



**General Meeting – Wednesday November 17, 2021 – 7:00 pm**  
**Electronic Teleconference via Google Meet**

**MINUTES**

**In Attendance:** Alex Cullen (FCA President), Maria Luisa Marti (FoJ&B), Jack Hanna (VP Centretown CA), Steve Anderson (Katimavik-Hazeldean CA), Ron Rose (Old Ottawa East Community Association), Robert Brinker (Carlington, FCA VP and Chair Planning and Zoning Committee), Miranda Gray (representing herself), Karen Patzer (Britannia Village), Dorothy Tweedie (volunteer for McKellar Park CA), Stefan Baginski (Greater Avalon CA), Michelle Hurtubise (guest, Coalition of Community Health and Resources Centres, Centretown CHC), Al Crosby (Fairhaven CA), Mireille Brownhill (Convent Glen Orleans Wood CA), Agnes Warda (Glens CA), Barbara Ramsay (Kanata Greenspace Protection Coalition), Elizabeth McAllister (Manor Park CA), Danika Brisson (Overbrook CA), Roland Dorsay (Champlain Park CA), Deborah Long (Glebe CA), Corey Peabody (Fisher Heights and Area), Sheila Perry (Overbrook CA), Jill Prot (City View CA), Paul Howes (Woodroffe North CA), Linda Brown (Hintonburg CA), Kate Twiss (Crystal Beach Lakeview CA), Marty Carr (Alta Vista CA), Brenda Knight (Centretown CA), Nancy Wilson (City View CA), Granda Kopytko (College Ward), Bob Brocklebank (Glebe), Alice Nakanishi (Centretown CA), Angela Keller-Herzog (CAFES), Kathy Vandergrift (Queensway Terrace North), Hayley Bennett (KHCA), Archie Campbell (DCA), Gillian Salmond (WVCA), Susan Fisher, Stuart Kinmond, Sean Meagher, Sandra Stefanik, Russ Thomas, Paul Goodkey, Neil Thomson, Mary Huang, Lorne Cutler, Laura Urrechaga, Kathy Vandergrift, Judith Maxwell, Ian McConnachie (CBLCA), Catherine Racine, Bruce Hood, Brenda Knight, A Duff Mitchell.

<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 7:04 pm.	
<b>Agenda</b>	<b>M/S R. Dorsay / S. Stefanik</b> that the agenda be adopted as written.	<b>CARRIED.</b>
<b>Spotlight Feature</b>	<b>Jack Hanna</b> spoke on behalf of the <b>Centretown Citizens Community Association</b> . In 2017 they had 85 members, now they have 300+ members. Have expanded from 3 working groups to 12+. In July 2021 they started a Farmer's Market. Are running "Neighbourwoods" with help from U of T to monitor neighbourhood tree health. Other activities include gardening, Covid support network, heritage, anti-racism, Fall Festival, changes to the OP, bike lanes, lower speed limit on Elgin St. Challenges: How to operate their large organization, and running elections for CCA President and other Board positions. Thank you, Jack!	<b>Website and contact information:</b> <a href="http://centretowncitizens.ca">centretowncitizens.ca</a>

<p><b>Feature Presentation</b></p>	<p><b>Michelle Hurtebise and Sean Meagher</b>, representing the <b>Coalition of Community Health and Resource Centres of Ottawa</b>, gave a thoughtful presentation on “<b>Rethinking Community Safety in Ottawa</b>”. They want to see the City alleviate the churn of vulnerable people through the existing formal system (lack of housing, police being called, jail, courts, etc.). They want to see a better mix of resources being used. It was noted that 9-1-1 is run by the police and the three options available are only police, fire, ambulance. For example; outside of 9-1-1 there is “Options Bytown” that is working to help the homeless in Ottawa – they receive funding from the Ontario government, but with additional funding from the City (for example) they could continue to operate past 8 pm daily. They noted that Ottawa spends 1/7<sup>th</sup> of what Toronto spends on youth outreach, and that gangs are always trying to recruit teens. They observed that if people are housed, their incarceration rate plummets approximately 80%. They emphasized that they are not about “defunding the police” instead stating that, “The police have an important job to do, so let’s not tie them up with things they don’t need to do.” They also emphasized that theirs is a long-term plan, but if someone were to give them \$10 million dollars now (a very small slice of the 1/3 of a billion dollars now spent on policing in Ottawa) they could quickly ramp up their level of service to the most vulnerable. Going forward they are promoting a “Made in Ottawa” solution and are looking for community support at Community and Protective Services, the Police Services Board, and ultimately Ottawa City Council during their upcoming budget deliberations.</p>	<p><b>Website and contact information:</b>  <a href="http://coalitionottawa.ca">coalitionottawa.ca</a></p> <p><b>Website and contact information:</b>  <a href="http://optionsbytown.com">optionsbytown.com</a></p>
<p><b>FCA General Meeting Minutes of Oct 20 2021</b></p>	<p><b>M/S R. Dorsay, R. Brinker</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>Past action items arising from the last meeting minutes</b></p>	<p><b>A. Cullen</b> noted:</p> <p>The City is now talking about offering metrics (tree canopy, etc.) ... not at the neighbourhood level (which is what we wanted), but something more granular than the City-wide metrics offered before.</p> <p>The Healthy Streets Initiative has now been folded into the OP.</p> <p>The FCA has communicated our support for traffic speed cameras.</p>	
<p><b>Open Mic</b></p>	<p><b>L. Cutler</b> mentioned that ONCA has now been ratified</p>	

	<p>by the Ontario Government. His spouse has written a summary paper for community groups that explains what this means for small volunteer organizations. Please contact Lorne if you would like to know more.....</p> <p><b>A. Crosby</b> observed that a large machine has suddenly appeared in his neighbourhood to cut down trees for a new development – yet no development application has been filed at the City. Agnes W. said that she has encountered the same situation in her neighbourhood. A.Cullen will follow up on this issue and requested that AI provide him with some more information on what he has found works best in these types of situations, which seem to occur with relatively frequency across the city...</p> <p><b>J. Prot</b> expressed dismay that the City doesn't seem interested in plowing the parking lot at Andrew Haydon Park in the winters. She wondered if other nearby CAs would support a campaign to have them plowed.</p>	<p><b>Contact:</b> <a href="mailto:Cutler@fca-fac.ca">Cutler@fca-fac.ca</a></p> <p><b>A. Crosby to provide info to A. Cullen</b></p> <p><b>Those interested in snow clearing at Andrew Haydon Park can contact J. Prot at: ourcityview.ca</b></p>
<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b></p>	<p><b>L. Cutler</b> reported that there are currently 70 paid FCA members and that there is over \$24K in the FCA bank account. He reminded all that budgets are now due from the various FCA Committees.</p>	
<p><b>FCA Planning and Zoning Committee</b></p>	<p><b>R. Brinker</b> mentioned that the last P &amp; Z Committee meeting dealt mainly with the upcoming Zoning Bylaw Review. The following motion was approved at the last P &amp; Z Committee meeting and was voted on here.</p> <p><b>MOTION M/S R. Brinker/S. Perry.</b> <i>Whereas Community Association members and property owners are pleased that the City of Ottawa is posting Committee of Adjustment Panel 1, 2 and 3 meetings on the website Ottawa.ca;</i></p> <p><i>Whereas minutes and resulting decisions by Panel 1, 2 and 3 need to be timely and communicated to the public on the Committee of Adjustment website;</i></p> <p><i>Whereas planning staff comments and professional opinion on each file application are important for all applicants and participants on each file application to the Committee of Adjustment;</i></p> <p><i>Therefore be it resolved that the following recommendations from the FCA Planning &amp; Zoning Committee be adopted by the FCA and communicated to the City of Ottawa PIED Staff etc.:</i></p>	<p><b>Next FCA P &amp; L Committee meeting will be on Dec. 1 2021</b></p> <p><b>CARRIED.</b></p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Continue to post the schedule of Committee of Adjustment meetings on the City of Ottawa website;</li> <li>2. Timely posting of Minutes and resulting decisions of all Panel 1, 2 and 3 hearings be shared on the website;</li> <li>3. Planning staff's professional comments and recommendations are needed for each Committee of Adjustment file and be published 10 days in advance of the CofA hearing;</li> <li>4. All supporting documents like drawings and reports to be posted online with the application.</li> </ol>	
<b>FCA Transportation Committee</b>	<p>Co-Chair <b>A. Cullen</b> reported on the Nov. 4 2021 Transportation Committee meeting. The following motion was approved at the last Transportation Committee meeting and was voted on here.</p> <p><b>MOTION M/S S. Anderson/S. Baginski.</b>  <i>Whereas many students paid for a compulsory student transit U-Pass mere weeks before Ottawa's LRT system was closed indefinitely;</i></p> <p><i>Whereas many Carleton University students have already had to rely on buses while reconstruction of the O-line tracks is being completed over a period of years, necessitating the use of replacement buses at great inconvenience;</i></p> <p><i>Whereas students who commute to Algonquin College, Carleton University, Ottawa University, and St. Paul University are now experiencing significant transportation delays due to the LRT being out of service, LRT Phase</i>  <i>Two construction detours, and the arbitrary and sudden removal of many regular and replacement buses in order to make up for the closure of the LRT line;</i></p> <p><i>Whereas the City of Ottawa is planning to offer free transit to all riders during the month of December, except those holding pre-paid passes such as the U-Pass - thereby increasing the number of transit riders which will slow down the transit commute of existing</i></p>	<p><b>Next FCA Transportation Committee meeting will be on Dec. 1 2021</b></p> <p><b>CARRIED.</b></p>

	<p><i>student riders even more and which will increase the numbers of people riding on the buses and therefore possible COVID transmission;</i></p> <p><i>Whereas many students have little or no income, are on a tight budget, and disproportionately rely on Ottawa's transit system and are one of the groups most affected by the reductions in service;</i></p> <p><i>Whereas many students have now had to increasingly use taxis, Uber, and other such services, if not driving personal vehicles at increased expense for gas and parking;</i></p> <p><i>Whereas regardless of when the LRT system is put back into service, so much inconvenience and expense has already been incurred by the students that a refund for loss of service is justified;</i></p> <p><i>Whereas the City of Ottawa, by their actions, has therefore significantly altered the attractiveness of the U-Pass, if not the contractual terms of the program;</i></p> <p><i>Therefore, be it resolved that the Federation of Citizens Associations (FCA) request the City of Ottawa to refund half the cost of the U-Pass directly to the students who purchased one for the 2021-22 school year, and to pay for all the administrative costs to complete this.</i></p>	
<p><b>New Business</b></p>	<p><b>A. Cullen</b> spoke about the process that is being followed now that City Council has approved the new OP. The Ontario Government is now reviewing the submission from the City. They are likely entertaining input from the development industry at this time. The following motion was proposed and voted on so that the FCA can continue to speak on behalf of our communities at this next level. Direction to Board:</p> <p><b>MOTION. M/S A. Cullen/R. Brinker.</b></p> <p><i>(1) That the FCA write to the Minister of Municipal Affairs &amp; Housing regarding the City of Ottawa's new Official Plan, indicating that:</i></p> <p><i>(a) The FCA supports the principles contained in the 5 Big Moves in the new Official Plan,</i></p>	<p><b>CARRIED.</b></p>

	<p><i>and the concept of 15-minute neighbourhoods;</i></p> <p><i>(b) The FCA opposes the proposals for urban land expansion contained in the Official Plan, particularly the 445 ha for the proposed Tewin development; and</i></p> <p><i>(c) The FCA supports the development of metrics to assess the impact of intensification on neighbourhoods, including tree canopy targets and access to greenspace by neighbourhood.</i></p> <p><b>A. Cullen</b> also gave an update about the status of the FCA's work on the issues around insurance for community groups. Direction to Board:</p> <p><b>MOTION M/S A. Cullen/L. Cutler.</b>  <i>That the FCA bring the issue of the City's community insurance programs to the November 18 Community &amp; Protective Services Committee budget meeting and the December 7 FEDCO budget meeting, to express concerns about the increase in costs to community associations and the uneven playing field between the City's closed and open programs, and recommend that City staff and the FCA be tasked with finding solutions to these issues.</i></p>	<b>CARRIED.</b>
<b>Next Meeting</b>	The next general FCA meeting will be held on Wednesday December 15 2021	<b>Next FCA meeting Dec 15 2021</b>
<b>Adjournment</b>	<b>M/S R. Brocklebank/S. Anderson</b> At 9:04 PM	<b>CARRIED.</b>

Meeting minutes recorded by S. Anderson, with thanks to ML for the attendance list.