

Federation of Citizens' Associations of Ottawa (FCA-FAC)
General Meeting Minutes: May 15, 2019
Hunt Club/River Park Community Centre, 3320 Paula Anka Drive
Approved at the September 18, meeting

ATTENDEES: Sheila Perry – chair, Overbrook CA; Alex Cullen, Belltown NA; R. Dorsay, Champlain Park CA; David Clark, City View CA; Miranda Gray, Convent Glen-Orléans Wood CA; Archie Campbell, Dalhousie CA; Denys Cooper, Dows Lake RA; Maria Luisa Marti, Friends of James & Bay; Robert Brocklebank, Glebe CA; Agnes Warda, Glens CA; Stefan Baginski, Greater Avalon CA; Erwin Dreessen, Greenspace Alliance; Sue McCarthy, Hunt Club CA; Brian Wade, Hunt Club CA; Kul Kapoor, Katimavik-Hazeldean CA; Dorothy Tweedie, McKellar Park CA; Travis Croken, Riverside Park CA; Phil Sweetnam, Stittsville VA; Graeme Roderick, Tanglewood Hillsdale CA; Lysane Brault, Water-ridge Village; Don Stewart, Westbro Beach CA and Erica DARTH, Woodpark CA.

GUESTS: Councillor Riley Brockington, River Ward (16); Councillor Keith Egli, Knoxdale-Merivale Ward (9), Alana Saikaly, Knoxdale-Merivale Ward Office; Leah Landry, Community Legal Services of Ottawa; Gary Stein, Community Legal Services of Ottawa; Frempon Bafi-Yebo, Recreation, Culture & Facility Services, City of Ottawa; Raynor Boutet, Recreation, Culture & Facility Services; David Masrou, Recreation, Culture & Facility Services; Deana Shofield, Recreation, Culture & Facility Services and Emile Hayes, Somerset West Community Health Services..

1.0 Welcome: 7:05 pm.

Sheila Perry welcomed members and guests to the Hunt Club-Riverpark Community Centre. The themes of this meeting were *Recreation Infrastructure* and *Funding Partnerships*.

2.0 Approval of Agenda as amended: Moved by R. Brocklebank and R. Brinker CARRIED

3.0 Greetings:

3.1 From Brian Wade, the president of Hunt Club CA; and from Trevor Croker, president of Riverside Park CA; greetings were received. Information on Hunt Club CA can be found at <http://hunt-club.ca/> . Information of Riverside Association can be found at <https://riversidepark.ca/wp/> .

3.2 From Riley Brockington, Councillor for River Ward greetings were received. He indicated that this ward touches on Wards 8,9,10, 15,17,18. It spans both sides of the Rideau River. Beside Hunt Club and Riverside Park, the ward includes the neighbourhoods of Carlington, Carleton Heights, Central Park, Mooney's Bay and Uplands.

4.0 Discussions of Themes:

4.1 City's RCFS's standards for Recreation Facilities Infrastructure (including arenas).

The Review and Revision will:

- a. Learn who is using the City's recreation facilities and barriers for users and non-users.
- b. Establish municipal recreation facility infrastructure standards and their critical elements (20-year window). These standards will be included in designs for major renovation or newly built municipal recreation facilities.
- c. Create the Vision and Guiding Principles for the City of Ottawa's Recreation Facility Strategy
- d. Develop a Recreation Facility Strategy, consistent with growth in the City that recommends renovation, repurposing, decommissioning or development of new facilities

The process:

- Four Open Houses (June 2019)

- Engagement Launch (July-Sept)
- City Council Report (Sept-Oct)
- Feedback & Continued public engagement (November-March 2020)
- What was heard (April 2020)
 - Report summarizing the public and user groups' ideas collected over the past 5 months regarding the strategy. Posted on Engage.Ottawa.ca and to those following the project by email or online.*
- City Council Report (Fall 2020)

4.2.0 City's RCFS's Unit for Funding, Partnerships and Agreements -

4.2.1 RCFS's Community Partnerships Minor Capital funding (application May & Sept - maximum City's contribution \$10,000.

https://documents.ottawa.ca/sites/documents/files/community_partnership_minor_capital_program_guidelines_en.pdf

4.2.2 RCFS's Civic Event Funding (closing application date: Oct 9 – maximum grant \$3000)

https://app06.ottawa.ca/online_services/forms/funding/community/civic/civic-events_en.pdf

4.3 A Community Development Toolkit is now available to community associations. IT is a compilation of frequently requested information such as: starting a community association, developing bylaws and constitutions, insurance, planning neighbourhood events, recruiting and retaining volunteers. FCA members were presented the toolkit. It will be available on USB for Associations who would like a copy. The copy of the kit can also be requested from their City's Recreation Community Development Officer.

5.0 Networking -

6.0 Local Community Issues/Open Mic:

6.1 Modifications to Lansdowne Park Partnership: The Glebe Community Association has asked FCA to request that prior to possible deliberation on Modifications to its Agreement between Council and Ottawa Sports & Entertainment Group that it undertake a public consultation, and that such deliberation not occur prior to October 1.

RESOLUTION:

Whereas arrangements for the redevelopment of Lansdowne Park were a subject of controversy and vigorous public debate,

Whereas Council has been informed that financial returns from the redevelopment have been less than envisaged at the outset of the project, and

Whereas Ottawa Sports and Entertainment Group has indicated that it will propose by the end of June certain modifications to the existing partnership arrangement with the City,

Resolve by consensus that 1. FCA-FAC inform City Council and OSEG that a) a comprehensive public consultation on Lansdowne should be required; b) greater transparency on financial aspects of the partnership be a feature in those consultations and c) such consultations cannot effectively be conducted during the summer vacation period AND 2. FCA-FAC request confirmation that City Council would deliberate on any proposed changes to the Lansdowne partnership agreement only following public consultation and not prior to October 1, 2019. CARRIED

6.2 Public Health: Prior to Queen's Park April 11 budget announcement on Public Health, the province paid 75%. Over the next three years the province intends to cut its contribution by 27+%. It also

plans to reduce the number of public health units across the province from 35 to 10 (Ottawa vs Eastern Ontario Region). How will representation be determined? The current government has subsequently acknowledged that the announcement was made after the 2019 municipal budgets had been approved. One-time funding will be available while the changes come into effect. Local MPPs need to hear that Public Health has a significant role in the well-being of Ottawans.

6.3 Legal Aid Ontario: The April budget announced a reduction of 30% in provincial funding. Prior to that announcement, the cost of refugee and immigrant services was shared 50/50 between the upper levels of governments. Following Queen's Park's announcement Legal Aid is to use only federal funds for those services. The provincial government would provide transitional dollars.

6.4 Federal All Candidates Meetings: In expectation of the Federal General Election on October 21, communities may be planning all candidates' meetings. FCA's March 2019 workshop and three papers on organizing such meetings have been combined into the document found at <http://fca-fac.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/1905all.pdf>

7.0 Business Meeting:

7.1 Minutes of the April meeting (archived on FCA's website):

On a motion from G. Roderick and P. Sweetnam, minutes be approved. CARRIED

7.2 Treasurer's Report: In the absence of the treasurer, it was noted that with the year-end being April 30, and relative to last year, our membership being down by 12, that portion of our revenue will be lower in the Annual Financial Statements. Because of Non-membership revenues, our total Revenue is up.

7.3 President's Report: The president thanked Vice President Cullen for his leadership during her absence. She reported that the affairs of the organization continue to be well managed thanks to the dedication of officers, directors, and chairs, co-chairs of committees and other committed volunteers. This has been particularly so of late with respect to those who have helped with our contribution to the City's development of the New Official Plan.

7.4 Communications: Our e-newsletter was sent out on May 11 to those who subscribe or provide us an e-mail address when attending meetings. If you are not receiving it, advise B. Brocklebank.

7.5 Logistics: The Annual General Meeting will be held at City Hall, Colonel By Room on June 19, 7:00 pm

7.6 Finances: See the Treasurer's report.

7.7 Membership: Community Associations who pay their outstanding fees before the beginning of the AGM may vote at that meeting.

7.8 Planning & Zoning: The Committee meets the second Wednesday/month at McNabb Recreation Centre, 180 Percy Street. It also has a subscribing network.

7.8.1 Ontario Housing Supply Action Plan: On May 2, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing introduced Bill 108, a wide-ranging piece of legislation with significant implications for land-use planning and municipal finances. A backgrounder is found at <https://news.ontario.ca/mma/en/2019/05/comprehensivelegislation-would-help-give-people-of-ontario-more-homes-more-choice.html> - and - the plan description is found at <https://files.ontario.ca/mmah-housing-supply-action-plan-en-2019-05-02.pdf>

7.8.2 The City is working on cataloging/mapping the boundaries of Community Associations. Members could take the initiatives to advise where their boundaries are.

7.9 Transportation Committee: Committee met May 1.

The Transportation Master Plan (TMP) is a companion document to the City's Official Plan and sets goals and policies regarding mobility (i.e. walking, cycling, public transit, vehicles). The TMP review workplan is expected to be presented to the City's Transportation Committee in June.

In anticipation of the TMP workplan roll-out and presentation, representatives from our Transportation Committee met with City staff to discuss the TMP review and to see where the FCA could fit in

From this meeting two things were learnt:

- ✓ the *Origin-Destination Study* [OD] that normally accompanies a TMP review will not be completed by the 2021 deadline. It is expected that the TMP will be then revised as the OD results are finalized.
- ✓ A study of best practices regarding Traffic Demand Management techniques will not be considered during this TMP review.

On behalf of the Transportation Committee A. Cullen moved the following resolution:

Whereas the City's Transportation Master Plan Review will be considering targets to enhance sustainable alternatives to vehicle use, such as walking, cycling and transit, which would reduce the pressure to extend/widen roads through residential neighbourhoods and improve the environment;

Whereas a review of best practices in other cities regarding Traffic Demand Management measures would inform both City Council and residents of Ottawa of the techniques available that may be considered as a means of helping achieve these TMP targets

Resolve the FCA recommend to Ottawa City Council that a review of best practices regarding Traffic Demand Management measures be included in the Transportation Master Plan review workplan. CARRIED

The motion will be sent to members of the Transportation Committee.

Our Transportation Committee anticipates holding a workshop for FCA members on the TMP objectives later this fall

7.10 Nominations & Recognition Committee:

The closing date for Nominations and for Awards is May 17.

8.0 Adjournment: Moved by A. Campbell and seconded by consensus.

CARRIED

Graeme Roderick, secretary

Sheila Perry, president