



DRAFT Meeting Minutes – FCA General Meeting  
 Wednesday, September 20, 2023  
 7:30 pm  
 Via Google Meet

Minutes Recorded by Leeanne Van der Burgt

	Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
1	Call to order, welcome and land acknowledgement	The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm 41 people were in attendance	
2	Approval of Agenda	Motion to approve the Agenda Motion: Phil Sweetnam Second: Alex Cullen All in favour	Carried
3	Spotlight	Warren Waters presented on behalf of Lowertown Community Association	
4	Presentation: 2024 City of Ottawa Budget Directions	Alex Cullen presented a meaningful review of the City's budget process. The presentation is available on the FCA website.	
5	Open Mic – Local Issues	Bob Brocklebank spoke about Lansdowne 2.0. The report from City staff is expected in early October with the anticipation it will go before City Council on Oct 25. There are plans for a public information/consultation session on Oct 11. This is being organized by Old Ottawa South Community Association, Old Ottawa East Community Association and Glebe Community Association. The FCA Board will discuss how FCA will support this initiative.  Cheryl Parrott shared concerns about plans for Plouffe Park in Little Italy to replace the park with a school.  Susan Milburn is seeking contacts with any groups who have completed or are near completion of their ONCA submission.	
6	Adoption of the Minutes of the previous General Meeting – May 17, 2023	Motion to approve the minutes Motion: Bob Brocklebank Second: Agnes Warda All in favour	Carried
7	President's Report – Robert Brinker	The new Board met on August 5. They reviewed the FCA's 5-year plan and its status. The Board identified priorities for this term: Funding – searching for sustainable funding models Outreach – effective communication through a variety of platforms Data	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- continue to assess and improve internal data collection and management</li> <li>- continue to advocate for the City and other stakeholders to do so as well.</li> </ul> <p>Talent – continue to seek out and engage those will skills and expertise to lend to FCA.</p> <p>Governance/Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- a commitment to purposeful communication; be clear of the intent of the messaging and the audiences,</li> <li>- continue to advocate for data, accountability, and gunning principles.</li> </ul> <p>Planning &amp; Zoning work continued over the summer on the new Urban Design Guidelines for Low-Rise Infill Housing and the new Zoning By-Law.</p> <p>A letter was sent to the City requesting a meeting regarding the CPIP, eligibility and the impact on citizens’ associations.</p>	
8	Treasurer’s Report – Lorne Cutler	<p>The balance for FCA is currently \$8905.00.</p> <p>The primary expenditure is for hours for the new Admin Assistant.</p> <p>\$20,000 is in term deposits.</p> <p>Current paid Members for 2023 is 69.</p>	
9	Committee Reports	<p><u>Planning &amp; Zoning</u></p> <p>The Urban Design Guidelines for Low-Rise Infill Housing have been delayed. On September 6 the City Planning &amp; Housing Committee recommended staff be directed to return to Council in Q4 2023 with proposed amendments to the Zoning By-law including addressing parking and landscaping in rear yards so no more than 70 per cent of the rear yard area can be parking and a requirement to provide 15 per cent of the rear yard for soft landscaping. The City is hosting Open Houses on the topic of New Zoning By-Law. The next one is September 23 and there will be virtual on October 5. Details are available on Engage Ottawa.</p> <p><u>Transportation</u></p> <p>The next meeting will be September 28 via Google Meet.</p> <p><u>Communications</u></p> <p>The next meeting will be September 25 via Google Meet.</p> <p><u>External Relations</u></p> <p>The committee met last week. The primary topic was Development Charges.</p>	
10	Working Group Updates	<p><u>Committee of Adjustment</u></p> <p>There is nothing new to report. The Working Group is waiting for the City’s report which is expected soon.</p> <p><u>Insurance</u></p> <p>The Working Group met on September 18 to discuss next steps. A letter will be sent to the city again requesting a meeting with City staff.</p>	

<b>11</b>	Other Business		
<b>12</b>	Adjournment	Motion to Adjourn Motion: Don Stewart Meeting adjourned at 9:13 pm	

Upcoming meetings:

Planning & Zoning Committee: Wednesday, October 3, 2023

General Meeting: Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Transportation Committee: Thursday, October 26, 2023