



Annual General Meeting – Wednesday June 16, 2021 – 7 pm
Electronic Teleconference via Google Meet
Draft Minutes

Attendance: 56 people

1. Welcome by President Alex Cullen; recognition of quorum (one-third of members in good standing (1/3 of 67= 23) plus one member of the Executive)
2. Approval of the AGEM Agenda: add under 4(b) Report from Federation of Urban Neighbourhoods (FUN) – Geoff Kitel – m/s Roland Dorsay/Miranda Gray CARRIED
3. Approval of the Minutes of the September 16, 2020 FCA-FAC AGM: add under attendance Steve Anderson m/s Robert Brinker/Maria Luisa Marti CARRIED
4. (a) President's Report by Alex Cullen (attached)
 (b) Report from Federation of Urban Neighbourhoods (FUN) – Geoff Kitel
5. Treasurer's Report by Lorne Cutler (attached) – approval m/s Lorne Cutler/Bob Brocklebank CARRIED
6. Presentation of FCA Awards (attached):
 - Lifetime Achievement Award – John Curry
 - City Builder Award – Judith Maxwell
 - Media Award – IMAGE (Jane Waterston)
 - Achievement Award – Lorne Cutler
 - Special Recognition Award – Bob Brocklebank
 - Certificate of Recognition – Miranda Gray

7. Amendments to the FCA Constitution/By-law (see attached):

Motion #1: That the by-laws of the Federation be amended in accordance to the details circulated to reflect the current structure of activity of the Federation.

m/s Bob Brocklebank/Robert Brinker CARRIED

Motion #2: That the statement of values of the FCA (adopted in 2018) be inserted in Section 3 of the By-law (Attainment of Purposes):

“The Federation shall conduct itself according to the following values:

- Build better communities,
- Promote civic engagement and volunteerism,
- Encourage collaboration and teamwork,
- Recognize and support diversity,
- Support environmental sustainability,
- Rely on fact-based decision-making, good governance, transparency and accountability,
- Promote integrity and respect for others.”

m/s Roland Dorsay/Paul Johanis CARRIED

Motion #3: That the following statement of purpose be inserted in Section 3 of the By-law (Attainment of Purposes):

“The Federation shall seek to inform, educate and empower its members by:

- Serving as an information clearing-house for information between and among member organizations, levels of government and their agencies, news media and others as appropriate,
- Promoting the development of Ottawa as a more liveable community of neighbourhoods and as a national capital that is culturally vibrant, diverse, healthy, resilient, inclusive, sustainable, caring, prosperous, civically engaged and well-governed,
- Collaborating with engaged residents, community associations, businesses, governments and others to find innovative solutions to urban and rural challenges and opportunities,
- Advocating for systemic improvements in government process, policies plans and programs that align the FCA’s vision and core values.”

m/s Roland Dorsay/Paul Johanis CARRIED

Motion #4: That a new sub-section 10.10 Board Discretion be added:

“If the Board is confronted with the need to act urgently on behalf of the FCA collectively on a time sensitive matter, it will be considered so empowered by members if the action is consistent with the FCA’s purposes as contained in this by-law. Any such exercise of discretion must be reported to the members at the next General Meeting following its exercise.”

m/s Roland Dorsay/Paul Johanis CARRIED

8. Report from the Nominations Committee (Sheila Perry, Graeme Roderick & Alex Cullen) & Election of Board of Directors:

The following were nominated and elected to the Board of Directors of the FCA (2021-22):

President: Alex Cullen
Vice-President: Robert Brinker
Secretary: Roland Dorsay
Treasurer: Lorne Cutler

Directors: Steve Anderson, Stefan Baginski, Paul Johanis, Maria Luisa Marti, Barbara Ramsay, Phil Sweetnam, Leeane Van der Burgt

9. Comments from incoming President Alex Cullen
10. Other Business: Update on Official Plan process – the draft new Official Plan is expected to be released this summer, with the City Planning Committee to deal with the matter early this fall. Community associations were urged to contact their City Councillor to convey to them CA views on proposed OP policies.
11. Adjournment: m/s Don Stewart/Maria Luisa Marti CARRIED