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DRAFT Meeting Minutes – FCA Members General Meeting
Wednesday, October 21, 2026, 7:00 PM
Heron Road Community Centre

	Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
1	Call to Order, Welcome to Participants	The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm and Land acknowledgement was made. Quorum was confirmed by the Chair. (13 members @ 7:08 + 3 after, 16 total)	
2	Approval of the Agenda	Motion to approve the Agenda: Motion: Robert Brinker Second: Lynne Davidson-Fournier Approved.	
3	Approval of the minutes of the general meeting of September 16, 2026	Motion to approve the Minutes Motion: Lynne Davidson- Fournier Second: Maria Luisia Marti Approved.	
4	Presentation	2026 Election FCA candidate survey on infrastructure Presenter: Mathieu Fleury, City Builder (former Councillor, Rideau-Vanier ward) Mathieu presented the approach to preparing the survey; ● Since the 2018 election, surveys have been conducted and were useful for candidates to articulate their position as well as for voters. ● Inputs to the survey: ○ The Transportation Master Plan (projects city identified in the next ten years) ○ Information about the July floods ○ The Gatineau Tram Plan Of the 146 candidates, 40 replied. This may be due to an abbreviated timeline for response. Responses in some cases were short or generic. Warren walked through the presentation summarizing the responses. The presentation was provided in the meeting agenda.	FCA to consider reissuing a survey after the election.

		The survey and its importance were discussed by the members. It was suggested that these surveys continue, potentially following the election to get the views of the elected Council and then on a regular basis. It was proposed that the number of questions be shortened. In addition, consideration should be given to doing this type of survey for provincial or federal elections. The survey is posted on the FCA website. Warren and Mathieu also noted that it had been provided to CTV and CBC.	
5	Community Spotlight	Lynne Davidson-Fournier is a member of 2 of the 7 community associations in Ward 8. She chairs the seniors committee at Guildwood Estates.. As a result of the demographics of the area (40% seniors), it is considered a Natural Occurring Retirement Community (NORC). Lynne and her fellow committee members have worked hard over the past few years to establish the NORC, recognized by the City. The goal is to let seniors age in place, providing connection between members of the community. Since establishing the NORC, they have made great progress bringing services to the seniors in the ward, including health services and partnerships with organizations such as Perley, Bruyere and the Council on Aging. She is also working with the City on establishing a Nursing Home Without Walls model, in which the City will provide a "Navigator" to direct people to services before a crisis. Lynne noted that there is a NORC Forum on November 25th, 2026 in the Nepean sportsplex 10am - 3:30pm	
6	Chair's Report	● At the last meeting we agreed we should have a Neighbourhood Flooding working group. To date, 6-7 volunteers have agreed to participate, including Warren and Kate. An initial meeting will be set up shortly. ● The FCA was approached by Statistics Canada to use a 4th year student on data needs for the Community Associations. Paul will be investigating using them to support the FCA and CAs. ● Warren and Paul attended the Alliance to End Homelessness Mayoral Debate on October 19th as co-sponsors.	

		● Paul noted that Judith Shane is relaunching the governance committee work and accepting members to support with internal governance. ● The transportation committee provided comments to the Impact Assessment for the Eastern bridge. ● It was suggested that a future Meeting of Members focus on Transit related topics. ● The City's update to the Greenspace Master Plan has not yet commenced. However, the NCC is updating the Greenbelt Master Plan	
7	Treasurer's Report	A brief budget report was provided by Lorne. FCA Membership Remains at 68	
8	Committee Reports	Brief oral reports were provided by Committee chairs as well as an update on the workshop of October 3rd. ● Warren reported that the October 3 Advocacy workshop was very successful with 27 participants and excellent presentations . He presented on "Notice - Act - Learn", the next step in the FCA project on improving advocacy. The follow-up sessions are being planned. There will be monthly meetings. Anyone interested can contact Warren or the FCA Admin to join this working group. ● Planning and Zoning Working Group: Warren reported that it is currently focused on the housing platforms of candidates. ● External Relations Group: Lynne reported that the group is working on drafting guidelines for collaboration with non-FCA groups. They are also seeking clarification on the public consultation requirements of the City. Their focus is shifting from consultation to collaboration in planning. The lack of consultation currently in City planning was discussed.	
9	Open Mic	● Glebe CA: Bob mentioned that they were considering setting up a community resilience task force. Concern was raised by others that this might lead to issues with a CA taking over City accountabilities, although City interest appears to be very limited. Crystal Beach and Glebe CA's will discuss possibilities. ● Seedy Saturday Event - Janet Wallace from the Kilborn Gardners Association stated they have a very successful seed exchange program for interested gardeners - Seedy Saturday. More volunteers are getting interested in	

		cataloguing seeds over the winter for the seed exchange table. If any CA has a community garden and has extra seeds, please arrange to get them to Janice. ● Telfor School of Management - Sheila Parry noted their Community Association has done a test with Telfer Management using 4th year students to get some hard data for Ottawa neighbourhoods. Raised as a commitment possibility for CAs. Warren noted that the Planning Group is working on 15 minute neighbourhoods and should contact Telfor. ● Ontario Volunteer Awards - Lorne Cutler and Graham Roderick were awarded at this event. Congratulations to both. Anyone who has worked for 5 years or more with a community can be nominated by November 15th, 2026. Any group can nominate someone and a CA can nominate up to 6 individuals	
10	Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm	

Next meeting: November 18th, 2026, online.