

DRAFT Meeting Minutes – FCA General Meeting
Wednesday, February 18, 2026
7:00 pm, online

1	Agenda Item Call to Order, Welcome to Participants, Land Acknowledgement	Discussion The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm and Land acknowledgement made. Quorum was confirmed by the Chair.	Action
2	Approval of the Agenda	Motion to approve the Agenda Motion: Paul Johanis Second: Robert Brinker All in favour	
3	Approval of the minutes of the general meeting of January 21, 2026	Motion to approve the general meeting of January 21, 2026 Motion: Maria Luisa Marti Second: Bob Brocklebank All in favour	
4	Presentation: City of Ottawa Growth Plan	The Chair gave a presentation on the recently initiated review of the City's Official Plan. The Official Plan that was approved in 2022 is now up for a 5-year review. In particular, the growth projections will be updated and carried over to 2051. The Chair provided a summary of the staff report on population and housing projections, which is phase 1 of the Official Plan review. These are fundamental to the determination of whether and how much land may need to be added to the urban area. A detailed review of the population projections produced by the Ministry of Finance of Ontario, which the City must now use, does not reveal any methodological anomalies. They project faster growth than the projections underlying the current Official Plan, all attributable to international in-migration. However, the assumptions used for converting the population numbers to households are highly contentious, as are the housing type propensities forecasted. The FCA delegated at the Joint Meeting of Housing and Planning and ARAC on February 18, calling for these assumptions to be reviewed and to consider a range of projected growth scenarios instead of the single one developed by consultants for the City.	

5	Chair's report	<p>The Chair reported on the FCA delegation that was made at the Joint Meeting of Housing and Planning and ARAC earlier on the day of February 18, as required by our bylaw for time sensitive position statements made by the Board. He also confirmed that Nick LePine had accepted to chair the newly reconvened Communications Committee and that Judith Shane also agreed to Chair the Governance Committee. He invited interested members to join one or the other of these committees. He also announced that the membership renewal campaign had been launched at that members would be receiving communications shortly from our Administrative Coordinator on this matter. Our target is to have all our members review for 2026 by the date of the AGM in late June.</p>	
6	Treasurer's Report:	<p>Lorne Cutler reported on the current membership and financial position of the FCA. He also presented the FCA budget for 2026.</p>	
7	Committee Reports	<p>Planning and Zoning Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Draft P&Z Priorities for 2026 - task teams are developing work plans on Infrastructure, 15 minutes neighbourhoods, and Growth Management - ● Renoviction Bylaw review- draft FCA commented Feb 6 ● Inclusionary Zoning discussion paper; FCA sent comments Feb 9 ● Urban Design Guidelines draft 2 - FCA comments sent Jan 28 ● Urban Design Guidelines for Low rise FCA comments sent Feb 13 ● Amended Development Charges Background Study was transferred to FCA Transport cttee ● And we discussed Councillor Leiper's question at Council Jan 28 on Infrastructure timing and development, given ZBL as of right intensification. <p>Transportation Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Took inventory of major topics expected to come to City Transit Committee this year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the annual review of OC Transpo's 5-yr plan and prior year metrics reporting b) increasing focus on implementing more bus transit priority measures c) expanded roll-out of the transit on-demand program d) an upcoming Auditor General report on OC Transpo's bus and route scheduling practices e) possible operational challenges with rapid expansion during 2026 of the electric bus fleet. ● Shared info on OC Transpo operating challenges. We 	

		<p>can do little but try to believe they're doing their best.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed update of development charges (DCs) to bring them into alignment with the capital infrastructure plan of the new TMP. The update was approved at City Planning Committee on Mar 4. DC calculations were not adjusted to reflect the fact that almost all new road projects are outside the Greenbelt although development within the Greenbelt is being assessed a significant charge for funding these road expansions. DC's will be reviewed in 2027. Within our FCA committee there are differences in points of view on this issue and more discussion will be required...possibly including the FCA's planning committee and board as well. The committee will meet later in March. <p>By then the City should provide the details of its plan for improving bus priority on Bank St through the Glebe. We expect this to be a controversial topic.</p> <p>External Relations Committee:</p> <p>Fundraising Committee: The FCA has submitted a Letter of Intent to the Ottawa Community Foundations for a significant 5-year grant.</p>	
8	Other Business		
9	Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm	

Next meeting: March 18, 2026, online