

DRAFT Meeting Minutes – FCA General Meeting
Wednesday, May 15, 2024
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	<p>The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm people were in attendance Members were represented</p> <p>There was a moment of silence in memory of former City Councillor Diane Deans following the news of her passing.</p>	
2	Approval of Agenda	<p>There were several additions to the Ageda Don Stewart asked to speak under New Business regarding a letter to the province. Motion to approve the Agenda as amended Motion: Warren Waters Second: Maria Luisa Marti All in favour</p>	Carried
3	Spotlight	Robert Brinker presented on behalf of Carlington Community Association	
4	FCA Nominations Committee Update: Bob Brocklebank	<p>Nominations Committee Bob Brocklebank shared that the Committee continues to seek candidates for key roles on the Board in the new term and welcomes those who may be interested to reach out.</p>	
5	Open Mic – Local Issues	<p>Don Stewart reported that Alliance for Liveable Ontario is sending a letter to the province in opposition to Bill 185. If individuals are interested in signing this it is available on their website.</p> <p>Maureen Drouin proposed FCA issue a summary of the work FCA has done and outcomes to help enhance the image of FCA.</p> <p>There was discussion about Bill 185, Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024. Lynne Davidson-Fournier remarked that there could still be changes made at the Committee level and in the third reading.</p> <p>Richard Lohead shared that they have received a number of reports of bikes being stolen at the LRT stop at Tunney's Pasture. The question was raised if others have heard of similar thefts nears LRT stops and if there may be a case for advocating for surveillance cameras.</p> <p>Bob Brocklebank shared that the final coffee house hosted by the Glebe Community Association will be held at the Jim Durrell Centre on Walkley Road, Saturday June 8. The topic is climate risk and basement flooding.</p>	

		<p>Paul Johanis noted that Greenspace Alliance;s annual meeting will be in person at the Hintonburg Community Centre on June 3 at 7:00 pm. Stephen Hazell is the keynote speaker.</p> <p>Angela Keller-Herzog announced CAFES is organizing a community dialogue on Speak Up for Climate at City Hall on June 12.</p> <p>Tania Hein shared that Neighbourhood Watch is taking steps to become more independent of Ottawa Police Services. Community associations are invited to contact Tania if interested in more information.</p>	
6	President's Report – Robert Brinker	<p>On April 29th, FCA attended a special joint meeting of the Planning and Housing Committee and the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee where Council reviewed and debated the staff report on the first draft of the New Zoning By-Law. The report for that meeting went public on April 18.</p> <p>The Planning and Zoning Committee and Neighbourhood Zoning Group met on April 22 to generate comments for public consultation aspect going forward.</p> <p>There was a meeting on April 25 with GOHBA to share our first impressions and concerns about the first staff report.</p> <p>The province released Bill 185, Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024. FCA commented in opposition to the proposition of the third-party appeals for official plans, official plan amendments, zoning by-laws and zoning by-laws amendments.</p> <p>FCA Transportation Committee met on April 25 with Councillor Gower and staff from OC Transpo were in attendance. We received Transpo's current metrics data, which they tracked to report on their service performance. FCA was able to provide perspective on more comprehensive reporting framework. It was confirmed that there will be a status report on the long-range financial plan for transit in June and then another update in the fall.</p> <p>The FCA Annual Meeting is June 19. Members are encouraged to ensure their FCA Membership is paid so that they may vote.</p>	
7	Treasurer' Report – Lorne Cutler	<p>FCA has 53 Members which is lower than the historic average. Current balance \$30, 495 There is \$280 in cheques to be deposited. Lorne will be going to the bank shortly to purchase the GIC.</p>	
8	Committee Reports	<p><u>Planning & Zoning</u> Legal text for the By-Laws will be available May 31. This will be the topic of the next Committee meeting is June 5.</p> <p><u>Transportation</u> The last meeting was attended by Councillor Gower and OC Transpo staff as in the President's report. The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 22.</p> <p><u>Communications</u> - Nil</p> <p><u>External Relations</u></p>	

		<p>There was a meeting on April 23 with what was formerly Charmaine Forgie’s group. There was discussion about the pre-consultation process. They appreciated the documents prepared by FCA. They will use this as their basis for the future Q&A document and future guidelines for the Engage Ottawa website.</p> <p>The lead of the program, Amy Byrne is aware of Bill 185 and reported she does not know what impact it will have on the pre-consultation process. The intent is to still have community involvement with the NDA process but nothing is finalized yet.</p> <p>The committee received a presentation on development charges that was recently approved by City Council.</p> <p>Committee members and two representatives from City View Community Association will be meeting with Layne Johnson on May 16 to discuss public engagement, accountability and transparency.</p> <p>The Committee will follow up on action items raised at the April General Meeting.</p> <p>There was some discussion about advocating for processes to help communities when they are integrating social services and rooming houses to proactively and collectively prepare to manage some anticipated challenges. No decisions were made nor action items resulting.</p> <p><u>Governance</u> The Governance Committee has reviewed the current FCA By-Laws and is making recommendations for ONCA compliance. The intent is for the Board to discuss and approve changes and then Member ratification will be sought at the Annual Meeting.</p> <p><u>Membership</u> – Nil</p> <p><u>Fundraising</u> - Nil</p>	
9	Working Groups	<p>Zoning Bob Brocklebank noted that details will be released on May 31. He encouraged Members to share specifics what they will be looking for.</p>	
10	Other Business	Nil	
11	Adjournment	Motion to adjourn by Don Stewart at 8:24 pm	