



GCA Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, September 23, 2025 - 7:00 p.m.

Glebe Community Centre – Preschool Room

Chair: Catherine Waters, GCA Vice - President
Secretary and Timekeeper: TBC

7:00-7:15 (15 minutes)	Welcome, Land Acknowledgement and Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmation of Quorum (12 Board members) • Roundtable introduction of Board members 	Catherine Waters Vice-President
7:15-7:20 (5 minutes)	Consent Agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of Agenda • Approval of draft minutes, June 24, 2025 	Catherine Waters
7:20-7:40 (20 minutes)	City Councillor Report / Update from Shawn Menard's Office	Hannah Tellier
7:40-8 :10 (30 minutes)	Committee Reports and Motions (see Annex A for reports & Annex B for full text of Motions): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment Committee <p>MOTION – Be it resolved that the GCA Board encourage the Environment Committee to explore potential sites for a tiny forest within the Glebe with the intention of submitting an application to the Tiny Forest Together program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health, Housing & Social Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>The Clemow</i> • Lansdowne • Transportation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Chair position vacancy</i> ○ <i>Bank Street Active Transportation Study</i> 	Catherine Waters Della Wilkinson Deborah Young June Creelman Catherine Waters

8 :10-8 :20 (10 minutes)	GCA Board Retreat <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Saturday October 18 or 25 – to be confirmed <p>MOTION - Be it resolved that the Board approve spending of up to \$300 for a Board Retreat for members of the GCA Board, to be held in Fall 2025 on a Saturday morning, date to be determined. This amount is to include the room rental at the Glebe Community Centre, materials, and refreshments.</p>	Catherine Waters
8:20-8:40 (20 minutes)	Issues from the Community	Catherine Waters
8:40-8:50 (10 minutes)	President’s Report/Closing Remarks	Catherine Waters
8:50-8:55 (5 minutes)	Next Meetings: <p>GCA Board Retreat – Saturday October 18 or October 25, 2025 – 9:00 a.m. to Noon - Glebe Community Centre</p> <p>GCA Board of Directors Meeting – Tuesday October 28, 2025 7:00 p.m. – Glebe Community Centre</p>	Catherine Waters
8:55-9:00 (5 minutes)	Adjournment	

ANNEX A – COMMITTEE REPORTS (red indicates agenda item)

Environment Committee

Climate Change:

The flagship 'Climate and Your Cash' event will be held at the Glebe Community Centre on **Sunday November 30th between 9 and 11:30 am**. This event will allow Ottawa residents to learn how to make their personal finances free from fossil fuels and provide practical advice on how to re-invest for both returns and positive impact within our city. Look for adverts in local community newspapers and sign up through Eventbrite. The \$10 admission will cover costs associated with recording the event for wider distribution. Conversations with community associations in other neighbourhoods to host the second and third events are ongoing.

Trees & Greenspace:

1. Forêt Capitale Forest is a registered charity that has planted 13 tiny forests across Ottawa to mitigate the effects of climate change. These forests are planted and nurtured by the Miyawaki Method which is characterised by amending the soil to replicate the soil composition of a mature forest, planting a wide range of native or naturalized species and planting multiple canopy layers of mature forest. Tiny Forests help counter the urban heat island effect by providing shade and through the cooling effect of transpiration. They support biodiversity. Forêt Capitale Forest is piloting the Tiny Forest Together program to provide assistance to communities interested in creating a Tiny Forest. They are accepting applications.

Members of the GCA Environment Committee have been working in partnership with the GCA Parks Committee to find a suitable site and would like to make an application.

2. Met with Councillor Menard and Jonathan McLeod, City of Ottawa staff (Forestry, By-Law and Parks) and local residents to discuss concerns about Tree Health, Park Usage, Waste Management & Pond Health within Brown's Inlet. Several ideas to address concerns received support from most parties including:

- Mulching and use of expandable plastic trunk collars on young trees to protect bark from dog urine
- Installation of dog pee poles and signs as outlined in October 2020 park plan
- By-Law to enforce existing park hour utilization as outlined on signs
- Replacement of single open garbage cans with divided organic/ recyclable/ garbage bins
- Residents to send photos of algae bloom and condition of pond lining to Councillor

Zero Waste:

In collaboration with the Old Ottawa South Enviro Crew the GCA Environment Committee is participating in a Big Waste collection on **Saturday October 4th from noon to 4 pm at Windsor Park**. A list of items that Glebe residents can bring can be found in the current issue of the Glebe Report.

Federation of Citizens Associations

Governance

Great Glebe Garage Sale

Health, Housing and Social Services - verbal update

Lansdowne – verbal update

Membership

Nominating Committee

Parks

Planning

Transportation – verbal update



ANNEX B – MOTIONS

1. Environment Committee

Motion regarding an application to Forêt Capitale Forest for the creation of a tiny forest within the Glebe

Whereas Forêt Capitale Forest is a registered charity that has planted 13 tiny forests across Ottawa to mitigate the effects of climate change¹;

Whereas Forêt Capitale Forest provides project management, links to stakeholders, assistance with funding, advice on suitable native trees and training through their Tiny Forest Together program² ;

Whereas the Tiny Forest Together program is currently inviting communities to apply;

Whereas the City of Ottawa has declared a climate emergency and the Climate Change Master Plan states “that Ottawa will continue to get much warmer, with a significant increase in extreme heat events, more frost-free days, and wetter springs and winters”³ ;

Whereas trees are known to counter the heat island effect by reducing air temperatures, absorbing sunlight and providing shade⁴ ;

Whereas trees are known to sequester carbon thus reducing greenhouse gases, increase water infiltration and evaporation thus reducing stormwater runoff⁵;

Therefore:

Be it resolved that the GCA Board encourage the Environment Committee to explore potential sites for a tiny forest within the Glebe with the intention of submitting an application to the Tiny Forest Together program.

2. Motion re: Board Retreat

Be it resolved that the Board approve spending of up to \$300 for a Board Retreat for members of the GCA Board, to be held in Fall 2025 on a Saturday morning, date to be determined. This amount is to include the room rental at the Glebe Community Centre, materials, and refreshments.

¹ <https://foretcapitaleforest.ca/fcf-leadership-in-tiny-forests/> (accessed 2025-09-17)

² <https://foretcapitaleforest.ca/planttiny/> (accessed 2025-09-17)

³ https://documents.ottawa.ca/sites/default/files/climate_change_mplan_en.pdf (page 13, accessed 2024-11-24).

⁴ <https://treecanada.ca/urban-forestry-guide/trees-and-urban-heat-island-uhi/> (accessed 2025-09-17).

⁵ <https://treecanada.ca/urban-forestry-guide/stormwater-management/> (accessed 2025-09-17).