

Federation of Citizens' Associations of Ottawa-Carleton
Board Meeting of June 15, 2009
Rough notes in lieu of minutes

At the conclusion of the FCA Annual General Meeting, a regular Board meeting was held

1. Approval of the agenda

An additional item 'Carp retirement home development' was added to New Business

2. Approval of minutes of May 12, 2009

The minutes were approved

3. Presentation by John Moser, General Manager, Planning and Growth Management

Mr. Moser explained a reorganization of the city's planning and approvals organization

4. Presentation by Michael Murr, Acting Director, Community Sustainability

Mr. Murr described a long-term planning exercise being undertaken jointly by Ottawa, Gatineau and the NCC under the title "Choosing our future". Community Association participation will be sought in events planned for the Autumn

5. Business arising from the minutes

a) Official Plan - The revised plan is to come forward for Council approval later in June. The FCA has made interventions seeking clarification regarding intensification & density calculation, on urban boundary expansion, on country lot estates, and on provision/protection of employment lands. The revised Plan will then go to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for approval.

b) Membership outreach - Prospective members were urged to submit membership fees.

c) Lansdowne Park redevelopment - Negotiations between the City and Ottawa Sports & Entertainment Group, originally scheduled for a 60-day period, are to be extended. A report is to come forward to Council in late August.

d) Parks & Recreation Master Plan - White papers are available to stimulate public discussion leading to a Plan. Associations are encouraged to submit their comments by mid-August.

e) FCA website - Contributions are welcome. Links to associations should be verified.

f) Clyde Baseline- Smart Centres rezoning - Copeland Park Community Alliance is questioning the capability of the transportation infrastructure to handle such a development. It was agreed that FCA would send a letter supporting the Copeland Park concerns.

g) Development Charges - The new by-law must be in place by mid-July. Although concerns remain about existing properties subsidizing new development, this seems more an issue of the provincial legislation.

6. New Business

a) Meetings on city property - Carlingwood reported that they decided to alternate full membership and executive meetings. This decision led to questions about city policies, if any, regarding closed or private meetings in city facilities.

b) Carp retirement home - Although Carp has a CDP calling for low-rise buildings, a significantly taller building is being promoted with staff and Council support. There was discussion of support for the Carp Residents Association in questioning the appropriateness of such a building. Specific action, if any, is to be determined.