

FCA Committee reports: May 2026

FCA Planning & Zoning Committee (May 6, 2026)

Key Topics and Proposed Actions

1. Provincial Bills 98 and 100

Issue: Proposed provincial changes were discussed, including 175m² minimum lot sizes. Would minimum lot size pose risks to neighbourhood scale, soft landscaping, setbacks, and tree canopies. Alternatively, some members support minimum lot sizes, believing they could protect neighbourhood scale. Actions: We were to prepare draft FCA response comments for the provincial consultation, however this was not completed before the May 14 deadline.

2. Growth Management

Issue: There is uncertainty surrounding delaying future density decisions until next year, and concerning provincial override powers modifying Ottawa's Official Plan. Members are worried about the fiscal impacts of urban expansion and the lack of updated comparative cost analyses when projecting household formation rates and housing preference.

Actions: P&Z will continue advocacy for an updated fiscal analysis comparing expansion versus intensification.

3. Community Advocacy Workshop

Issue: Community associations support improving collaboration and sharing successful strategies, lessons learned, and practical advocacy experiences.

Actions: Warren and interested presenters will develop a proposal for a Community Advocacy Workshop in the next few weeks, aiming for an early fall event. Organisers will confirm presenters, panelists and format prior to scheduling.

4. 15-Minute Neighbourhoods

Issue: The City's 2021 baseline report methodology has weaknesses. There is a need for better neighbourhood-level analysis focusing on connectivity, housing diversity, transit quality, and winter accessibility.

Actions: The Task Team led by Carolyn Mackenzie will continue reviewing the baseline methodology and engage City staff regarding the future update process. The team will explore ongoing partnerships with the Ottawa Neighbourhood Study and related groups.

5. Major Redevelopments

Issue: Major redevelopments (Confederation Heights, Wateridge Village, Tunney's Pasture, Mechanicsville) raise long-term concerns regarding transit integration, urban design quality, greenspace, connectivity, and livability.

Actions: Reese Phillips will contact interested community associations surrounding the Confederation Heights, Heron Gate, Wateridge, and Tunney's projects to help coordinate the analysis of those concerns.

6. NCC Greenbelt Master Plan update

Action: Kate and Warren circulated NCC Greenbelt consultation information. All interested members should attend NCC Greenbelt public open houses between May 20 and 26. <https://ncc-ccn.gc.ca/events/community-open-house-national-capital-greenbelt-master-plan-review>

Transportation Committee:

Nothing to report.

External Relations Committee

1. The External Relations Committee prepared for the bi-monthly meeting with PDDBS (May 11, 2026) by sending in advance items to add to the agenda. ERC asked for (1) a discussion on how development charges are distributed to build roads and infrastructure in the urban and suburban areas; (2) how does the City intend to meet the community consultation requirements under the City-BCH Partnership Agreement, namely "Joint Public Consultations" as mentioned in the presentation given on April 10, 2026 to the Joint Committee; (3) why the Long Range Financial Management Plan still has not been updated, despite the fact that the Asset Management Plans are still in financial shortfall; this has repercussions on growth management and intensification.

ERC participated in the meeting with PDDBS on May 11, 2026 and held a short debriefing meeting on May 13. It was decided that ERC should prepare a summary of the meeting for all FCA members. ERC Chair sent a note of appreciation to Marcia Wallace for her open and helpful input. A summary of the points discussed at the meeting is attached.

2. ERC representatives met with OPEG leader on May 4 to discuss a collaboration with FCA, in accordance with the protocol to be established by the Governance Committee.

Annex: Highlights of bi-monthly meeting of FCA & PDDBS, May 11, 2026

Governance Committee

At its meeting in May, the Governance Committee finished its review of the Committee's Terms of Reference. Discussion largely focused on the membership and composition of the Committee. The completed draft will go to the FCA Board of Directors for their review and any suggested revisions.

The Committee also finalized its list of suggested issues for discussion by next year's Committee in the 2026-2027 year. These issues include, as a priority, a review of the FCA bylaws for any needed updates. Also, the development of a policy and procedure relating to the discipline or expulsion of an FCA Board Director or a member, in compliance with Ontario's Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (ONCA).

Communications Committee

We met May 6th for a short meeting to discuss some issues with the posting on the FCA website the committee concluded:

For discussion agenda item

- FCA newsletter and website posts - Standard Format and how content is presented

Agreed that:

- All documents need dates, Subject and one clear point of contact information Ex :Chairs of committees or Chair, emails or telephone number.

Action: We need to find samples for Comms to review and to send templates to chairs (reports, letters, media, FCA positions, delegations. etc).

- Posting all committee reports on last GM meeting posting EX:

[FCA-FAC General Meeting - Wednesday April 15, 2026 - FCA | Federation of Citizen's Associations of Ottawa.](#)

- Need to include an AI disclaimer when using it for community business.
- Documents for posting: Need to make sure they are shared with the right persons or this committee in the right format preferably word.