

FCA relationships with other Organizations

FCA General Meeting

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Context

- The FCA is an organization of organizations. The relationship it has with its members that are community associations is well understood.
- The relationship it maintains with non-CA member organizations is a little different, which was made more explicit in the latest version of its Bylaw.
- But beyond that, it maintains relationships with other, non-related organizations as well.
- This presentation will provide information on the relationship with the non-CA members of the FCA and also with the other non-related organizations.

Who are these organizations?

- Non-CA members

- Greenspace Alliance
- Community Action for Environmental Sustainability
- Bike Ottawa
- Ottawa Community Benefits Network
- Heritage Ottawa

- Other organizations

- Federation of Urban Neighbourhoods
- Peoples Official Plan Coalition
- Others?
 - Ottawa Board of Trade
 - Re-Imagine Ottawa
 - Strong Towns Ottawa

Greenspace Alliance of Canada's Capital

- Founded in 1997, the Greenspace Alliance works with community organizations and individuals to preserve and enhance natural areas in the National Capital area, including public and private green spaces, wetlands and waterways.
- Greenspace Advocacy: Engaging Government
 - We send written comments and makes presentations to all levels of government to protect and preserve greenspace.
- Community Greenspace Preservation Initiatives
 - We work with citizens and groups to save community and regional greenspace.
- Greenspace Restoration and Creation Projects
 - We initiate projects to restore and create greenspace,

Nature of relationship with FCA

- The GA and the FCA have interlocking memberships with each other
- Longstanding active member in FCA committees and on Board
- Home base of current FCA Chair
- Strength in policy advocacy on greenspace issues
- Small but mighty (25 members, 125 subscribing supporters)
- Incorporated not for profit federally

CAFES

- **Community Action for Environmental Sustainability (CAFES)**, (formerly known as Community Associations for Environmental Sustainability) has been working since 2010 to help community associations in Ottawa share ideas and achieve common environmental goals by uniting our voices.
- **CAFES** acts as a network between community associations and citizens who are working to promote environmental sustainability in our city and our neighbourhoods, sharing info on concerns, community events, best practices and research.

Nature of relationship with FCA

- CAFES evolved as an environmental outgrowth of the FCA
- Growing membership, with 66 organizational members, 22 of which are community associations that are FCA members + around 180 individual members, many of whom are CA members
- Acts more or less as a shadow Environment committee of the FCA
- Strength in mobilization and policy advocacy on a broad range of environmental issues
- Incorporated as not for profit in 2021

Other non-CA members

- Bike Ottawa
 - Participates in the FCA Transportation committee
- Ottawa Community Benefits Network
 - New member, likely interested in new Community and Social Services committee issues
- Heritage Ottawa
 - Returning member, interested in Planning and Zoning issues

Federation of Urban Neighbourhoods

- The Federation of Urban Neighbourhoods (Ontario) Inc. was founded on November 24, 2001. It is a province-wide volunteer-based umbrella organization of community and neighbourhood associations.
- The objectives of FUN are to promote awareness of urban issues, undertake projects which will enhance quality of life for residents of urban settings, establish a resource base for information, share expertise, represent the common interests of member organizations before public and private bodies as well as to encourage citizens to actively participate in and become informed about community and civic affairs.
- Since its formation, FUN (Ontario) has been a strong and consistent voice on issues affecting neighbourhood associations and civic organizations throughout Ontario.
- Communities count. Civic matters.

Peoples Official Plan Coalition

- Formed in 2019, the Peoples Official Plan (POP) is a coalition of organizations focused on bringing greater urgency and ambition on climate and social justice issues in Ottawa's Official Plan and other municipal policies and plans.
- POP analyses and tracks progress, and advocates for specific policies and actions that will make Ottawa a more liveable, equitable, and sustainable city.
- POP coalition members include organizations that advocate for better transit, greater walkability and active transportation, greenspace for all, housing equity, climate change mitigation and adaptation, equity and inclusion, and food security. Membership is open to organizations that share these or similar goals and are willing to operate under our shared values, process and governance models.

Nature of relationship with FCA

- POP was founded after the launch of the last Official Plan when it became clear that no public engagement channels were established by the City on climate issues.
- The FCA is a founding member of POP, along with the GA, CAFES and Ecology Ottawa
- It currently has 24 organizational members
- Strength in outreach, mobilization and policy advocacy on a wide range of environmental issues
- No legal status, governed by a collectively developed MOU
- Bi-weekly meetings main coordination and forum
- Policy position development and approval process as per MOU

POP Members

- [Alliance to End Homelessness Ottawa](#)
- [Bike Ottawa](#)
- Citizen Climate Council
- [City for All Women Initiative](#)
- [The Coalition of Community Health and Resource Centres of Ottawa](#)
- [CAFES](#)
- [The Council of Canadians](#)
- Council on Aging Ottawa
- [Ecology Ottawa](#)
- [The Energy Mix](#)
- FCA
- For Our Kids Ottawa/Gatineau
- [Greenspace Alliance](#)
- [Heritage Ottawa](#)
- [Just Food](#)
- [The Ottawa-Carleton Wildlife Centre](#)
- [The Ottawa Renewable Energy Co-operative](#)
- [Ottawa Street Markets](#)
- [Ottawa Transit Riders](#)
- Reimagine Ottawa
- Strong Towns Ottawa
- Synapcity
- [Walkable Ottawa](#)
- [Waste Watch Ottawa](#)