

**Federation of Citizens' Associations of Ottawa
General Meeting of 17 January 2018 – Minutes
Approved February 21**

Attendees: Sheila Perry [Overbrook CA], chair, Morley Brownstein [Bel Air CA], John Stevenson [Bike Ottawa], Roland Dorsay [Champlain Pk. CA], David Clark [City View CA], Joan Clark [City View CA], Nancy Wilson [City View CA], Denys Cooper [Dows Lake RA], Heidi Thomas [Glebe Annex CA], Bob Brocklebank [Glebe CA], Angela Keller-Herzog [Glebe CA], Stafan Bagiski [Greater Avalon CA], Paul Johanis [Greenspace Alliance], Lorne Cutler [Hampton Iona CG], Joey Drouin [Hampton-Iona CG], Eileen Hunt [Hampton Iona], Judith Shane [Hampton-Iona CG], Kathy Alexander [Hintonburg CA], Gary Boone [Havenlea-Chapman Mills CA], Duff Mitchell [Island Park CA], Heather Mitchell [Island Park CA], Kul Kapoor [Kanata Hazeldean CA], Christine Burke [Mechanicsville CA], Ann Davis [New Edinburgh C Alliance], Christian Pupp [Old Ottawa East CA], Wendy Dennys [Overbrook CA], Anna Bevilacque [Queensway Terrace N CA], Marc Lugert [Queensway Terrace N CA], Bonnie Charron [Riverside Park CA], Anne Stairs [Riverview Park CA], Graeme Roderick [Tanglewood Hillsdale CA], Gillian Salmond [Wellington Village CA], Don Stewart [Westboro Beach CA] and Mari Wellman [Westboro Beach CA]

Guests: Rache Eugster, Bear & Co Theater; François Lachapelle, City of Ottawa: Arts & Heritage; Jean-Yves Pelletier, City of Ottawa: Arts & Heritage; Nicole Zuger, City of Ottawa: Arts & Heritage; Linda Cheslock, City of Ottawa: Outreach & Communications - Public Works & Environmental Services, Julie Dupont, City of Ottawa: Public Arts Program; Nancy Worsfold, Crime Prevention Ottawa; Councillor Jeff Leiper, Kitchissippi Ward (15); Wendy Hartley, Multicultural Arts for Schools & Community: Eastern Ontario/West Quebec; Casandra Olsthoorn, Ottawa Arts Council/ Council des Arts d'Ottawa; Claudia Salguero, Ottawa Community Arts-based Facilitator; Julia Green, Ottawa Community Immigration Services Organization; Nicole Ives-Allison, Ottawa Music Industry Coalition; Jennifer Johnson, Ottawa Public Library; Patrick Holloway, Ottawa Storytellers; Bob Woods, Ottawa Storytellers and Wendy Dennys, Overbrook Musical

1.0 Welcome: 7:20 pm. Sheila Perry, President, welcomed members to Kitchissippi United Church (formerly Kingsway United Church). The theme of this meeting was *Promoting Arts & Culture in Our Neighbourhoods*.

2.0 **Approval of the Agenda:** moved by Don Stewart /seconded by consensus CARRIED

3.0 Four Community Associations organized this gathering:

Champlain Park CA:

A Kitchissippi Ward neighbourhood bounded on the east by Tunny's Pasture, south by Scott St. and west by Island Park Drive has a park, field house, wading pool, play structures and outdoor rink. It has a Neighbourhood Watch program. Their incorporated Community Association's main concerns are: local civic engagement, environment, heritage, planning and zoning, and social activities. It represents the collective interest of their residents. The Association has a website: <https://champlainpark.org/> which

archives 1989-forward newsletters [Champlain Speaker], an e-mail address: champlainpark@gmail.com and a twitter tag: [@ChamplainPark](https://twitter.com/ChamplainPark) .

Hampton Iona CG:

Locate in Westboro, the neighbourhood of 2850 persons is bounded by Caring Avenue and Richmond Road, and is west of Island Park Drive. Their community has two parks, Hampton and Byron Parks, associated recreational resources of pathways, baseball diamonds, wading pool and outdoor rink. The Community Group has been dealing with Planning and Zoning (Infil) issues, the Ashcroft's Soeurs de la Visitation Convent Redevelopment (2011 to date), the Loblaws' Superstore (2001 to date), and Westgate Mall Redevelopment (2017). Their Group has a website <https://hamptoniona.wordpress.com> Their newsletter email and webmaster e-address are: newsletter@hamptoniona.ca and webmaster@hamptoniona.ca ;

Island Park CA:

This community comprises Island Park Drive, Island Park Crescent, and Harmer Ave – South. In maintaining a pleasant, fulfilling and meaningful place to live, the Community Association's concerns are focused on local civic engagement, planning and zoning, as well as leisure and educational activities. The Association has a website: <https://islandpark.wordpress.com>, and an e-mail address: info@islandparkcommunityassociation.com

Westboro Beach CA:

This neighbourhood is bounded on the east by Island Park Drive, on the south by Scott Street and the north by the River. Beside Westboro Beach's resources are the Van Lang Field House which compliments Roy Duncan Park and its splash- pad. Their Community Association, in conjunction with the NCC, Dovercourt, and Fresh Air Experience offer a groomed, multi-use winter trail along the John A. Macdonald Parkway. The Planning and Zoning (infil) issues of neighbouring CAs are also of concern of this Association.

3.1 Greetings were received from Roland Dorsey (Champlain Park), Lorne Cutler (Hampton-Iona), Heather Mitchell (Island Park) and Don Stewart (Westboro Beach) as well as from Ward Councillor Jeff Leiper (Kitchissippi). The councillor mentioned that for the past fifteen years Westfest, a three day celebration of Arts and Culture has been held in the Westboro Village. He said Kitchissippi is the music ward of Ottawa. They answered questions.

4.0 Promoting Arts and Culture in our Neighbourhoods

Introduction of sixteen guests (see above) was followed by rotational group interviews [speed-dating]. Associations were encouraged to follow-up with particular organizations and groups that would be of particular interest to their neighbourhoods.

5.0 Network Break:

6.0 Open Mike on local community issues:

- a) *10% discount* for those present offered by Bear & Co which is resident at the Gladstone Theater, 910 Gladstone Avenue .
- b) *Community Associations for Environmental Sustainability (CAFES):*.
Angela Keller-Herzog noted that this group, founded in 2010, is a forum for representatives of community and residents associations to engage with the City of Ottawa on across the city

environmental issues. They are encouraging the City to establish benchmarks and regularly report on their achievement.

c) *Greenspace Alliance*:

Paul Johanis noted that their project of *inventorying and mapping* within geographical areas is progressing, leading to a first full inventory and map of greenspace assets in Ottawa. When completed and if well maintained, it would allow the Alliance, the City and others to evaluate the extent to which Official Plan policies regarding greenspace targets and resident access to greenspace are being implemented. Also could help to early identify threats. See: FCA GM - March 2017, <http://fca-fac.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/2017-FCA-March-15-Draft-Minutes.pdf> and FCA's 2017 Survey on Greenspace: For more information contact: contact@greenspace-alliance.ca;

7.0 Approval of the November 22 2017 Minutes of our General Meeting: Moved by Graeme Roderick/seconded by consensus. – CARRIED

8.0 Treasurer's Report –Lorne Cutler reported that our book balance remains \$7200. He spoke of revenue of \$1200, and recurring expenses of approximately \$2000.

9.0 Committee Reports:

9.1 Communication: Keeps current our website, monthly Newsletter, surveys, e-mail Alerts etc.

Persons interested in joining this committee could speak to Bob Brocklebank.

9.2 Governance: The City's progress in implementing its Public Engagement targets should be known during the first quarter of 2018. FCA continues to press them to meet that date.

9.3 Logistics: Don indicated the meeting schedule is

February, Bob McQuarrie CC Orleans with a theme of Recreation, Parks and Facilities

March Katimavik-Hazeldean; Kanata Recreation Complex, 100 Charlie Roger Pl,

April, May June 20, AGM - City Hall,

- Please help us fill in the locations!

9.4 Finance: The Finance Committee and others are working on a Business Plan which should assist in the Federation going forward, such as a five year plan. Ideas welcome.

9.5 Membership: At year's end, there were 47 members. We seek to provide benefits to our member associations. Volunteer Ottawa has agreed that our member Associations can participate in member benefits such as workshops. They will be invited to an upcoming meeting. Renewing members have until the end of April.

9.6 Planning & Zoning:

- **City's Planning Advisory Committee (PAC):** This 'mandated' committee is to advise on the Planning, Infrastructure and Economic Development Department's policy priorities and its annual work plan. It is anticipated this committee meets twice a year. Applications to the several available positions closes January 31. Further details see:

<https://ottawa.ca/en/news/city-seeks-applicants-its-planning-advisory-committee> .

- **Workshop: Ottawa: A City of Neighbourhoods:**—Your Committee is in the final stage of organizing a half day workshop for Jan 27, 2018 at Tom Brown Arena. A panel of experts including Stephen Willis (City of Ottawa), David Renfroe (GOHBA) and Richard Delaney

[Collaborative Decision Making) and break-out sessions. In preparation for that meeting the FCA has placed in circulations a survey

- **Survey:** There is still an opportunity to complete the five minutes survey focus on Complete Neighbourhoods. The preliminary results indicate features of neighborhoods should include: walkability/cycling/transit access. It also includes attention to smart growth with mixed-use and compact buildings as well as environmental quality (water, flora, and fauna).

Key messages are

- Planning certainty
- Better consultation/collaboration
- Citizen and community ownership of what we want our City to be (Vision)

9.7 Social: Those in attendance found the focus on *Art and Culture* in your Neighbourhoods to be an informative session.

9.8 Transportation: FCA Transportation Committee is meeting on January 31. 7:00 pm. Location has yet to be finalized. The committee will work on the workplan for 2018.

10.0 New Business: None

11.0 Adjournment moved by Don Stewart

CARRIED

Feb 21 meeting: Bob MacQuarrie Recreation Complex –1490 Youville Dr, Orléans,

Graeme Roderick, secretary

Sheila Perry, president