

Meeting Minutes – FCA General Meeting
Wednesday, February 21, 2024
7:00 pm
Hosted online via Google Meet

Minutes Recorded by Leanne Van der Burgt

	Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
1	Call to order, welcome and land acknowledgement	The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm 55 people were in attendance 29 Members were represented	
2	Approval of Agenda	Motion to approve the Minutes of the January 17, 2024 General Meeting Motion: Warren Waters Second: Lynne Davidson-Fournier All in favour	Carried
3	Spotlight	There was a presentation from Cumberland Community Association by Barry Turner	
4	Presentation	There was a presentation on the topic of Engaging Community Associations in Emergency Preparedness by Kris Haarbosch, Emergency Management Coordinator, Emergency Management, City of Ottawa	
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5	Approval of the Minutes of the last General Meeting; January 17, 2024	There were no changes or additions to the Minutes. Motion to approve the Minutes. Motion: Warren Waters Second: Barry Turner All in favour	Carried
6	President's Report	Robert Brinker began by thanking the FCA Insurance Working Group for their work over the past two years. On February 8 the External Relations Committee received a presentation from Charmain Fogie's group on the topic of the community consultation program and the non-disclosure agreement. The City is looking to expand this program city-wide and is seeking input from FCA. This will be the presentation topic at the FCA General Meeting on March 20. Provincial Bill 162, "Get it Done" would change height limits in Minor Corridors. City Council passed a motion to request the Minister retain the Minor Corridor permissible heights in accordance with the November 2022 Ministry approved new Official Plan. The deadline for comments is March 21. It is time to renew FCA Memberships. Details are available on the FCA-FAC website. If anyone is interested in joining the FCA Board for the 2024-25 term, please contact us.	
7	Treasurer's Report	Lorne Cutler reported	

		<p>The balance is \$6813.00</p> <p>There are \$20,000 in GICs which come due in March 2024</p> <p>27 FCA Members have renewed their Membership to date</p> <p>Lorne reminded everyone that if sending an e-transfer, please notify him of the password in a separate email.</p>	
8	Committee Reports	<p><u>Planning & Zoning</u></p> <p>The federal government will provide \$176.3 million to the City over the next few years to help fast track the building of over 4400 homes, including 1500 affordable homes. There are conditions including proposed four-plus (4+) dwelling units per residential lots. This will be a topic for the next Planning & Zoning meeting.</p> <p>At the last Committee meeting the digital twin the City is proposing, public notification systems for development files in light of provincial Bill 109. This stresses the importance of the planned presentation at the March FCA General Meeting.</p> <p><u>Transportation</u></p> <p>At the last meeting the Committee reviewed the work plan for the remainder of the year. The Transportation Master Plan is one of the most important items. It is expected to be tabled this spring. The Committee will be contacting City staff to inquire about the timing of this and the Origin Destination Study data. The expectation is FCA will host a workshop on this topic.</p> <p>The City will be coming forward with the Winter Maintenance Quality Standards.</p> <p>The Committee intends to be better prepared for the next City budget conversation. Councillor Tim Tierney, Chair of the Transportation Committee and Councillor Gower, Chair of the Transit Commission to meet with the FCA Transportation Committee.</p> <p><u>Communications</u></p> <p>The Committee met on January 22. The work plan was reviewed and updated.</p> <p><u>External Relations</u></p> <p>The Committee is working on a set of guidelines with Charmaine Forgie's group to assist community associations who participate in the community pre-consultation process and have to sign a nondisclosure agreement.</p> <p>The Committee contacted the person with the City in charge of the public engagement strategy which is coming up for review in the near future. There will be a presentation on this topic at the April FCA General Meeting.</p> <p><u>Governance</u> – Nil</p> <p><u>Membership</u> – Nil</p>	
9	Working Group Updates	<p><u>Insurance</u></p> <p>City Council did approve the recommendation from Finance and Corporate Services Committee with respect to a revised Community Partners</p>	

		<p>Insurance Program. A proposed change dealing with the fail-safe mechanism was brought forward at Council by Councillor Kavanagh but it was not accepted. Community associations who are covered under CPIP and delivering community activities and events will continue to get coverage. Other community associations who host events and activities will be able to apply. There will be qualifying criteria including; being located in the City of Ottawa, being in existence for two years, demonstrate financial viability, be governed by a democratically elected Board of Directors with at least three being independent members, have an annual meeting, have a Board approved constitution or By-Laws and produce financial statements. Measures need to be in place to ensure that the associations do not sponsor nor produce materials that promote or oppose a candidate or a question on a ballot. Associations may want to add an apolitical statement to their By-Laws or Constitution if they do not already have one. City staff will need time to provide clarification and create the application process.</p> <p><u>Zoning</u> The Group is reviewing a copy of a draft report about public reaction to papers issues in March and July of 2023 with respect to the new zoning by-laws. The next meeting will be on the topic of parking</p>	
10	Other Business	Bob Brocklebank shared that the Glebe Community Association is hosting their next Coffee House on Sustainability on February 24. Details are available on their website.	
11	Adjournment	Motion to adjourn by Don Stewart at 9:02 pm	