



**General Meeting – Wednesday October 20, 2021 – 6:45 pm**  
**Electronic Teleconference via Google Meet**

**MINUTES**

**In Attendance:** Duff Mitchell, A Nakanishi, Agnes W, Al Crosby, Alex Cullen, Angela Keller-Herzog, Anya and Mihailo Mihailovic (City View CA), Archie Campbell, Barbara Ramsay, Bel-Air Community Association, Cheryl Parrot, Chris Greenshields, Della Rosbil, Della Vaslet-Thomson (Findlay Creek CA), Elizabeth McAllister (Manor Park CA), Grace Thrasher (Manotick Village and Community Association), Granda Kopytko (College Ward), Heather Amys (Overbrook CA), Heather Pearl, Judith Maxwell, Judy Korecky (Faircrest Heights CA), Kate, L Lehr, Laura Urrechaga (Old Ottawa South), Linda Brown (Hintonburg CA), Lorne Cutler (Hampton Iona CG), Lynn Roseberry, Lynne Bankier, Mari Wellman, Nancy Wilson (City View CA), Phil Sweetnam (Stittsville Village Association), P Johanis, Rachelle Lecours (Greater Avalon Community Association), Robert Brinker, Robert Brocklebank (Glebe), Roland Dorsay (Champlain Park), Ron Rose, Russ Thomas, Sheila Perry, Stefan Baginski (Greater Avalon CA), Steve Anderson (Katimavik-Hazeldean CA), Stewart Morris.

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>Call to order</b>	The meeting was called to order by A. Cullen, FCA President, at 7:02 pm.	
<b>Agenda</b>	<b>M/S R. Dorsay / S. Anderson</b> that the agenda be adopted as amended.	<b>CARRIED.</b>
<b>Spotlight Feature</b>	Grace Thrasher spoke on behalf of the <b>Manotick Village and Community Association</b> - a busy CA with 300+ paid members. They have worked closely with the village BIA and the Manotick Gardening Society to revitalize the village's core with many Main Street improvements – flowers, signs, garbage cans, benches. Have hosted Shiverfest, a Community Garage Sale, Soap Box Derby and several All-Candidate's Meetings. Their biggest issue is the 800 trucks a day travelling through their village, with 8 trucks an hour driving over their sidewalks. Thank you, Grace!	<b>Contact info:</b> <b>manotickvca.org</b>
<b>OP Post-Mortem</b>	A. Cullen's report follows: Here is the report on the OP motions at the Oct. 14-15-18 joint meeting of City Planning Committee & ARAC that I presented at last night's FCA General Meeting: To facilitate our discussion at tonight's meeting regarding the actions taken by the	<b>Membership follow-up: Della Rosbil and Lynn Roseberry seeking information on the FCA and how to join it</b>

Oct. 14-15-18 joint meeting of the City's Planning Committee & ARAC on the draft City Official Plan, I have prepared this summary:

Public delegations: 96 (of which 38 were identified as representing community groups)

Motions moved: 80

Motions lost: 4

Motions referred to Council (no recommendation): 2

Motions referred to the Transportation Master Plan: 3

Motions which directed staff: 40

Motions that changed OP text: 25

Number of Councillors who moved (or who had motions moved on their behalf): 16

Of specific note are the following (not a complete list):

1. Possibility of development in Natural Heritage Lands: changed from "avoid" to "exclude";
2. Heights of buildings in Minor Corridors reduced to from 5 to 6 storeys, to 4 storeys;
3. Removal of default 6 storeys building height from Inner Urban Transect;
4. Carlingwood Woods to retain Urban Natural Feature;
5. Secondary Plan to be developed for Vanier;
6. Secondary Plan to be developed for Bowesville area;
7. Staff directed to develop tracking tool to monitor OP goals;
8. Staff directed to examine options to protect McCarthy Woods;
9. Staff directed to develop sub-targets for urban tree canopy, identify residential areas that do not meet City target, strategies to achieve the targets, and a monitoring & reporting

- plan;
10. Zoning bylaw review to take into account availability (or lack) of supporting public realm when considering proposed reductions in frontyard set-backs;
  11. Staff directed to post flood plain updates to City website by Q1 2022;
  12. Staff directed to review/enhance community engagement on Local Plan initiatives;
  13. Gender Equity & Inclusion Lens section re-written and expanded, plus staff directed to develop tool-box on gender, equity & inclusion issues;
  14. Affordable housing definition amended: the PPS statement as "the least expensive", lowest 60% income distribution - separate for home ownership and for renters;
  15. More detail on affordable housing targets: 20% of all new residential units, 70% targets to households in core need, 30% targets to households within market-affordability;
  16. New definition of "Collector Street";
  17. Staff directed to develop purchasing policy for surplus federal, provincial, school board lands;
  18. Surface water & groundwater resources are to be protected where intensification occurs;
  19. Secondary Plan to be developed for Baseline Corridor;
  20. "healthy" added to Complete Streets policy;

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The FCA and various CA presentations to the Planning Committee + ARAC (Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee), on the proposed new Official Plan, were well-received in general. Comments: Basically satisfied with the process. 16 POP motions all moved forward to some degree. (P. Johanis) / Still concerns with 40% tree canopy – quantitative vs. Qualitative (S. Baginski) / Appreciated motions

<p><b>MOTION</b></p>	<p>concerning 40% canopy. Would have liked more on the finance aspects of the plan (A. Herzog-Keller) / CA's need City funding. Councillors seemed to be listening – a quality meeting (E. McAllister) / Good presentations. Neighbourhood granularity still needed for tree canopy. Some progress on governance, transparency and metrics – but more needed (R. Dorsay) / Ensure changing direction is more than just changing language (L. Bankier) / Pleased with Moodie LRT station motion passing – is only station on NCC land (K. Twiss)</p> <p><b>M/S R. Brinker, C. Greenshields.</b> “That the FCA request City Council to direct staff to develop, as part of the OP monitoring process, metrics to measure intensification, tree canopy, access to greenspace and other mitigative measures by neighbourhood.”</p>	<p><b>CARRIED. To be followed up by A. Cullen.</b></p>
<p><b>City Budget Process</b></p>	<p>A. Cullen spoke about different parts of City operations seeking different budgetary percentage increases (eg. 2.6% general expenses, 3.0% police, 4.5% transit, 12% storm water management). The upcoming public consultations give a chance for the public to make their requests for (as examples) money to directly fund CA's or particular neighbourhood sidewalk improvements. A. Cullen recommended that community associations facing insurance issue with the City bring these up at the public consultation sessions on the City budget.</p>	
<p><b>FCA General Meeting Minutes of Sept 15, 2021</b></p>	<p><b>M/S R. Dorsay, S. Anderson</b> that the minutes of the last general meeting held September 15 2021 be adopted as written.</p>	<p><b>CARRIED.</b></p>
<p><b>Open Microphone</b></p>	<p><b>H. Anderson:</b> The City's Community Safety &amp; Well-Being Report is now available and will be going to City Council. This is a positive step towards better social infrastructure and poverty reduction.</p> <p><b>L. Bankier:</b> Concerns about restarting in-person CA meetings and events – most insurance policies contain a clause regarding communicable diseases.</p> <p><b>L. Cutler:</b> Questioned the necessity of all rink workers needing 2 Covid shots. Seems unreasonable for those flooding the rink at night.</p> <p><b>D. Rosbil:</b> Do all events on City land require participants to have 2 Covid shots? Need to check with Ottawa Public Health.</p>	<p><b>For Insurance Working Group – communicable disease clarification</b></p>
<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b></p>	<p>L. Cutler reported a bank balance of \$24,369 and FCA membership of 70. One current paid member</p>	<p><b>Insurance follow-up needed. ONCA as a</b></p>

	retroactively paid for their 2020 membership. He noted a lot of interest from members concerning the CA insurance situation. He is waiting to hear back from the City on this, and the FCA Executive will be discussing this in their meeting next week. There was a side discussion about ONCA and the need for CA engagement/education. "Heather" suggested CAs contact Pro Bono Ontario.	<b>possible Speakers Series topic.</b>
<b>FCA Planning and Zoning Committee</b>	R. Brinker thanked everyone for their recent work on the new OP. The next big P&Z issue will be the upcoming Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw Review.	<b>Next FCA P&amp;Z Committee meeting Nov. 3</b>
<b>FCA Transportation Committee</b>	Co-Chair A. Cullen highlighted the Lady Alexandra Bridge and tramway issue, the forthcoming NCC report on interprovincial bridge crossings, the City's Active Transportation Plan, as well as parking issues and LRT connection at the new Ottawa Hospital site.	<b>Next FCA Transportation Committee meeting Nov. 4</b>
<b>MOTION</b>	<p><b>M/S R. Brinker, P. Johanis.</b> "That the FCA welcomes the Healthy Streets Initiative and requests that City Council instruct staff to review the Healthy Streets Initiative." Amended letter is as follows:</p> <p><b>Dear Mayor Jim Watson, Dr. Vera Etches, Councillors and members of the Board of Health,</b></p> <p>The state of our streets is a public health issue.</p> <p>Now, more than ever, we need these public spaces to support the health of all who use them. We cannot afford to let politics, parking and traffic flow dominate.</p> <p>When we create streets that improve people's health, we also make our neighbourhoods more socially and economically vibrant, and environmentally sustainable. That is what Lucy Saunders, founder of the Healthy Streets Approach, found after researching the effects of transport, the public realm, and urban planning on health. Saunders distilled this research into ten indicators of a Healthy Street:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Everyone feels welcome</li> <li>2. People choose to walk and cycle</li> <li>3. People feel relaxed</li> <li>4. Easy to cross</li> <li>5. Clean air</li> <li>6. Not too noisy</li> <li>7. Places to stop and rest</li> <li>8. People feel safe</li> <li>9. Things to see and do</li> <li>10. Shade and shelter</li> </ol> <p>The Healthy Streets Approach became the framework of London Mayor Sadiq Khan's 25-year Transport Strategy, part of all the Mayor's statutory strategies, and a pillar of the London Plan (spatial plan). More about the Healthy Streets Approach is available here: <a href="https://healthystreets.com/home/tools/">https://healthystreets.com/home/tools/</a>.</p> <p>I am asking you to advocate for a similar prioritization of health in decision-making about our public streets here in Ottawa. This could include the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Making health the top priority in all day-to-day transportation and planning decisions, starting now</li> <li>2. Launching a program, co-led by Ottawa Public Health and Transportation Services, to quickly transform streets to support safe, active transportation and expand public space during the</li> </ol>	<b>CARRIED.</b>

<b>MOTION</b>	<p>pandemic</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Committing to the Healthy Streets Approach in all relevant policy documents, including the new Official Plan, Transportation Master Plan, and Complete Streets policies</li> <li>4. Requesting that Ottawa Public Health co-lead the development of the new Transportation Master Plan, Cycling Plan and Pedestrian Plan</li> <li>5. Providing the public with an analysis of the health impacts of all transportation decisions (i.e., adding a “Health Impacts” section in all reports to the Transportation Committee, to be provided by Ottawa Public Health)</li> <li>6. Leading a culture change at City Hall so that all staff understand their responsibility to transform public streets into healthy and equitable places (not to defend the status quo)</li> </ol> <p>We cannot continue watching while other cities lead. I am counting on you to act with the urgency this issue deserves.</p> <p>Sincerely, Your Name Your Title Your Organization</p> <p><b>M/S “Lynn”, R. Johanis.</b> “That the FCA convey to City Council its support for the proposed expansion of speed enforcement cameras on the basis of safety.”</p>	<b>CARRIED.</b>
<b>FCA Board</b>	A. Cullen informed the membership that the FCA Executive collectively decided that the FCA should not take a position on how to fill the City Council vacancy in Kanata North Ward. The matter of FCA Board members expressing personal views on public issues was referred to the Board's Governance Working Group.	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	The next general FCA meeting will be held on Wednesday November 17 <sup>th</sup> .	<b>Next FCA meeting Nov 17</b>
<b>Adjournment</b>	M/S R. Brinker, E. McAllister. At 9:04 PM	<b>CARRIED.</b>

Meeting Minutes recorded by S. Anderson, with thanks to R. Dorsay and ML.