

**Federation of Citizens' Associations of Ottawa-Carleton
Draft Minutes - Board Meeting of September 27, 2007
Dalhousie Community Centre**

Attendees: Archie Campbell, Chair (Dalhousie CA), Ric Stryde (Hintoburg CA), Linda Hoad (Hintoburg CA), Jason Thomson (West Wellington CA), Christian Pupp (Old Ottawa East CA), Nick Masciantonio (Old Ottawa East CA), Agnes Warda (Glens CA), Rebecca Aird (Sustainable Living Ottawa East, Old Ottawa East CA), Stephanie Strudwick (Dalhousie CA), Si Taylor (Rockcliffe Park Residents' Assn), Lorne Cutler (Hampton-Iona Community Group), Don Stewart (Westboro Beach CA), Metin Akgun (Stittsville Village Assn), John Stevenson (Citizens for Safe Cycling), Tom Rodda (Manor Park CA), Michael Kostiuk (Carlington CA), Cheryl Parrott (Hintonburg CA, Security Cttee), Alayne McGregor (Civic Hospital Neighbourhood Assn), Bob Brocklebank (Glebe CA), Stephen Haines (Old Ottawa South CA), Leigh Thorpe (Imagine Ottawa)

1. Introduction to Dalhousie

The Community Centre used to be St. Jean Baptiste school, next door is College Dominicaine, now a secular grad school of philosophy, the largest in Ottawa. Further down the street is Eglise St. Jean Baptiste. This is the old ward of Dalhousie and it used to house two francophone communities, this one and another at the bottom of the escarpment. There was a certain class distinction between the two. Now this is the transition/immigration centre of the city and as such has a reputation as the most welcoming are of Ottawa.

2. Guest speaker - Nancy Worsfold, Crime Prevention Ottawa

Crime Prevention Ottawa is a city-created initiative, but the board also includes community representatives. The objective is to reduce crime and enhance community safety through collaborative evidence-based crime prevention.

FCA endorsement is sought for Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN) Legislation, a provincial civil law to counter impact on communities of entrenched drug, prostitution or illegal liquor sales operations. This approach is utilized in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Nova Scotia and the Yukon. The concept is to receive complaints from the public and remedying situations at problem properties without the need for court proceedings. The emphasis is on working with property owners to restore neighbourhoods rather than seeking criminal charges. The concept has been recommended by Ottawa City Council, and by other Ontario municipalities, for adoption by the Province.

In a series of questions following the presentation it was noted that SCAN deals with problem properties, not vandalism to property. It was acknowledged that there was some displacement of criminal activity but it was hoped that communities were restored. The program does not deal with public properties such as parks. It does not represent privatization of law enforcement. SCAN has been discussed in the context of the Neighbourhood Planning Initiative and this is relatively new in Ottawa.

Moved by Don Stewart, seconded by Michael Kostiuk that FCA endorses the SCAN - Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods initiative. CARRIED

3. Guest speaker - Rebecca Aird, Sustainable Living Ottawa East (SLOE)

Many Community Associations have Environment Committees, in Ottawa East, SLOE was formed in December 2006. Its goals are to assist people in the community to make decisions of a sustainable nature and to position Ottawa East as a leader in this respect. Community receptiveness to these aims has been demonstrated in the farmers' market at St. Paul's University and in the community garden which has received support from the University of Ottawa. It is

worth noting that support may be sought from the Ottawa Sustainability Fund, an endowment fund run by the Community Foundation of Ottawa.

In discussion following the presentation it was noted that a new by-law governing the Ottawa Market s Authority is expected this autumn which may limit the sale of imported food. It was suggested that some smaller community associations may wish to combine forces to form an environmental committee. There was also some discussion of a nature trail initiative to involve potentially both Ottawa East and Ottawa South.

4. Approval of agenda

The draft agenda was adopted with the addition under new business of the following:

- Height limits in Traditional Mainstreets
- Voting procedures for Community Associations
- Lansdowne Park consultation
- Good forestry practices
- Site plans with and without public consultation
- University of Ottawa cancer research

5. Approval of the minutes of June 7, 2007

Moved by Linda Hoad, seconded by Bob Brocklebank. CARRIED.

6. Scheduling of October meeting

Westboro Beach will endeavour to host the next FCA Board Meeting in the latter half of October.

7. Business arising from the minutes

a) Transportation Working Group
nil report

b) FUN -Federation of Urban Neighbourhoods
AGM had been reported at previous meeting

c) Manotick

There had been a meeting the previous Tuesday and two issues have emerged with respect to the Minto project for significant expansion of Manotick: the validity of the secondary plan and transportation. There was no outcome from the meeting but another large public meeting is planned for November. A new association – West Manotick Community Association (www.ourmanotick.ca) has emerged and has started to participate in RIAC (Rural Issues Advisory Committee)

In discussion it was confirmed that the Greenfields Design Guidelines have been quoted in community interaction with the city and developer. The transportation study for the Minto project was conducted by an independent consultant chosen by the city but paid by the developer.

d) Public consultation on interprovincial crossings
no report

e) Approval of FCA property tax reform proposal

The report, which had been previously distributed was summarized and it was explained that an attempt had been made to keep the proposal easy to understand and similar to the current system. It was noted that the proposal does not deal with commercial real estate because no one involved was sufficiently familiar with that topic. There were many complimentary comments and discussion turned to the strategy for communication of the proposal and timing in relation to the provincial election. Two points were mentioned as important in communication – that the proposal differs from the platform of all three major provincial political parties and that MPAC as we know it would disappear.

Moved by Don Stewart and seconded by Stephen Haines that the proposal be approved by the FCA and publicized. CARRIED. Don Stewart and Alayne McGregor offered to work on a communications strategy for the proposal.

f) FCA website

In the current FCA website there is an electronic magazine feature (an e-zine). Articles are welcome for posting in a new edition. There was some discussion about difficulty of opening webpages from URLs in FCA e-mail notices.

g) Carp landfill issues

The Carp project is in mediation and the appeal against expansion of the landfill is currently suspended. There is also a coalition which has formed in the east end of the city in respect of the Navan landfill. In the case of Carp, about 70% is ICI (industrial, commercial and institutional) garbage, for which there is no meaningful recycling activity. Moreover this is a provincial, not municipal, responsibility. However the city has retained a consultant to work on a ICI strategy, to be expected by the end of 2008. But implementation would not occur before 2010. Meanwhile both Carp and Navan are slated for expansion. The Plasco plant at Trail Road is still not working although it was expected to begin in June. The Carp coalition has a 6 point manifesto on garbage questions for provincial candidates.

h) Comprehensive Zoning By-law revision

The document is to be up on the city website on September 28. There will be an urban open house on October 11 and a rural event on Oct. 9. Planning & Environment Committee will receive public delegations on the by-law October 22 and 23.

Rockcliffe has an issue of parkland which the association believes is improperly designated. They consider that the zoning maps of the predecessor municipalities should serve as the basis for this by-law. Carlington has also an example of land thought of as a park which apparently is not so designated by zoning. It was noted that parks can also be designed by by-law.

i) Environment issues

Effort continues to identify individuals in the associations and find a way to bring them together.

j) Electoral reform debate

Arrangements have been made for a debate on Sept. 30 at City Hall. A moderator is needed. The room rental will cost \$350, some of which may be recouped through donations at the event.

8. New business

a) Presentations - Crime Prevention Ottawa; Sustainable Living Ottawa East

See above - moved to outset of the meeting

b) Membership outreach report

Some 141 associations have been identified and attempts are being made to verify their continued operation and contact details. We have 19 members. 14 environmental contacts and 13 transportation contacts have been identified.

c) City population projections

The previous projections were based economic development expectations but this year are based on Statistics Canada demographic findings. In the central area there is a misalignment between the building permits issued and the growth of population in census returns. There is an assumption that there was undercounting.

In discussion it was noted that projections anticipate no dramatic changes such as an energy crisis or significant shift of government jobs from the capital. There is no demonstrated need to increase the urban land supply as a result of the new projections. There is also consideration in the study of demographic trends outside the boundaries of the city. The projections expect a lower rate of population growth than the earlier projections. This is significant for the revision of the Official Plan etc.

d) Height limits on Traditional Mainstreets

In the Official Plan such zones are expect to have heights of 4 to 6 storeys. However there are applications for spot rezoning and requests for 6 to 7 storeys. One comment was that if 4 to 6 really does not work, there should be change.

e) Voting procedures for Community Associations

Deferred to next meeting for lack of time

f) Lansdowne consultation

In the context of current discussion about Lansdowne Park, the Glebe Community Association requested the FCA to restate its long-standing policy.

Moved by Bob Brocklebank, seconded by Stephen Haines that public land must be dealt with in a public transparent process. CARRIED.

Brocklebank noted that Glebe would be seeking supporting statements to that effect.

g) Good Forestry Practices

Deferred to next meeting for lack of time

h) Site Plans with and without public consultation.

Deferred to next meeting for lack of time

i) U of O cancer research

Deferred to next meeting for lack of time

j) Upcoming events

Leigh Thorpe of Imagine Ottawa distributed material on the Imagine Ottawa City Social Forum "A dialogue on sustainable neighbourhoods" October 20

9. Adjournment