

## MINUTES

FCA General Meeting – Wednesday February 19, 2020

Kanata-Beaverbrook Community Centre

Attendance: Rod MacLean (Katimavik-Hazeldean CA), Stephan Baginski (Greater Avalon CA), Sue Jones (Katimavik-Hazeldean CA), Neil Tomson (Kanata-Beaverbrook CA), Peter Ferguson (LCA), Steve Anderson (Katimavik-Hazeldean CA), Denys Cooper (Dow's Lake Residents Assoc.), Barbara Ramsay (Kanata Greenspace Planning Committee), Ron Rose (Old Ottawa E CA), Heather Mitchell (Westboro CA), Kul Kapoor (Katimavik-Hazeldean CA), Robert Brinker (Carlington CA), Catherine Hacksell (Lowertown CA), Maria Luisa Marti (Friends of James & Bay), Alex Cullen (Belltown Neighbours Assoc.), Colin Harris (Ellwood Neighbours Assoc.), Mohammed Jemma (Ellwood Neighbours Assoc.), Karen Patzer (Britannia Village CA), Carmen Sanchez (Dow's Lake Residents Assoc.), Graeme Roderick (Tanglewood-Hillsdale CA), Miranda Gray (GGOWCA), Roland Dorsay (Champlain Park CA), Karin Lynch (Cityview CA), Lorne Cutler (Hampton-Iona Community Group), John Stevenson (Bike Ottawa), Don Stewart (Westboro Beach CA), Chad Rollins (Action Sandy Hill), Alice Nakanishi (Centretown CA), Bob Brocklebank (Glebe CA), Sheila Perry (Overbrooke CA), Mary Huang (Centretown CA)

Guests: Jenna Sudds (Councillor, Kanata North), Nancy Worsfold (Crime Prevention Ottawa), Lisa Petch (City of Ottawa)

1. The meeting was called to order by FCA President Sheila Perry.
2. Approval of the agenda for tonight's meeting – moved by Alex Cullen, seconded by Roland Dorsay CARRIED
3. Introduction to Kanata-Beaverbrook community – Neil Thomson, President K-BCA:

The first and oldest neighbourhood in Kanata, Beaverbrook is a thriving community with the houses and streets designed in a park-like setting; a realization of the "Garden City". The area was mainly agricultural until the 1960's when Bill Teron, a developer and urban planner, began to build a community that would suit the needs of the people for a complete lifestyle. When he started, it was only a cornfield, but now it is one of the most desirable communities in Kanata with its beautiful mature trees, large residential lots, superb recreational facilities and proximity to schools, shopping and all amenities.

Jenna Sudds, Councillor for Kanata North (Ward 4), welcomed FCA members to Kanata North and spoke to the issues facing communities in Kanata North, in particular the Clublink golf course controversy, where the golf course is seeking to renege on its agreement with the

City to retain greenspace, instead proposing to develop the golf course into housing. This initiative is being opposed by the community and the Councillor. The City is defending the agreement and the matter will be going to court. Councillor Sudds also spoke to the proposed extension of Campeau Road west to the Tanger Outlet development.

#### 4. Community Safety and Well Being in Ottawa:

*(NB: these presentations can be found on the FCA website: fca-fac.ca)*

Nancy Worsfold, Executive Director of Crime Prevention Ottawa, spoke to the origin and mandate of Crime Prevention Ottawa. CPO is a municipal board with representatives from the City, Councillors, community and the police. It has been in existence for 13 years and provides evidence-based advice and support to neighbourhoods facing criminal activity. CPO is part of the City's street violence and gang strategy, provides post-criminal incident neighbourhood support, has material to assist with youth-at-risk, gender-based violence, and provides (modest) funding for street murals through its Paint It Up program. For a full list of CPO resources please visit [crimepreventionottawa.ca](http://crimepreventionottawa.ca).

Lisa Petch, from the City's Emergency & Protective Services Branch, spoke to the Community Safety and Well Being initiative. This initiative is mandated by the Safer Ontario Act (2018), which requires each municipality to develop a CSWB plan. In November 2018 the City identified a CSWB as part of its Governance Report, leading to a CSWB Plan Roadmap Report to City Council in October 2019. Public input to Ottawa's CSWB will occur this March and April. The areas the City is focussing on includes (1) social development, (2) prevention, (3) risk intervention, and (4) incidence reports, and will involve collaborations, information sharing and performance measurement. It will include such lenses as geography, language, gender, education, income, immigrants, First Nations, LGBQ, older adults, poverty, disabilities, racialized groups, and youth. A community toolkit is available at [Ottawa.ca/CSWBP](http://Ottawa.ca/CSWBP).

#### 5. Networking Break

#### 6. FCA Business Meeting:

1) Appointment of meeting secretary – Alex Cullen volunteered.

2) Minutes of FCA General Meetings of December 11, 2019 and January 22, 2020 were not available.

3) Open Mic/Community Issues:

Ron Rose (Old Ottawa East CA) spoke to the successful negotiation with the City and Greystone Development (Regional Group of Companies) resulting in a settlement before going before the LPAT.

Denys Cooper (Dow's Lake CA) spoke to a pending application to convert 194 Bronson Avenue to a "bunkhouse" to accommodate students.

4) President's Report: Sheila Perry recognized that community associations are run by volunteers who give of their own time. She noted that, from the last general meeting of the FCA, City Council did adopt Councillor McKenney's motion re. Ottawa's housing emergency. Sheila also reminded members that it was time to renew their FCA membership. She reported on her participation in a recent Hunt Club CA retreat, and on Ottawa U.'s Telfer School of Business work on 15-minute neighbourhoods.

5) Committee Reports:

Planning & Zoning Committee: Robert Brinker (Chair) reported on the Committee's recommendation to the City on its R4 Zoning Review:

*Be it resolved that FCA Planning & Zoning Committee submit a letter outlining community views on the R4 Zoning Review Third Discussion Paper as follows:*

- 1. In the multiple distinctive neighbourhoods that make up the City of Ottawa, additional low-rise apartment buildings can and should play a meaningful role in community development. To encourage such development, revision of R4 zoning by-law provisions is worthy of support.*
- 2. Because there are R4 subzones outside the inner urban area, we see no need to restrict discussion to solely that part of the City. Further low-rise apartment development will enable Ottawa to accommodate growth within the current urban boundary.*
- 3. Various communities have raised concerns about the proposals as presented in Discussion Paper #3:*
- 4. Many worry that any lack of clarity in the eventual by-law may open the way to misinterpretation of Council's intent by the Committee of Adjustment. Whatever emerges from the process must be water-tight – Council's policy must be clearly reflected in the revised zoning by-law.*
- 5. Elimination of parking may be appropriate in some communities but impractical in others. A city-wide prohibition must be preceded by transitional policies governing parking and alternative transportation options. Background information for FCA-FAC General Meeting of 19 February 2020 Page 4*
- 6. Low-rise apartment buildings should be limited to 11m in height on lots of width less than 15m.*

*7. Amenity space should be in the rear yard; the proposed prohibition of rooftop patios should apply in all R4 zones.*

*8. Site Plan Control must continue to apply to R4 zones.*

*9. The ban on retirement homes in certain R4 subzones should be reconsidered.*

*10. We thank Mr. Moerman for his commitment towards public consultation.*

Moved by Robert Brinker, seconded by Don MacLean.

Moved by amendment by Chad Rollins (Action Sandy Hill), seconded by Graeme Roderick (Tanglewood-Hillsdale CA):

Moved that items 1, 2, and 3 in the Main Motion be replaced with the following:

*1. The FCA is aware that the community associations within the areas subject to the R4 Zoning Review have raised a number of concerns regarding the proposals contained in Discussion Paper #3; we strongly support the opinions expressed by our member community associations in their respective submissions. Additionally, the FCA has long advocated for an approach that recognizes the unique characteristics of our diverse communities and therefore questions any one-size-fits-all proposals. We have been assured that the City's ongoing Official Plan review will be based on the concept that Ottawa is a City made-up of diverse, unique communities, as such we would encourage the City to ditch any blanket proposals and tailor their proposals to the individual needs of different communities. Furthermore, as there are R4 subzones outside the inner urban area, we question the City's decision to restrict this review so as not to include all areas zoned R4.*

*2. The FCA recognizes the need for more affordable housing, intensification of development in developed areas, especially near transit, and a range of unit types including rental units. However, we are not convinced that the proposals in Discussion Paper #3 will further any of these goals let alone assure that new development is compatible with existing communities.*

*3. Additionally, we are concerned by the disconnect between this study, which if implemented could significantly increase intensification in the urban core, and the lack of proposals to preserve community character and provide for the infrastructure necessary to support such intensification. In particular, we are worried by the disparity between these proposals and efforts to preserve designated heritage resources. Additionally, we note the ongoing discussion regarding possible closure of critical City facilities like arenas in urban communities; further intensification will necessitate additional such facilities, not fewer, therefore we question the lack of plans for increased public recreation facilities, green space, and other amenities and infrastructure. We are also concerned by the failure to address*

*increased traffic, cycling/pedestrian infrastructure needs, parking issues, and public transportation demands that will result from significant intensification. If the goal is truly to intensify our communities while maintaining their individuality and vitality, then any proposal must necessarily include consideration for and study of these issues.*

After discussion, a vote on the amendment was held: FOR: 9 votes; AGAINST: 12 votes (NB: votes at FCA general meetings are one vote per member community association) The amendment was DEFEATED.

A vote on the main motion followed: FOR: 12 votes; AGAINST: 6 votes. The main motion CARRIED.

Robert Brinker reminded the membership about an upcoming workshop on low-rise development inside the Greenbelt, on March 5. The next meeting of the Planning & Zoning Committee will be on March 11.

Alex Cullen (Chair, FCA Transportation Committee) reminded the membership that the next meeting of this Committee is on Thursday February 27 at 7 pm at the McNabb Community Centre.

Maria Luisa Marti (Chair, Nominations Committee) reminded the membership that the FCA Annual General Meeting will be held on June 24, 2020 at Ottawa City Hall, with the new Chief of Police (Peter Sloly) as the guest speaker.

Lorne Cutler (FCA Treasurer) reported that currently the FCA has 19 paid-up members (membership renewal is underway). The FCA has \$15K in its bank account and \$K in additional contributions.

7. Upcoming Events: Feb. 22, 2020 - Just Healthy Neighbourhoods Workshop, Nepean Sportsplex  
Feb. 25, 2020 – Community Safety & Health Meeting, Dominion -Chalmers Church
8. Next FCA-FAC General Meeting – Wednesday March 18, 2020 in Alta Vista.