

**Federation of Citizens' Associations of Ottawa
General Meeting of November 2, 2015
Legion Hall, 5050 Ann Street, Manotick
Draft Agenda**

1. Welcome to participants

2. Approval of Agenda

3. Minutes

Approval of minutes for General Meeting of October 6

Receipt of minutes for Executive Meeting of October 14

4. Introduction to Manotick

5. Transportation issues

Motion from transportation committee

6. City Budget

Presentation by Lorne Cutler

7. Breakout groups on City Budget

Three suggested topics for discussion in groups:

Transportation / Social & Protective Services / Environment

8. Networking break

9. Issues arising from the minutes

Report on association views on City priorities/initiatives

10. FCA Committee reports

10A. Regional Voices and Issues

10B. Communications

10C. Planning & Zoning

11. Open Mike / New Issues

11A.

11B.

11C.

Adjournment

Next General Meeting – Thursday December 10 at Overbrook Community Centre

Agenda item 5 – Transportation Issues

The Transportation Committee is proposing a motion on co-ordination of construction. The preliminary text is:

that the Federation of Citizens Associations recommends the establishment of a City of Ottawa Transportation Coordinator to help ensure efficient work-around (detours, advisories, coordination of and adjustment to construction schedules, etc.), to ease Citizen access by road and reduce traffic jams and accompanying delays caused by transportation-related construction (roads, bridges, reconstruction, etc., etc.). The measure is directed toward maintaining life quality, ease of getting to work and services on time, and undertaking personal and family duties. Economic and social benefits far outweigh the costs of this new office.

Agenda items 6 and 7 – City Budget

Information is available on the City website at <http://ottawa.ca/en/city-hall/budget-and-taxes/budget>. Note that the draft budget is to be tabled on Nov. 12 and Council approval of the budget is scheduled for Dec. 9.

For an introduction to the budget, you will find a short briefing, used in earlier consultations on the 2016 Budget, at <http://ottawa.ca/en/city-hall/budget-and-taxes/budget/budget-101>.

The draft budget will be reviewed by various City committees, commissions etc. Members of the public can make submissions and address those bodies. A list of meetings is found at <http://ottawa.ca/en/city-hall/budget-and-taxes/budget/have-your-say-2016-budget-consultations>.

In response to a request from FCA, on June 24 a general briefing on the budget process was held. A video and a transcript of the presentation from that event is found at <http://ottawa.ca/en/city-hall/budget-and-taxes/budget/budget-primer-june-24>.

From earlier discussions at FCA meetings, particularly the September meeting on Term of Council priorities and the October meeting on environmental matters, it appears that much of the community interest in city activity centres on three areas: transportation, social and protective services, and environment.

Accordingly it is proposed that we form three breakout groups at the November 2 meeting to discuss budget issues associated with those three areas of interest. Participants are invited to raise other budget matters during the discussion.