



DRAFT Meeting Minutes – FCA General Meeting
 Wednesday, October 18, 2023
 7:00 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 7:03 pm 44 people were in attendance 28 Members were in attendance	
2	Approval of Agenda	There were no changes nor amendments requested Motion to approve the Agenda Motion: Rick Nelson Second: Alex Cullen All in favour	Carried
3	Presentation: Lansdowne 2.0	<p>Carolyn Mackenzie and Walter Robinson presented on the topic. Copies of the presentation are available on the FCA website.</p> <p>Maureen Drouin had emailed a motion to FCA on the topic of Lansdowne 2.0 on October 18.</p> <p>Robert Brinker explained that the FCA By-laws require than any non-procedural motion must be sent to the Board and members at least seven days in advance of a General Meeting. However this can be waived by unanimous agreement at the Meeting.</p> <p>Motion to waive the seven day requirement to consider the Motion on Lansdowne 2.0</p> <p>Discussion: Lorne Cutler asked for confirmation of quorum. Lorne Cutler confirmed 28 Members were in attendance for the vote.</p> <p>Motion: Alex Cullen Second: Don Stewart All in favour</p> <p>Maureen Drouin presented the Lansdowne 2.0 Motion: Whereas the Lansdowne Park 2.0 project will have a financial and services and recreation as well as quality of life impacts on the City and its residents and taxpayers as a whole and that the project is no longer cost neutral; Whereas the review of Lansdowne 1 has not yet been carried out and issues not yet identified that account for the mishaps and its unsuccessful implementation results; Whereas the consultation process has been unsatisfactory and that it has an impact on what and when consultation is put out and on how consultation is carried out on overall city planning; Whereas the objections raised by the immediate community organization and by the general public at the October meeting at Lansdowne Park and,</p>	Carried

		<p>recorded by Rogers, are valid, legitimate and supported with facts (see Rogers video) in addition to the fact that Lansdowne was originally transferred from a farmer owner for the purpose of park land; Whereas the Lansdowne project has not been considered in an overall view of the Plan for the City including LeBreton Flats, infrastructure and transportation plans; Whereas the estimated costs are expected to grow much higher as further more precise class estimates are presented’; Whereas the plan does not provide for affordable housing and monies in lieu of appears inadequately low and especially given that there is no plan developed for its use; Be it resolved that FCA inform in writing each member of City Council as well as the Chief Administrative Officer Wendy Stephanson, of its opposition to Lansdowne 2.0 project at this time citing that FCA represents 70 community organizations the names of which are to be listed under FCA President signature, with cc to Ottawa provincial MPs. Motion: Maureen Drouin Second: Alex Cullen Discussion: There were comments recommending further study needs to be done on the topic, that decision be made a year from now and how FCA Members might delegate at the joint committee meeting. No changes were requested to the wording of the motion. All in favour</p>	Carried
4	Open Mic – Local Issues	<p>Mihailo Mihailovic– They attended the Heritage Ottawa workshop for owners of heritage or older homes. They found it very good and would recommend it.</p> <p>Mihailo Mihailovic reported that there was a meeting of community associations in Ward 8 hosted by Councillor Johnson. He thanked Cheryl, Chis and Roland for presenting.</p> <p>Bel-Air Community Association shared concern about the tree planting initiatives near hydro lines near the stormwater pond in the Woodroffe/Iris area.</p>	
5	Adoption of the Minutes of the previous General Meeting – September 20, 2023	<p>There were no corrections or amendments. Motion to approve the minutes Motion: Bob Brocklebank Second: Lynne Davidson-Fournier, All in favour</p>	Carried
6	President’s Report – Robert Brinker	<p>FCA attended a briefing with FCA External Relations committee on the topic of Development Charge and Community Benefit Charges Bylaw. There is a proposed joint industry, FCA and staff meeting in the coming weeks. This may be followed by a public open house. Details will be shared when available.</p> <p>FCA spoke at the October 4 Planning & Housing Committee meeting on the topic of implementation of Provincial Bill 23, specifically on the elimination of the 30% limitation for additional dwelling units, restriction on the rear</p>	

		<p>yard parking ratio up to 70% and a minimum requirement for 15% soft landscaping.</p> <p>FCA attended two of the three new comprehensive zoning by-law open houses</p> <p>Alex Cullen has followed up, in writing, with letters to City staff requesting answers regarding the promised consultation for insurance issues and for a response from Committee of Adjustment.</p> <p>The Harnessing Success to Reduce Crime virtual seminar, hosted by FCA, is Monday October 30. Please register through the FCA website.</p>	
7	Treasurer's Report – Lorne Cutler	<p>The balance for FCA is currently \$8320.00. \$20,000 is in term deposits. The only expenses have been for the Admin Assistant Current paid Members for 2023 is 69.</p>	
8	Committee Reports	<p><u>Planning & Zoning</u> FCA spoke on October 4 at Planning & Housing Committee regarding Bill 23 implementation by-law requesting elimination of the 30 per cent rule for accessory units, allowing all entrances to these units to be on the front façade, on the restriction of pavement for the rear yard parking and the minimum requirement of 15% soft landscaping. These are interim steps while work continues on the New Comprehensive Zoning By-Law where the main issues are tree retention and more green space in backyards.</p> <p>FCA is forming a New Comprehensive Zoning By-law Working Group. If anyone would like to join, please contact FCA.</p> <p>The City is offering a Planning Primer on October 24. Registration is available through the City's website.</p> <p><u>Transportation</u> 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.</p> <p>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).</p> <p><u>Motion 1</u> 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;</p>	

		<p>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: Alex Cullen Second: Robert Brinker 24 in favour 4 opposed</p> <p>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. Motion: Alex Cullen Second: Laura Urrechaga 27 in favour 1 opposed</p> <p><u>Communications</u> The Committee met on September 25. The Chair was selected for the term and the Terms of Reference were reviewed. An update was given from our new Administrator on the project she is working on. Priorities for the term were discussed. The Harnessing Success to Reduce Crime Seminar is hosted virtually on Monday, October 30 at 7:00 pm. This is free. Registration is available through the FCA website.</p> <p><u>External Relations</u> The Committee met to revise the Terms of Reference and set goals to improve the City's public engagement process. The TOR will be submitted to the Board for approval at the next meeting. The Committee is seeking two candidates to join the committee from the rural or suburban areas. Contact FCA if you are interested or know if others who might be by October 25.</p>	<p>Carried</p> <p>Carried</p>
9	Working Group Updates	<p><u>Committee of Adjustment</u> In February, Planning & Housing Committee referred FCA recommendations with respect to Committee of Adjustment to City staff. They were to come back with a report in Q3. The Director of Planning &</p>	

		<p>Housing advised that the matter has been sent off to the mid-term review of Council</p> <p><u>Insurance</u> FCA appeared at the budget directions meeting to voice concerns about the Community Partners Insurance Program, particularly since there was a staff memo that said it was going to be a budget issue. There was the expectation that FCA would be consulted by City staff in the preparation of the report on the topic.</p> <p>Alex Cullen followed up on Oct 2 with an email to David White asking to meet with staff in preparation for the Nov 7 report. There was no response.</p> <p>Alex Cullen followed up again on Oct 16 again asking for a meeting. On Oct 18 there was a reply that there will be a meeting and City staff will be able to answer questions.</p> <p>It is known there is a report coming Nov 7 and it is expected FCA will be consulted before then.</p>	
10	Other Business	There was	
11	Adjournment	<p>Motion to Adjourn</p> <p>Motion: Don Stewart</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 9:27 pm</p>	

Upcoming meetings:

Planning & Zoning Committee: Wednesday, November 1, 2023

General Meeting: Wednesday, November 14, 2023

Transportation Committee: Thursday, October 26, 2023