



**General Meeting Wednesday, November 20, 2019 from 7:00pm
Peter D Clark Place, 255 Centrum Boulevard, Orleans (room 304)
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Upcoming Dates:

Nov. 23 FCA-FAC/Ottawa Neighbourhood Study "Neighbourhoods count" workshop
Poster is [here](#) - to register go [here](#)

Nov. 30 FCA Transportation Master Plan workshop
Poster is [here](#)

Next FCA General Meeting – Wednesday, December 11

1. Agenda item 3 Convent Glen/Orleans Wood Community

The Convent Glen Orleans Wood Community Association maintains an active website at <https://www.conventglenorleanswood.com/>

The neighbourhood is located in Orleans ward (ward 1).

2. Agenda item 4. My healthy neighbourhood

The presentation will highlight the role of public health in creating healthy built environments and provide information on OPH resources for FCA members to use with their communities to create environments that enable all people to be healthy, thrive, and live to their fullest potential.

The built environment is the physical and human-made world around us (e.g., roads, pathways, buildings, parks). A healthy built environment is the physical layout and design of communities that improves people's health through behaviour, lifestyle, and protection from health hazards.

The way our communities are designed has a direct influence on our physical, mental and social health, and thus our built environment holds enormous potential for addressing many of today's health challenges. It shapes our daily experiences and affects our ability to make healthy choices.

The focus of the presentation will be on how the built environment can influence the choices we make and the role that residents can play in influencing the health of their own neighbourhoods.

To gather feedback from you during this presentation, the following questions will be asked. Participants may wish to consider their replies in advance.

Assessing the healthfulness of my neighbourhood

1. Rank your level of agreement with the following statements:

- a. It is important for neighbourhood-level groups to promote health in our communities
- b. It is important for neighbourhood-level groups to promote healthy eating in our communities
- c. It is important for neighbourhood-level groups to promote active living in our communities

2. What neighbourhood assessment tools or strategies are you currently using to assess the healthfulness of your community?

3. Identify the types of resources that may be useful to you in assessing the healthfulness of your community?

Promoting healthy eating and active living in my neighbourhood

4. What tools, resources, and programs do you currently use to promote healthy eating and active living in your communities?

5. What types of resources would help you:

- a. inspire your community to play and be active outside?
- b. support your community to access and eat healthy food?
- c. inspire your community to use active transportation to go to work, school, errands, and visit friends?

6. What other public health topics are you interested to learn more about?

3. Agenda items 7. Transportation Committee

While our recommended budget submission to the City's Transportation Committee will be reported to the November 20 FCA General Meeting, this timing doesn't work for the recommended budget submission for the Transit Commission Meeting on November 20 (daytime). Consequently we asked for (and received from the October FCA General Meeting)) approval for delegated authority to make a submission to the Transit Commission, subject to approval from the FCA Executive. So here are our recommendations.

a) City Transportation Committee draft 2020 budget:

Our committee found the budget documents here not helpful. Although there were 6 components listed - GM Office, Roads Services, Parking Services, Traffic Services, Transportation Planning, and Fleet Services - there were no metrics to illustrate activity nor description of functions delivered, just expenditures by type (wages, materials, etc.) and revenues by type. We know information on program activities are provided to the Councillors, but these are not accessible by the public. This is very frustrating.

We also know that there has been additional resources put into two of the areas the FCA has traditionally spoken to: traffic calming (through the Road Safety Action Plan), and winter snowclearing. The re-vamped Road Safety Action Plan (which will speak to Vision Zero issues) will be presented to the City's Transportation Committee as a separate report on December 4. The FCA Transportation Committee will review that report at its November 28 meeting and will respond to this report at the Committee meeting. As well, the Winter Maintenance Standards is currently undergoing an extensive review (to culminate in 2021). And more funds are going towards road repairs in 2020, as well.

So our recommended budget submission to the City's Transportation Committee is to express our frustration at the opaqueness and lack of detail/metrics of this department's budget pages, and recommend that this budget information be improved/enhanced so that the public can make more meaningful contributions to how their tax dollars are being spent in this area.

b) Transit Commission draft 2020 budget:

The crisis at OC Transpo and its LRT service is large, complex, and on-going. Already the Transit Commission Chair and the Mayor have announced a \$7.5 million infusion into the LRT system, including adding 40 buses to the system to relieve the worst overcrowding & service issues, as well as postponing the proposed 2.5% fare increase from January to March 2020. However, many view this as inadequate to resolve the crisis, and Councillors appear to looking to add more buses/service on top of this, and are searching for \$ to fund this (amounts unknown/ sources unknown).

After some considerable discussion, we resolved on recommending that the FCA submission to Transit Commission follow these principles:

- The LRT transit service is in crisis and more funding should be applied to help fix it. As the LRT transit service has replaced the transitway system its efficient operation is crucial to the functioning of the City;
- The funding for these corrective measures should not be taken from other City services (eg. garbage pick-up should not contribute to fixing the transit mess, public health should not contribute to fixing the transit mess, etc.);
- Transit is funded through the Transit property tax levy and transit fares. Given the effect of the LRT transit crisis on transit users, we do not support funding these corrective measures through raising fares;
- While supporting using additional taxes (through the Transit property tax levy) to fund these corrective measures, we are not advocating for a blank cheque, but a limited, temporary Transit property tax increase.
- We are aware that a 1% overall increase in the City's property taxes generates approximately \$25 million, at a cost of approximately \$36 per average residential property, and recommend that the cost of corrective measures not exceed this (and may even be less). What we are proposing here is a ceiling.
- We also recommend that following the successful implementation of these corrective measures, the LRT transit service should be re-assessed to determine if this tax increase should remain in place, or be scaled back in a subsequent budget.

c) Term of Council Priorities:

During this budget process City Council will also review its Term of Council Priorities (through FEDCO). We think the current list of these priorities are missing 2 key items, and that another initiative being recommended in this budget should be upgraded to a Term of Council Priority.

They are:

- Interprovincial Connectivity (note that the NCC is to refresh its Interprovincial Bridge Study, plus the need to better integrate transit between Ottawa and Gatineau);
- Removing Trucks from King Edward Avenue - a long-time safety issue;
- Conducting (and completing) the Electric Bus Pilot Project.