenous. New houses and new businesses mean densification is coming.

3.2 From **Riley Brockington, Councillor for River Ward** greetings were received. He highlighted that he has a good working relationship with his CAs for planning and zoning issues. There is been a lot of development along major corridors such as Carling Ave. There will be future bus reserved lanes and a plan for a Complete Street along parts of Carling Ave. The Ministry of Transportation (Ontario) has been harder to partner with. MTO is relatively blind to community consultation. Social services team is doing a community-based approach to designing new services. This is a great community to live in. There are property pressures and the CAs are active in smart complimentary development discussions.

3.3 **Questions and Answers**

Community policing? It is coming back to Banff-Ledbury and Carling-Caldwell areas.

Transit? The city needs more metric and that is underway. Issues with each route in the ward are tracked and followed up with OCTranspo.

417 widening? It is already underway. Every bridge is being widened.

Advice on densification? Don't oppose everything. Ask developers to address community needs. Real wins happen if you work with them. Work for wins where possible. Be progressive.

4.0 Discussions of Theme(s): Healthy Neighbourhoods

4.1 Cameron MacLeod of the Carlington Health Coalition gave a presentation call "My Healthy Neighbourhood". He is very proud of the way his team reflects the diverse of the people they serve including indigenous team members and members who were recent immigrants. The centre has been here for more than 30 years but people still don't know about them. They have developed a strategic plan for the 6 partners in the coalition rather than working as separate agencies. The biggest challenge in the past few years has been changing government partners. Their north start is to work with people not to people. One key initiative has been the harm reduction vending machine. For each token (available for the asking), people get a specific type of hard reduction kit which contains another token. It has the highest usage in the city.

4.2 Questions and Answers

Cachment area? We would love to expand. It may be possible when new clinic opens this spring.

Acute / urgent care? This is outside our mandate.

Is hub approach working? Yes. We also have 40 min appointments so staff have time to work as a team to do fuller care.

Affordable housing? We have some in the new building.

How do you recruit more doctors? It is challenging.

5.0 Networking

6.0 Local Community Issues/Open Mic

6.1 **Fisher Heights CA:** We will be going to planning tomorrow to oppose Dymon warehouse application for re-zoning in Merivale Triangle. We'd like letters of support.

6.2 **Feedback on workshops:** We like them but please not on weekends. But it is impossible to please everyone.

6.3 **Housing Emergency motion:** Councillor McKenny has a motion coming to council on declaring a housing emergency. Please take it to your boards and send in letter of support.

7.0 Business Meeting:

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

Motion from D Stewart and S. Baginski, minutes be approved.

CARRIED

7.2 President's report (Sheila Perry)

- It has been a very busy fall with several workshops. Each had more than 40+ participants. This was great outreach.
- Make sure you are checking out Engage Ottawa website for announcements of community consultations. See <https://engage.ottawa.ca/>
- The rural official plan consultation was fascinating. The 15-minute neighbourhood also works for rural villages.
- The FCA is applying for some grants including Telfer School and others.

7.3 Treasurer's Report

Lorne Cutler, Treasurer, reported we have a record 55 members. 5 or 6 have still not yet renewed. There is \$16,000 in the bank. The board has passed the budget.

7.4 Planning & Zoning:

Lots of work is underway on the Official Plan and R4 zoning. Please provide your comments.

7.9 Transportation Committee

No report

7.5 Communications

No report

7.6 Governance

No report

7.7 Membership

Just a reminder that the 2020 membership fee is \$35. We are continuing to seek recruitment for board members. See Maria Luisa or Sheila if you are interested. We also need a recording secretary for our general meetings.

8.0 Announcements

8.1 The January meeting will be at the Sportsplex.

8.2. The FCA needs a host for the February and March Meetings.

8.3 **Happy New Year to all.**

9.0 Adjournment

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

CARRIED