

Federation of Citizens' Associations of Ottawa [FCA-FAC]

General Meeting of January 16, 2019 – Minutes

Richmond Room, Nepean Sportsplex, 1701 Woodroffe Ave.

Approved at meeting of February 20, 2019

Attendees: Sheila Perry – president, Overbrook CA; Morley Brownstein, Bel Air CA; Alex Cullen, Belltown NA; John Stevenson, Bike Ottawa; Robert Brinker, Cardington CA; Alice Nakanishi, Centretown Citizens CA; Roland Dorsay, Champlain Park CA; David Clark, City View CA; Miranda Gray, Convent Glen, Orleans Wood CA; Archie Campbell, Dalhousie CA; Maria Luisa Marti, Friends of James & Bay; Bob Brocklebank, Glebe CA; Angela Kellar-Herzog, Glebe CA; Sue Stefko, Glebe Annex CA; Stefan Boginski, Greater Avalon CA; Adam Caldwell, Greenspace Alliance; Lorne Cutler, Hampton-Iona CA; Sue McCarthy, Hunt Club CA; Neil Thomson, Kanata-Beaverbrook CA; Steve Anderson, Katimavik-Hazeldean CA, Kul Kupoor, Katimavik-Hazeldean CA; Rod MacLean, Katimavik-Hazeldean CA; Peter Ferguson, Lowertown CA; Travis Croken, Riverside Park CA; Ann Stairs, Riverview Park CA; George Stairs, Riverview Park CA; Phil Sweetnam, Stittsville Village CA, Graeme Roderick Tanglewood-Hillsdale CA, Agnes Warda, The Glens and Knoxdale-Merivale Council; Don Stewart, Westboro Beach CA and Erica Dath, Woodpark CA.

Guests: Councillor Keith Egli and Jessica Fait, Knoxdale-Merivale [9]; City of Ottawa: Tammy Corner, Community Development Framework, Alison Sandor, Emergency & Protective Services: Bylaws; Danielle Ritz, OC Transpo: Customer Services; David Maloney, Planning, Infrastructure & Economic Development: Heritage & Urban Design; Mindy Wilson, Police Services: Community Development; Doug Kirkpatrick, Public Health: Communication & Engagement; Inge Roosendaal, Public Health: Communications & Engagement- Program Development & Planning; Karen Beiles, Public Library; Fremp Bafi-Yebora, RCFS: Partnerships & Agreements; David Masrour, RCFS: Partnerships & Agreements; Kim Ennis, Service Innovation & Performance: Service Transformation; Tracy Gierman, Service Innovation & Performance; Robert Giggy, Service Innovation & Performance: Web Services.

1.0 Welcome: 7:20 pm. Sheila Perry welcomed members and guests to the Nepean Sportsplex. The theme of this meeting was Speed-Dating with City of Ottawa Services.

2.0 Approval of Agenda: Moved by R. Dorsay and P. Sweetnam
CARRIED

3.0 Greetings from the Ward Councillor. K. Egli. The ward has approximately 40,000 of Ottawa's citizens, many of whom are seniors in its 48 square kms boundaries. It houses a Sportsplex, two outdoor pools, six community building and a field house, sportfields and a library.

4.0 Community Association hosting this gathering:
Tanglewood was developed in the late 1960s beginning off Merivale Road. The adjacent Hillsdale was developed in the early 1980s, beginning off Woodroffe Avenue. Together they

comprise a neighbourhood of 1800 households. A further description of its people and resources can be found at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tanglewood,_Ottawa Tanglewood Hillsdale Association is a group of volunteers that includes residents and business owners who are committed to promoting the civic and social interests of residents by:

- Enhancing the quality of life and promoting community spirit.
- Representing the views of its members, particularly to government and other organizations.
- Organizing charitable, educational and recreational activities.
- Operating on behalf of the City, facilities in Tanglewood and Medhurst Parks

The Association's annual revenue is \$30,000+, 60% of which is derived from half the annual permit revenue generated from rental of the community centre, 25% from grants, 13% from membership, programs and events and 2% from donations. The Association has a newsletter Staying Connected, websites: <https://www.ottawarinks.ca/en/rink/tanglewood-park> and thca.ca; facebook page: facebook.com/tanglewoodcommunity/ and an e-mail address: info@thca.ca

4.2 Knoxdale Merivale Council of Community Associations:

The Council of eight has been in existence for nine years. Unlike some Ottawa Ward Councils which are a conception of its Ward Councillor, this council is a conception of the Associations and meets with the Ward Councillor twice a year or as the need arises. It has an Advisory Committee on Services to Older Persons and Persons with Disabilities. One of its main functions is fostering networking between Associations and capacity building in individual associations.

5.0 City of Ottawa Services

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

Networking

6.0 REPORTS:

6.1 President's Report: Sheila Perry

- i) A well-attended session was held January 09 at City Hall dealing with a) proposals for revision of Site Plan Control Bylaw, b) Land Use Planning and c) services of the Local Planning Appeal Support Centre (LPASC). Related presentations can be found on FCA's website: Site Plan:- <http://fca-fac.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/190109SP.pdf> and LPASC: <http://fca-fac.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/190109LP.pdf>
- ii) Healthy Transportation Coalition has organized a transit riders workshop on January 26. Details can be found at <https://www.healthytransportation.ca/events>
- iii) Public and Committee/Boards/Commissions consultations on the 2019 City Budget are being held in January and February, with consideration/approval of the budget scheduled for March 06. See <https://ottawa.ca/en/city-hall/public-engagement/projects/councillor-led-public-consultation-meeting-dates#1334801>

iv) Beyond 2036: Council's Planning Committee to receive Report Feb. 14. (see FCA's GM 05/18 minutes: #4.0)

v) Restoring Ontario's Competitiveness Act (ON: Bill 66): The consultation period was between Dec 6 and January 20. The bill, which would amend acts and regulations, is part of Ontario's Open for Business Action Plan. It claims to cut 'unnecessary, inefficient, inflexible and out of date' regulations. Some of these inefficiencies and inflexibilities ensure citizen and neighbourhood engagement in Approval Processes and enhance transparency and accountability to the public. Two areas of concerns affect most CAs. There are several provisions which affect the Provincial Policy Statement and the Planning Act. There are also provisions under the Toxics Reduction Act which would impact community effort to preserve the environment.

vi) Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing S. Clark to sponsor an on-line Affordable Housing Forum with knowledgeable persons on January 31. Submissions on relative importance of affordability, transit, schools, and services could also be made on line.

vii) Ottawa Police Services' consultation on their budget is set for February 20th . The Service is also seeking views from individuals and groups on servicing a diverse citizenry.

viii) Representation of Standing: Committees of Council:

MOTION: In the Selection Criteria for councillor membership on City's standing committees, commissions and boards, a criterion be that concerns of wards from geographic areas of the City be matched with relevant committee's work.

CARRIED

It is understood, that this motion will be communicated to the City.

CONTEXT: Although councillors' expression of interests and gender are considered when the Nominations Committee [of eight councillors] make recommendation to Council; in their December 11 deliberations and/or in the December 12 Council proceedings, apparently inadequate attention was given to ensuring rural, suburban and urban sections of the City were sufficiently represented on committees relevant to these wards' collective interests. For instance, only two of the nine members of the Planning Committee represent wards within the Greenbelt. It has been 1st choice of two others. A plea at Council for a better balance did not find favour [9/15] when such a resolution was considered.

7.0 Transportation Committee:

7.1 Further to the recommendations of the November 06 Transportation Committee proceedings, a motion was made regarding the 2019 budget.

MOTION: moved by R. Dorsay and P. Sweetnam that funds be allocated for the following resources and opportunities:

- i. **A cyclist/vehicle driver public education campaign on how to share Ottawa streets safely**
- ii. **Enhanced winter sidewalk maintenance to improve walkability.**
- iii. **Development of a Vision Zero program to eliminate traffic deaths by a target year.**
- iv. **Expanded traffic calming on residential streets.**
- v. **Development of a transit fare strategy to improve public transit ridership**
- vi. **Invest in opportunities and resources to increase overall ridership in public transit.**

vii. Additional resources to Para Transpo to meet the needs of its disabled and elderly clients.

MOTION TO Amend by adding: Moved by A. Keller-Herzog

viii. Resources for the greening of the City's fleet of buses (e.g. initiatives to reduce GHG emissions). CARRIED

AMENDED MOTION

CARRIED

7.2 Next Meeting of the Transportation Committee: Feb 05, McNabb Community Centre, 7:00 pm. It was noted that there are 40 members in the Network.

8.0 Logistics: D. Steward reported that the April meeting will be hosted by Old Ottawa East and the May meeting hosted by Convent Glen, Orleans Wood CA.

9.0 Open Mike:

There was a meeting on January 16 of the Ottawa Energy Collective Impact in which A. Keller-Herzog, FCA's representative, attended. Through projects, the group seeks to reduce Ottawa's greenhouse gas emissions by 80% by 2050.

10.0 Adjournment: Consensus motion