

DRAFT Meeting Minutes – FCA General Meeting
Wednesday, May 20, 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: Maria Luisa Marti Second: Bob Brocklebank Carried.	
3	Approval of the minutes of the general meeting of May 15, 2026	Motion to approve the Minutes Motion: Lynne Davidson-Fournier Second: Lori Marcantonio Carried.	
4	Presentation	Housing and Homelessness in Ottawa Speakers: Kaite Burkholder-Harris, Alliance to End Homelessness Kale Brown, Director, Housing and Homelessness, City of Ottawa Kale and Kaite are co-chairs of Ottawa's Housing and Homelessness Leadership Table. They are helping lead a more coordinated, community-driven approach to improving housing stability across the city. Through a refreshed 10-year Housing and Homelessness Plan, the City and its partners are working together to better support residents – from prevention to stable, affordable housing. Their presentation is attached.	

5	Chair's report	Press Release on City updates to Public Engagement Strategy, May 1 <u>Renewal Campaign</u> As of May 20, 2026 72 - the number of unique send-out emails that went out this spring, requesting both payment & form Information update. 69 - the number of paid members in 2025 65 - the number of paid Member so far in 2026 7 - the number of outstanding 2026 payments, (if everyone rejoins from 2025) <u>Representing the FCA</u> Climate Change Working Group follow up meeting, April 16 Urban Forest Stakeholders Forum, April 22 Greenbelt Master Plan review PAG, May 4 Vision and Guiding Principles, preview of Open House information boards POP bi-weekly meeting, May 7 Ottawa Neighbourhood Solutions Board meeting, May 20 <u>Nominations:</u> Current Board all willing to stand, one new nominee has come forward and another is considering and another will become available in October.	
6	Treasurer's Report:	Bank balance presented and membership renewal payments confirmed.	
7	Committee Reports	Written reports provided for Planning and Zoning, External Relations and Governance Committees.	
8	Other Business	A proposal for the development of an online introductory course for new community association boards was moved from the floor and taken into advisement by the Chair.	
9	Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm	

Next meeting: June 17, Annual meeting of Members
Heron Road Community Centre, 1480 Heron Road, Ottawa

Committee reports, May 2026

Planning & Zoning Committee

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>

External Relations Committee

1. The External Relations Committee prepared for the bi-monthly meeting with PDBS (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 PDBS 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.

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).