



Ste. 146, 207 Bank Str., Ottawa ON K2P 2N2

Minutes of FCA General Meeting January 20, 2021 (via Google Meet)

Attendees: Alex Cullen (President FCA, Belltown NA), Tanya Allen (Lindenlea CA), Steve Anderson (Katimavik-Hazeldean CA), Stefan Baginski (Greater Avalon CA), Lynne Bankier (Champlain Park CA), Tommy Bayer (Manor Park CA), Jane Brammer (Rothwell Heights POA), Ronald Benn (CentrepoinTE CA), Bob Brocklebank (Glebe CA), Kevin Brewer (Crystal Beach Lakeview CA), Robert Brinker (Carlington CA), David Broscoe (Manor Park CA), Linda Brown (Hintonburg CA), Archie Campbell (Dalhousie CA), Anthony Carricato (Glebe CA), Lorne Cutler (Hampton-Iona NA), Roland Dorsay (Champlain Park CA), Erwin Dreessen (Greenspace Alliance), Louise Faubert-Smith (Katimavik-Hazeldean CA), Jennifer Gillespie (Island Park CA), Miranda Gray Convent Glen Orleans Wood CA), Chris Greenshields (Vanier CA), Catherine Hacksel (Lowertown CA), Miklos Horvath (Lindenlea CA), Mary Huang (Centretown CA), Denise Jacques (Wateridge Village CA), Paul Johanis (Greenspace Alliance), Angela Keller-Herzog (Glebe CA/CAFES), Granda Kopytko, Judy Korecky (Faircrest Heights CA), Maria Luisa Marti (Friends of James & Bay), Judith Maxwell (Synapcity), Elizabeth McAllister (Manor Park CA), Rober Mcaulay (Kanata Beaverbrook CA), Ian McCallum (Woodpark CA), Ian McConnahie (Crystal Beach Lakeview CA), Heather Mitchell (Westboro CA), Alice Nakanishi (Centretown CA), Rick Nelson, Cindy Parkanyi (New Edinburgh CA), Cheryl Parrott (Hintonburg CA), Sheila Perry (Overbrook CA), Jill Prot (City View CA), Barbara Ramsay (Kanata Greenspace Protection Coalition), Graeme Roderick (Tanglewood-Hillsdale CA), Ron Rose (Old Ottawa East CA), Catie Sahadath (Queensway Terrace North CA), Gillian Salmond (Wellington Village CA), Heather Shearer (Bike Ottawa), Laura Smith (Glebe CA), Grant Stein (Lynwood CA), Don Stewart (Westboro Beach CA), Phil Sweetnam (Stittsville Village CA), Dorothy Tweedie (McKellar Park CA), Kate Twiss, Ken Victor (Synapcity), Agnes Warda (Glens CA), Nancy Wilson (City View CA)

1. Agenda:

Motion to approve: Agnes Warda/ML Marti - CARRIED

2. FCA 50th Anniversary:

Presentation by Archie Campbell (FCA President 2006-11) on the history of the FCA – 2nd part: At one point the FCA received funding from Regional

Council for staffing & communications, but was lost due to budget cuts. FCA experienced periods of difficulty as a volunteer organization following that. City amalgamation in 2000 led to revived interest.

3. Presentation on City of Ottawa draft Official Plan by FCA President Alex Cullen, using City Planning Dept. PowerPoint Presentation (to be posted on FCA website):

- 5 Big Moves to begin OP review
- New transect approach to capture area context (downtown, inner urban, outer urban, suburban, rural)
- Use of overlays to guide neighbourhood evolution (intensification) – evolving (suburban to urban), transforming (more dense urban)
- Intensification (“regeneration”) to guide most growth
- 15 minute neighbourhoods to be ideal
- Higher density in hubs & corridors
- Greenspace policies in separate schedule
- Protected major transit station areas – sheltered from LPAT appeal, inclusionary zoning to be used here, higher density targets
- Secondary plans to be reduced in number

The meeting heard from discussants Sheila Perry (on 15 Minute Neighbourhoods), Paul Johanis (on greenspace policy), and Kaite Burkholder-Harris (on housing).

The FCA will be holding 4 workshops on OP policies – 2 on Saturday morning January 23 (15 Minute Neighbourhoods, Transects & Overlays), and 2 on Saturday morning January 30 (Greenspaces, Housing). The results will be collated and presented to the February 17 FCA General Meeting, to be ratified & submitted to the City.

FCA Business:

4. Open Mic:

- Phil Sweetnam (Stittsville CA) raised the issue of landlord evictions during COVID
- Stefan Baginski (Greater Avalon CA) spoke about infrastructure issues in his east-end community
- Catie Sahadat (Queensway Terrace North CA) raise the issue of community access to fieldhouses and the rental of fieldhouse space to outside organizations
- Elizabeth McAllister (Manor Park CA) raised concerns about OP policies re. intensification and impact on schools

5. Approval of the Minutes of the November 16, 2020 FCA General Meeting – deferred.
6. Treasurer’s Report (Lorne Cutler):
Now 56 members
New year means membership renewals are needed.
7. Committee Reports:

Planning & Zoning Committee: Chair Robert Brinker reported that organizing for the 4 FCA OP workshops are well underway – 2 on Saturday morning Jan. 23 (15 Minute Neighbourhoods, Transects & Overlays), 2 on Saturday morning Jan. 30 (Greenspaces, Housing).

Motion re. FCA presentation to Jan. 25 City Planning Committee re. urban lands expansion report:

WHEREAS the FCA spoke at the May 2020 City Planning Committee meeting in opposition to proposed expansion of the City’s urban boundary as a means of accommodating future growth, based on concerns over the cost of urban sprawl and negative impact on the environment;

WHEREAS Ottawa City Council adopted a hybrid approach to accommodating future growth in the City, in part based on intensification and in part permitting an expansion of the urban boundary (by 1,300 hectares), and directed staff to identify candidate locations for this urban expansion;

WHEREAS City Planning Committee will be considering a City staff report on urban lands expansion at its January 25, 2021 meeting, which identifies certain lands for future urban expansion;

THEREFORE the FCA authorize the FCA Board to present to the City Planning Committee on this matter, based on the following:

1. Re-affirm the FCA opposition to urban sprawl (bad for environment, costly to taxpayers, etc.);
2. Support the protection of Agricultural Resource lands, aggregate resource lands and natural areas envisioned in the proposed Gold Belt;
3. Express concern over the implications of a new urban centre at Leitrim East/Carlsbad West as there is no infrastructure to accommodate a community the size of Bells Corners there - servicing, roads, rapid transit (especially LRT here).

Motion by Robert Brinker/Alex Cullen - CARRIED

Tabling of Motion re. delay of draft City of Ottawa Official Plan process (to be discussed at the Feb. 17 FCA General Meeting) – motion by Sheila Perry/Robert Brinker:

Whereas COVID has greatly changed work routines, shopping routines, school routines and more and many changes will remain post-COVID, changing housing demands, etc. and

Whereas the Draft Official Plan for Ottawa is a complex document of 380 pages that requires time to digest and reflect on the implications for the next 25 years of City of Ottawa planning, and

Whereas the Ottawa Draft Official Plan for Ottawa was released during COVID restrictions on November 20, 2020 and PIED are requiring a deadline of February 17, 2021 to provide comment and

Whereas COVID has prevented over 150 community associations and resident groups adequate time to review and to participate in the review (especially the face-to-face discussions and in-person community meetings that are the lifeblood of public consultation), and

Whereas City of Ottawa Planning (PIED) only has provided on-line access to the Draft Ottawa Official Plan and has provided only 7 print copies for access through Ottawa Public Library Inner Library Loan for over 150 community associations and resident group (and the many maps and drawings are exceedingly difficult to review on-line due to complexity and scale), and

Whereas City of Ottawa policy emphasizes equity for all,

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Federation of Citizens Associations of Ottawa (FCA) request that:

1. City Council delay the Ottawa draft Official planning process until such time that there can be a complete assessment made of the permanent changes to life work and play as a result of COVID-19,
 2. City of Ottawa amend its draft Official Plan planning process to seek public input on an updated draft Official plan in the first quarter of 2023.
- Transportation Committee: next meeting Feb. 11, for more info contact transportation@fca-fac.ca
 - FCA Board: Alex Cullen (President) reported on progress on: FCA Constitution Working Group, Outreach Working Group. The FCA has written to the Minister of Municipal Affairs re. concerns over the use of Ministerial Zoning Orders (MZOs).

8. Adjournment

Next FCA General Meeting Wednesday February 17, 2021