

DRAFT Meeting Minutes – FCA General Meeting
Wednesday, December 13, 2023
7:00 pm
Hosted online 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 7:05 pm 31 people were in attendance 23 Members were represented	
2	Approval of Agenda	Alex Cullen shared the following motion from FCA Transportation Committee for consideration and vote later in the meeting under Committee Reports: That the FCA recommend to the City of Ottawa that, in considering changes to City services and programs, scope be provided to accommodate an enhancement of the City's Winter Maintenance Quality Standards, as per Council's direction in 2019. Roland Dorsay requested a report from the Governance Committee. Motion to approve the Agenda as amended Motion: Alex Cullen Second: Phil Sweetnam All in favour	Carried
3	Discussion about FCA Priorities for 2024	Known priorities include: Transportation Master Plan, Comprehensive Zoning By-Laws and ONCA are already noted as priorities for FCA in 2024. The group shared the following topics for Board consideration: 2025 Budget, Winter Quality Maintenance Standards, Strategic Road Safety Action Plan, "how-to" workshops for community associations with possible topics including purpose, governance and tools, advocate for reasonable notification from the City regarding meetings to permit time for preparation, report from FCA on progress with its multi-year strategic plan, public relations for FCA, participate in the City's public engagement strategy review, continuing to be advocates for integrity expectations of Councillors and City staff, a presentation and discussion about the pros and cons of an income tax based system for municipalities, sustainable development goals, options if CPIP is not retained or options for those who may not qualify if it is, advocating for movement from fossil fuels for heating in new developments and infills, ideas to get Ottawa to net zero emissions by 2050, homelessness and harm reduction in Ottawa. It was noted that attention to additional topics will require more volunteers. It was recognized that there may be topics that come up that will require adjustments to FCA priorities.	
4	Open Mic Local Issues	Janet Mark-Wallace shared there will be a Seed Exchange on March 2 Angela Keller-Herzog reported that the Glebe Community Association is going to the Ontario Lansdowne Tribunal regarding Lansdowne.	

		<p>Glebe Community Association will be hosting 6 Coffee Houses, starting In January, on the topic of Sustainable Lifestyles.</p> <p>Paul Howes requested support and coaching for delegating before City Committees and Council.</p> <p>Jill Prott raised concerns about proposed traffic pattern changes on Merivale at Rossland. She asked for advice for speaking to and getting the attention of Councillors and City planners.</p>	
5	Adoption of the Minutes of the previous General Meeting, November 15, 2023	<p>There were no additions nor changes to the Minutes Motion to approve the Minutes. Motion: Maria Luisa Marti Second: Rick Nelson All in favour</p>	Carried
6	President's Report Robert Brinker	FCA sent a letter to the Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing asking that the Ministry reject the City's request to increase the height limits in minor corridors in its Official Plan from the currently approved 4 storeys. The letter is available on the FCA website.	
	Treasurer's Report	<p>Lorne Cutler reported The balance is \$7230.00 There are \$20,000 in GICs which come due in March 2024 There are 73 paid members Memberships will increase to \$40 in 2024 The 2024 budget will be approved in January and presented at the February General Meeting. It was noted again that attention needs to be placed on sustainability for the organization as Memberships are not sufficient revenue.</p>	
5	Committee Reports	<p><u>Planning & Zoning</u> Robert Brinker reported. At the last meeting, the Committee discussed minor corridors and how to go forward with committee pre-consultation. The Committee is awaiting the draft Comprehensive By-Law expected in early 2024.</p> <p><u>Transportation</u> Alex Cullen reported. The Committee met on November 30. The next meeting will be January 18. At the November meeting, the Committee discussed;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winter Maintenance Quality Standards which are delayed until 2024. • The City's Strategic Road Safety Action Plan Annual Report. This topic is a recommended agenda item for a future General Meeting. • OC Transpo Service Review and the debate on freezing OC Transpo fares which was not approved at Council. • 2024 City Transportation Budget, the roads and sidewalks. • The status of the Transportation Master Plan which is expected to come forward in 2024. It is hoped that the results of the Origin Destination Study will have captured the change in work patterns as a result of the pandemic. • NCC long-term integrated interprovincial crossing studies. • The Committee's budget requests. It is expected that a workshop on the TMP will be planned. 	

		<p>Alex Cullen explained the City is going through a review of its services and programs indicating now it the time to pursue winter enhancement of winter quality maintenance standards and the budget for it. The Committee recommends that FCA recommend to the City that considering any changes to the city services and programs scope be provided to accommodate an enhancement of the City's winter maintenance quality standards as per Council direction</p> <p>The FCA Transportation Committee put forward the following Motion:</p> <p>That the FCA recommend to the City of Ottawa that, in considering changes to City services and programs, scope be provided to accommodate an enhancement of the City's Winter Maintenance Quality Standards, as per Council's direction in 2019.</p> <p>Motion: Alex Cullen Second: Maria Luisa Marti 22 in favour 1 opposed</p> <p><u>Communications</u> The Committee has been working on integrating our Administrative Assistant into communication processes and mapping them. Work has been done on improvements to the website.</p> <p><u>External Relations</u> Lynne Davidson-Fournier reported. The Committee met with City staff on November 20 to discuss the Committee's revised Terms of Reference and the Gunning Principles. A brief slide deck was shared and discussed. The Committee will reach out to some City Councillors to seek their advice and support for the City to consider and adopt the Gunning Principles. The slide deck is available on the FCA website.</p> <p>Lynne Davidson-Fournier reported that the City Staff Directory on the website will not be reinstated. Contact with staff needs to go through 311.</p> <p><u>Membership</u> Warren Waters reported. The Committee met in November. Conversations will be had with new and exiting Members from 2023.</p> <p><u>Governance</u> Robert Brinker reported. The Committee is meeting next week and will offer a report at the next General Meeting</p>	Carried
Working Groups Updates		<p><u>Insurance</u> Alex Cullen and Lorne Cutler reported. City staff has been instructed by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee to look at ways for the City to continue to offer insurance to community groups in a manner similar to CPIP and to consult with community groups and the FCA. The FCA Working Group met twice in November to discuss some of the possible framework and criteria in anticipation of that consultation.</p>	
Other Business		No additional topics were raised.	
Adjournment		Motion to adjourn by Don Stewart at 8:59 pm	