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General Meeting
Wednesday October 18, 2023 – 7:00 pm
Electronic Teleconference via Google Meet
Draft Agenda

1.	Call to order; welcome to participants, land acknowledgement	2 min
2.	Approval of Agenda	2 min
3	Presentation: Lansdowne 2.0	30 min
4	Open Mike – Local Issues	15 min
	Break	
5	Adoption of the Minutes of the previous General Meeting, Sept. 20	2 min
6	President's Report, Robert Brinker	5 min
7	Treasurer's report	5 min
8	Committee Reports: Planning and Zoning Transportation Communications External Relations	20 min
9	Working Groups Update: Committee of Adjustment Insurance	15 min
10	Other Business	10 min
11	Adjournment	

Upcoming Meetings:

Transportation Committee: October 26, 2023

Planning and Zoning Committee: November 1, 2023

FCA General Meeting: November 22, 2023

Agenda item 3 – Lansdowne 2.0

Information is available on the Engage Ottawa website at <https://engage.ottawa.ca/lansdowne-2-0>
For detailed material go the agenda for the November 2 joint meeting of the Finance & Economic Development Committee and Planning & Housing Committee.

Agenda item 5 – Minutes of General Meeting of September 20, 2023

Draft minutes are found at <https://fca-fac.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/230920DM.pdf>

Agenda item 8 – Transportation Committee

On September 27 the FCA Transportation Committee met and considered, among other things, the City's 2024 Budget Directions. City Council has proposed that the 2024 City of Ottawa budget include a 2.5% increase in property taxes (including the Transit Levy), and a 2.5% increase in OC Transpo fares (except for the Equity Bus Pass and the Community Bus Pass for low-income residents – held at 0% increase). At the same time OC Transpo is conducting a service review to identify savings. OC Transpo has a \$39 million operating deficit from 2023 and is facing a \$35 operating deficit in 2024 if current trends continue. Transit ridership continues to be significantly below pre-COVID levels.

The FCA Transportation Committee is proposing 2 motions to the FCA General Meeting, to be presented to the November 14 budget meeting of OC Transpo Commission, and the December 5 meeting of Finances & Corporate Services Committee (which reviews OC Transpo fares).

Motion 1

Whereas OC Transpo ridership has plummeted since the advent of the COVID-19 pandemic, falling to one-third of pre-COVID levels in 2021, now estimated at 70% (of 2019 levels) in 2023;
And whereas the OC Transpo Transit Long Range Financial Update predicts that 2019 transit ridership levels (100 million riders) may be reached by 2030;
Whereas the FCA (Federation of Citizens Associations) strongly supports taking measures to improve transit ridership growth, believing it to be in the public interest to do so;
Whereas increases in OC Transpo fares will negatively impact growth in transit ridership;
Therefore the FCA recommends to Ottawa City Council to freeze OC Transpo fares in its 2024 Budget.

Motion 2

Whereas OC Transpo ridership has plummeted since the advent of the COVID-19 pandemic, falling to one-third of pre-COVID levels in 2021, now estimated at 70% (of 2019 levels) in 2023;
And whereas the OC Transpo Transit Long Range Financial Update predicts that 2019 transit ridership levels (100 million riders) may be reached by 2030;
Whereas the FCA (Federation of Citizens Associations) strongly supports taking measures to support transit ridership growth, believing it to be in the public interest to do so;
Whereas reducing transit service will negatively impact growth in transit ridership;
Therefore the FCA recommends to Ottawa City Council that any adjustments to transit service have the effect of improving transit ridership.