Federation of Citizens' Associations of Ottawa fca-fac Fédération des associations civiques d'Ottawa

DRAFT Meeting Minutes – FCA General Meeting
Wednesday, September 16, 2026, 7:00 PM
Online

1	Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
	Call to Order, Welcome to Participants, Land Acknowledgement	The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm and Land acknowledgement made. Quorum was confirmed by the Chair.	
2	Approval of the Agenda	Motion to approve the Agenda Motion: Natalie Belovic Second: Alex Cullen Carried.	
3	Approval of the minutes of the general meeting of May 20, 2026	Motion to approve the Minutes Motion: Natalie Belovic Second: Roland Dorsay Carried.	
4	Presentation	Summer 2026 neighbourhood flooding: Supporting our neighbours Speaker: Ruth Tremblay, former president of Crystal Beach Lakeview CA Ruth gave a comprehensive account of the extent of flooding in this neighbourhood, causes and consequences, contacts with other affected neighbourhoods, support and assistance received or still needed. Presentation and speaking notes are attached. Following the presentation, members agreed that a new FCA working group on flooding should be established. Members shared experiences and ideas: - better messaging on public health and electrical risks during event, - better planning and public information on for neighbourhood resiliency, - flood risk more fully taken into account in current development applications. - Advocacy at Queen's Park for better Disaster Recovery Assistance	Action: New Working Group on neighbourhood flooding to be established by the Chair.

		- Press City for timely declaration of emergency to free up recovery support - Make resilience and emergency response an election issue	

5	Open Mic	Members exchanged information on the availability of liability insurance for Community Gardens through CPIP. The Manor Park CA assembled a team that developed a questionnaire on infrastructure priorities of candidates in the upcoming municipal election, which was shared beforehand in the notice of meeting. They are requesting that the FCA endorse this questionnaire and distribute it under its letterhead to a supplied comprehensive list of candidates. With the caveat that the FCA Board would have the opportunity to review the questions and make revisions, and with the general agreement of the membership, this request was approved.	FCA Board to review the questionnaire, propose revisions as required and send out the questionnaire under its letterhead by September 23.
6	Chair's report	Update on the Annual Meeting of Members on June 17, 2026. Keynote address by Dr Carolyn Whitzman on housing affordability, Chair's annual report, two motions, five awards, re-election of the entire board, plus one new Director, Janne Shaw of the Fisher Heights and Area CA, who has accepted the position of Corporate Secretary of the FCA. The Board met in a regular meeting on July 2 and also in a Special meeting on July 20 to deal with a number of issues regarding the upcoming workshop and grant funded capacity building project. A new Administrative Coordinator was also recruited over the summer, Ijeoma Nwafor, who started on August 26.	
7	Treasurer's Report:	Bank balance presented and membership renewal payments confirmed. Current paid up membership stands at 68 members.	
8	Committee Reports	Brief oral reports were provided by Committee chairs.	
9	Other Business	None	

10	Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm	

Next meeting: October 21, in person

Heron Road Community Centre, 1480 Heron Road, Ottawa