GCA Board Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, June 27th, 7:00 p.m. at the Glebe Community Centre
Chair: Alex Nobert
Secretary and Timekeeper: Sylvie Legros

Administrative	**Speaker / Lead**	**Time**	
Approval of the agenda and May minutes	Sylvie Legros	5 minutes	7:00-7:05
President's Report • Update on communication and social media? • Summary of Roundtable Breakfast with the Mayor • Activities at Lansdowne over the weekend • GCA 50th Anniversary • AGM post-mortem: financial statements – how do we proceed to resolve the discrepancies	 Alex Nobert Anthony Carricato Anthony Carricato June Creelman All	35 minutes	7:05-7:40
Councillor's Update	Current issues	20 minutes	7:40-8:00
Comments/Issues from the Community	All	10 minutes	8:00-8:10
Committees with motions/seeking approval	1 motion to pass	10 minutes	8:10-8:20

<u>Heritage Committee (Johanna Persohn)</u>

That the GCA provide financial support to send the National Trust Heritage Committee Co-chairs to the conference at an expected cost of $495 plus tax.

Committee notices, issues and Q&A • GGGS update (or post-mortem) • Environment Committee update	Colette Downie Angela Keller-Herzog	20 minutes	8:20-8:40
Other business	All	10 minutes	8:40 – 8:50
Adjournment	All		8:55

COMMITTEE REPORTS (3 reports)

1- ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

GCA Environment Committee – Report June 7 2017 (updated June 24)

The June 2017 meeting of the Environment Committee was largely concerned with forward looking planning for the coming year. The incoming co-chairs of the committee for 2017-8 are Jennifer Humphries and Angela Keller-Herzog.

- Garden Angels. Linda Bruce will coordinate the Glebe Garden Angels for the coming year. (Judith Slater has moved to Centretown).
- Urban Forest Management Plan. We are coordinating with a dozen other inner urban community association environmental reps to provide input to the City's forthcoming Urban Forest Management Plan. We provided a positive joint statement to the June 20 2017 meeting of the City Environment and Climate Protection Committee. The 250 pg, 20-year plan will go to Council the next week. Starting with a by-law review and a neighbourhood-scale canopy assessment study in 2017-18, there are a lot of positive actions promised. To fully implement the plan will require additional resources to be voted by the next Council in January 2019. An external stakeholder committee is to be struck.
- Old Home Earth Day Event 2018. Given very positive response by the community to the event on April 22 2017, the Environment Committee has decided to repeat staging this event in April 2018 (likely the weekend after Easter), in partnership with Smartnet Alliance (an environmental business incubator based in the Glebe). We will seek other partnerships as well including outreach to other community associations.
- Renewable Energy Strategy. We will continue to work with other CAs on trying to engage the Mayor in this.
- TWIGS (the environmental club at Glebe Collegiate). We would like to find ways to support TWIGS in the coming year.
- Upcoming Activities 2017-18. We expect a provincial election in May 2018 and then a municipal election in November 2018. We are interested in organizing environmental all-candidate debates for both these elections. We can provide leadership to join up with other CA's in our riding/ward and NGOs to organize this. We can use some of the environment earmarked funds for room rentals and expenses for these events (budget – up to $500 per event).
- SmartNet Alliance has been awarded a grant from Heritage Canada for the project "150 Ways to reduce your carbon footprint challenge". The proposal had been submitted with community support of GCA. Paul Cairns hopes to have a portfolio of submissions of ideas/actions by Oct-Nov 2017, deadline is March 30 2018. We can submit ideas/actions as individuals, businesses, our committee, GCA. More infos contact paul@smartnetalliance.ca

DATE: 20 June 2017
TO: City of Ottawa Environment & Climate Protection Committee
FROM: Urban Core Community Associations
RE: Urban Forest Management Plan

Esteemed Councillors,

Our group of Urban Core Community Associations has witnessed the journey of the Urban Forest Management Plan. As a group we have participated in the consultations from the outset, as an external stakeholder since 2015.

Congratulations

We offer our congratulations to this Committee for requesting the Strategy and to all responsible for preparing it. We would like to applaud the many elements of the Plan.

We are also very appreciative that the Plan as presented today, is stronger than the draft presented some months ago, and responds to several of the concerns our group had raised.

We also appreciate that this 250 page 20-year strategy is appearing alongside the City's present commitment to plant 1 million trees (working with Ecology Ottawa) and the City's 150 Groves 150th anniversary project. We see these complementary strategic and practical pieces as demonstrating the City of Ottawa's follow-through on our 2016 affirmation of the right to a healthy environment.

Why the Urban Core Community Associations intervening?

You might say that the Urban Core is becoming hard core – what unites us is a particularly hostile growing environment including the urban heat island in summer, increased hardscaping, and endless trucks salting the earth in winter. Retrofitting conditions for only a few trees to survive in the hardscape is very costly. Our tree population is aging; one by one by one we are losing the canopy-giving trees. Lot by lot, infill and intensification is robbing the urban forest of habitat. Urban planning processes are not incorporating the valuation and effective protection of these important 50 to 100 year-old assets. The situation is dire.

The UFMP is the Turning Point

For residents of the urban core the Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP) is a very important piece.

Our hope is that the UFMP really is the turning point. We have come from a pre-settler beginning of a heavily forested landscape, traditional territory of the Algonquin nation. Soon the land witnessed intensive resource exploitation by the lumber barons, followed by further degradation and displacement of the trees by farming, urban development, hardscaping and salting of the roads.

Now, through the UFMP we take stock, and then the tide will be turned. The urban forest will be valued, nurtured and make a recovery in the urban core to becoming a sustained resource. The wealth of the past came from taking down our forests. But the wealth of the future will come by embracing our tree canopy and green spaces in our urban core, by respecting and sustaining our environment, so we and successor generations can live, breathe, play and work in healthy beautiful spaces.

We support the vision and strong set of guiding principles offered in the Plan, and would urge this Committee to add one further overarching principle – *that we aim for excellence*. Ottawa, as the national capital, should seek to be a leader, including in our urban forest management. Let's take the opportunity to make Canada's capital one of the greenest, healthiest, most livable, most ecology-wise cities on the planet.

We are keen to see the Capital City of the future where visitors can stroll from the Museum of War to Dows Lake and from Parliament to Lansdowne along shaded and walkable boulevards. We are sure that a revitalized urban forest asset will leave citizens healthier, happier and richer, and will attract increasing numbers of visitors to a more beautiful, verdant and stately city.

Implementation will be Key

Clearly, realizing this vision of an urban forest recovery over the next 20 years will not be easy. To succeed, it will require our continued efforts and constructive partnerships and collaboration between Council, city staff and

engaged citizens. We see the careful follow-through on the Plan as urgent and important. We want to be your partners in ensuring that it is fully implemented. We will work with you and support you.
In particular, over the first four-year period of the UFMP, we look forward to seeing the following seven excellent steps forward:

1. The setting of an evidence-based urban canopy target in the City Official Plan. This will serve to grow our urban forest; we will have neighbourhood-scale assessments of canopy and the City will prioritize planting large trees to create future eco-services and canopy.
2. Deliberations for strengthened bylaws, ones that effectively safeguard the sustainability of the urban forest, provide incentives and compensation, and navigate the tension between conservation, intensification and development.
3. Publishing of a City of Ottawa standard and technical specifications for tree planting in urban conditions and urban hardscape areas, including soil volume requirements and reference to the best practice guidance used in Toronto. We look to see these guidelines piloted for prospective Elgin and Bronson street reconstructions.
4. Reviews of City of Ottawa tree planting programs, including for street allowances and rights of way, to ensure that these programs meet resident demand and the objective of increasing the urban tree canopy.
5. The piloting of community-level engagement for residents to support Neighbourhood Planting Plans coupled with pilot Neighbourhood Stewardship Plans (which we feel would be most practically implemented as "community-level plans" as per the divisions set out in the Ottawa Neighbourhood Study where communities can then be represented by their community associations.)
6. Budgetary provisioning for the implementation of this Plan, including in Q1 2019, beginning of the next Term of Council.
7. The practice of an adaptive approach particularly as regards climate change, so that the City will respond to the impact of droughts, floods, inclemency and unseasonal temperature variations on the health of the urban forest, including the flexibility to increase budgets where and when the need arises (rather than simply reallocating existing funds to the detriment of other program areas)

We are sure that these action points will be the subject of many meetings with our Councillors and city forestry staff in the coming years.
Once again, we would like to congratulate you, staff and consultants on the achievement of producing the Ottawa Urban Forest Management Plan.
We fully support its approval and you have our full support in its implementation.

Contacts:
Action Sandy Hill – Marilyn Whitaker
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Dalhousie Community Association – Wendy Hunter
Glebe Community Association – Jennifer Humphries, Angela Keller-Herzog
Hintonburg Community Association – Barbara Long
Lowertown Community Association – Feliks Welfeld
Old Ottawa East Community Association – John Dance

2- HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Clemow Estate Phase II HCD Update

The City timeline for the HCD has been delayed, with the next planned public meeting planned for the Fall instead of this past winter. This public meeting to bring forward a draft of the Heritage Conversation District (HCD) Study this winter. This is in advance of the HCD Plan. As defined by the Ontario Heritage Act, an HCD study will:

- Examine character and appearance of the area including buildings, structures and other property features.
- Examine and recommend area boundaries.
- Consider and recommend objectives of designation and content of HCD plan.
- Recommend changes to Official Plan and municipal bylaws including zoning bylaws.

With the sudden demolition of 292 Clemow in May, the Heritage Committee will be pushing for them to not delay any further, including invesitaging the possibility of advancing progress on their Heritage Inventory Project to capture the rest of Clemow.

Plaque Project Great Glebe Garage Sale 2017 Report

Our expanded Heritage Plaque project was a success! The committee delivered some 200 plaques to the current and proposed Clemow Estates districts with about 75 percent of home placing them out for the day! It was a great opportunity for the committee chair to engage further with the homeowners in the proposed district about what it will mean and also dispel myths. The event was highlighted on the front page of the Glebe Report in June as well!

A further 20 or so homes on Powell and Glebe requested and received plaques with the information the committee had researched to date. The committee is already planning how we could expand next year!

National Trust for Canada "CAPITALizing on Heritage "Conference

The National Trust (formally Heritage Canada) National Heritage conference is being held in Ottawa this year on October 11-13. - The conference theme is "CAPITALizing on Heritage". This year's conference is focused on heritage issues in the Capital

Previously the GCA has supported the chair attending the Heritage Canada conference back in 2013 and this spring at the Ontario Heritage Conference. While the GCA committed to send both chairs to the Ontario Heritage Conference, only one registration was actually purchased (and hence only $295 of the 500$ allowed was spent) and the Chairs each went a day. The Chairs would like to request that they again purchase one registration and share the event. The conference is rarely in Ottawa and attending it will allow the chairs to stay up to date on current practice in the heritage field at a more national level and develop new approaches to encourage heritage conservation in the Glebe!

The Committee Co-Chairs are also in talks with the organizer and may provide some content which may allow for a reduction in our fee. The early bird attendee fee is $495 (the chair is already a member, otherwise would be $545), with that rate ending in July

3- GCA 50 Community Celebration on Saturday, September 30: Update June 2017

AFTERNOON EVENT (2:30 PM to 4:30 PM)

Ongoing Activities; 2:30 to 4:30 (with pause at 3)

"Glebe is Community" Participatory Art Project	Kathrin von Dehn (help from GNAG)
*Kids activities (Face painting, tattoos, crafts, balloons etc.)	GNAG
*Photo booth	GNAG
*Where in the Glebe do you live/work (Map of Glebe)	Sam H
*Roving musicians	Stephen Richer & Jeff Froggett
*Kind Line (write kind thoughts and post for others to see)	Sarah and health and social services committee
*Glebe history display (panels that used to be in Metro)	Lynn Armstrong TBD

*GCA membership table	Carol
*GCA heritage committee	Johanna
*GCA environment committee	Angela and Jennifer
*GCA Parks committee	Sam H
• GCA traffic (maybe get copy of first traffic plan?)	Matt ?
*GCA planning (with model?)	Carolyn?
*Other committees—tenants, GGGS ?	Dan? Colette?
*GCA trivia	On screen
*Refreshments	Ottawa Farmers Market or GC Cafe

Ceremony: 3 to 3:30 pm.

- MC welcomes everyone
- Intro remarks about start of GCA from oldest GCA president—Randal Marlin
- MC acknowledges VIPs and community makers (asks them to stand up, by end everyone is standing up)
- Children's choir
- Video of Glebe-past-present-future – Glebe leadership camp participants
- Remarks from most recent president—Christine McAllister
- Kind Canada designation?
- Jeff and Stephen – Call/response song (audience participation)
- MC concludes--explains about art project having home in centre and group photo
- Cut & serve the cake (Randall, Christine and 2 kids)

3:30 to 4:30 – All activities continue till group photo outside on steps at 4:30

EVENING SHOW ($20) Sneezy Waters Concert and dance

(Room is cleaned and set up again from 5 to 7; dance floor iin the front)

Doors open at 7:30 pm.

Show starts at 8

MC (explains GCA former involvement in concerts and dances and Sneezy's own association with GCC in the 70s & 80s

Two long sets with intermission

Licensed