

DRAFT Meeting Minutes – FCA General Meeting
Wednesday, September 18, 2024
7:00 pm
Multi-Room 3, Canterbury Recreation Centre
2185, Arch Street, Ottawa ON

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 7:06 pm 30 people were in attendance 25 Members were represented	
2	Approval of Agenda	There were no corrections nor additions to the Agenda Motion to approve the Agenda Motion: Robert Brinker Second: Alex Cullen All in favour	Carried
3	Approval of the Minutes of the Last General Meeting – May 15, 2024	There were no corrections requested. Motion to approve the Minutes Motion: Leeanne Van der Burgt Second: Lynn Davidson-Fournier All in favour	Carried
4	Chair's Report – Paul Johanis	Paul Johanis reviewed the Board's activities since the Annual Meeting in June. At the Board Retreat at the end of June, the Board deliberated the Board composition. A number of decisions were made including voting for Paul Johanis as the official Chair of the FCA. It was also decided that rather than try to have one person represent every aspect of the Association in public or with the media, there may be times when it is better to call on the Committee Chairs or issue experts to assist. The Board met several more times over the summer to review and revise the FCA By-Laws for Ontario's Not-for-Profit Corporations Act compliance, to discuss information as it emerged regarding the New Zoning By-Laws and to discuss the FCA workshop on the New Zoning By-Laws. The Board also decided to make the Chair and Vice-Chair the replacement titles for President and Vice President of the Association. The Vice-Chair role remains vacant. The FCA Workshop "Re-Writing the Rulebook" on the topic of the New Zoning By-Laws was held on September 7.	
5	Revised FCA By-Laws Presentation and Motion to Approve	Since the Annual Meeting, there were additional changes made to the proposed revised FCA By-Laws for compliance with Ontario's Not-for-Profit Corporations Act. The full document was reviewed and discussed. Additional suggestions were made from the floor:	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Delete the reference to the Ontario Land Tribunal - Revise the wording for quorum to read “at least 20%” - Revisit the quorum requirements for Annual Meetings <p>It was agreed that the suggestions did not impact compliance with the provincial Act which was the purpose of the revisions presented. It was agreed that none of the suggestions should delay the approval of the By-Laws as the date for required compliance is in October. The suggestions will be given to the Governance Committee for deliberation.</p> <p>Motion for adoption of the new By-Laws Motion: Warren Waters Second: Robert Brinker 24 in favour 1 abstention</p>	Carried
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6	Open Mic	<p>Alex Cullen reported on the Belltown Dome rink, its need for replacement, the deficiencies in the criteria for replacement and the lack of City funds for management of these assets. The topic will appear in the Ottawa Citizen on September 19. Alex Cullen will prepare a one page brief for FCA to share with the Members. Members are encouraged to raise this with their Councillors, especially if rinks in their communities are coming due for replacement.</p> <p>Angela Keller-Herzog shared details about the 2024 Ottawa-Gatineau Climate March on Saturday, September 21.</p>	
7	Report on New Zoning By-Law Workshop Input from Members for FCA directions to take and representations to make at City Hall	<p>Warren Waters summarized the FCA Workshop held on Saturday, September 7. Key concerns raised were; communication, education, confusion about targets, density and the impact on neighbourhood character, questions about the ability for infrastructure to keep up with growth, the concern that social infrastructure is not being considered, tree canopy, transportation, the Transportation Master Plan and how it is connected to the topic, active transportation options and questions about collusion.</p> <p>There are a number of possible approaches for FCA to take. FCA will be presenting at Planning Committee, will look for enhanced consultation process, may seek coalitions with likeminded organizations and will continue to participate in the formal process and support community and FCA Member engagement.</p> <p>Bob Brocklebank asked what support is needed at the community level that FCA might assist with. Ideas and requests can be sent to Robert Brinker and Bob Brocklebank.</p>	
8	Committee Reports and Status	<p>Rather than reports from the Committees, Paul Johanis reviewed the status of each Committee in terms of representation.</p> <p>Planning & Zoning, Transportation and External Relations have Committee Chairs.</p> <p>Communications, Governance, Membership and Funding Committees will be meeting and the Chair roles determined.</p>	

		Individuals who are members of an FCA Member organization are welcome to contact the Board if there is interest in joining a Committee.	
9	Working Group Report	Zoning Bob Brocklebank reported that the work will continue with this Group.	
10	Treasurer's Report	Lorne Cutler reported The bank balance is \$13,700 There is an additional \$13,000 in a term deposit	
11	Other Business	There were no Other Business topics raised	
12	Adjournment	Motion for adjournment at 8:57 pm	

The next meeting is Wednesday, October 16, 2024