



General Meeting – Wednesday, May 20, 2020 – 7pm
Electronic Teleconference via Google Meet
Draft Agenda

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Agenda item 3: Ottawa's response to the Covid-19 pandemic

Biographic information on Dr. Etches is found at

<https://www.ottawapublichealth.ca/en/public-health-services/dr-vera-etches-medical-officer-of-health.aspx>

Current information on the Covid-19 situation is found at

<https://ottawa.ca/en/health-and-public-safety/covid-19-ottawa>

A video recording of the May 14 town hall meeting at City Hall is found at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LENZLLh5K00>

Agenda item 4 -1: Community initiatives in the pandemic

COVID-19 is an “disaster” class emergency, having a dramatic impact on communities, which will continue for at least 18 months. This has seen a surge in the need for volunteers and new uses of volunteers for which Community Associations can play a key role.

In discussions with the Executive Director of the 211 service for Eastern Ontario (who sits on the Human Needs Task Force), he has articulated large gaps in the ability to deliver emergency Volunteer services within municipalities that only in-community based organizations can deliver – with Community Associations as the prime candidates:

- Provide liability coverage for Volunteers
- Coordinate the “Last Mile” of volunteer recruitment and volunteer service delivery in their own community

There are already several CA's who are directly involved on their own initiative, which should be shared with other CA's

- Sandy Hill and New Edinburgh done “do you or a neighbour need help” campaigns and have set up telephone based a “needs matching” service to match in-community volunteers to vulnerable people in-community who have asked for help. This service provides for food/pharmacy delivery, running errands and a friendly phone call for those who are both physically and socially isolated
- Manor Park and Vanier are working with the Ottawa Food Cupboard to develop web tools to manage home delivery of food boxes to in-community “clients” using in-community volunteer drivers. Benefit – more deliveries and less work for food bank volunteers
- The Kanata Lakes CA, which worked with the Chinese community in Kanata Lakes starting to organize for assisting families in isolation for families and family member returning from China, which they have spread throughout Chinese communities in Ottawa

- The Beaverbrook (KBCA) community association is working with the Manor Park group and Kanata North tech companies and the Kanata Food Cupboard to on the Manor Park solution and bring it to Kanata in the next month; and the Kanata Seniors Council in mailings and contact to their (vulnerable) members
- Centretown CA has launched a Community Support Network

Proposed FCA involvement

- Set up a “COVID-19 Response” sub-committee
- Establish a google group with initial goal is to exchange best practices for in-community COVID-19 services
- Work with the 211 (of Eastern Ontario) organization to integrate Community Associations with the organizations participating in the Human Needs Task Force to manage the delivery of emergency volunteer based services in their communities

Agenda item 5-3: Planning & Zoning Committee

Documentation about the Growth Management Strategy and the urban boundary issue is found at <http://fca-fac.ca/resources-3/growth-management-strategy/> In the debate on May 11 and 12, there were repeated references to the question “Are communities ready for change?”. How FCA can best grapple with this question will be the subject of Planning & Zoning Committee discussion.

Agenda item 5-3: Transportation Committee

On May 15 the STO - Société de transport de l'Outaouais – provided a briefing on plans for a light rail connection from Aylmer into downtown Ottawa. This will be discussed at a Transportation Committee meeting.