



GCA Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, September 29, 2026 - 7:00 p.m.
Preschool Room – Glebe Community Centre

Chair: June Creelman, GCA President
Secretary and Timekeeper: Janet Sutherland

7:00-7:05 (15 minutes)	Welcome, Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement Confirmation of Quorum (12 Board members)	June Creelman President
7:05-7:1 (5 minutes)	Consent Agenda: - Approval of Agenda / Conflict of Interest Disclosures - Approval of draft minutes, May 26, 2026 - Approval of draft minutes, June 23, 2026	June Creelman
7:10-7:20 (10 minutes)	President Opening Remarks Introduction of Board members	June Creelman
7:20-7 :35 (15 minutes)	City Councillor Report / Update from Shawn Menard's Office	Hannah Tellier
7 :35-8 :00 (25 minutes)	Committee Reports and Motions (see Annex A for reports & Annex B for full text of Motions):	June Creelman
	Request from GNAG re: Accessible Halloween	Rochelle Handelman
	MOTION: Be it resolved that the GCA: * support the Glebe Halloween Village and promote it in the community; * call for volunteers to support this endeavour; and * host a GCA trick or treating station with a budget of up to \$200	
	Environment Extreme Weather Preparedness plan - task group?	Della Wilkinson
	Parks	Angus McCabe
	MOTION: Be it resolved that that the GCA Board approve the pending agreement between the GCA Parks Committee and the City of Ottawa Community-Led Greening Initiatives & Gardening Program for Fire Station Park, including the extension of any existing non-profit liability insurance the GCA has, to the project and its volunteers, subject to review of the final agreement by the GCA Executive.	

• **Planning Committee – Housing Forever Bonds**

Carolyn Mackenzie

MOTION: Be it resolved that the GCA support the Housing Forever Bonds campaign through promotion to Glebe residents and the wider community as appropriate; and
That the GCA support the Housing Forever Bonds through the purchase of bonds in the amount of \$7,500 (Series A: 3-year minimum, 2.75% annual interest, paid at maturity), with a further decision to reinvest to be taken at the date of maturity; and
That the GCA continue to engage with the City, CCOC, and other key stakeholders during the development of this project to maximize its contribution to the neighbourhood as a whole.

8 :00-8 :10
(10 minutes)

Role of Volunteer Coordinator

- Discussion / Identification of projects (eg. Speakers Bureau, archives, accessible Halloween Village)

Chelsea Corvus

8 :10-8 :15
(5 minutes)

Other Business

- Municipal Election: Candidates' Meetings

Bob Brocklebank

8 :15 -8 :25
(10 minutes)

Issues from the Community

June Creelman

8 :30 p.m.

Adjournment of public meeting

Next GCA Board Meeting – Tuesday October 27, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.
Preschool Room, Glebe Community Centre

Capital Ward Candidates Debate

Wednesday October 7, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.
Old Ottawa South Community Centre (Firehall)
260 Sunnyside Avenue

Mayoral Candidates Debate

Thursday October 15, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.
Knox Presbyterian Church
120 Lisgar Street (at Elgin Street)

8:30-9 :00
(30 minutes)

In Camera Session (Board members)

June Creelman /
Sam Woods

Great Glebe Garage Sale – Evaluation/Future Planning

ANNEX A – COMMITTEE REPORTS (red indicates agenda item)

Federation of Citizens Associations

Communications

Environment

Climate Change: The city of Ottawa will soon be launching the Pilot Extreme Weather Preparedness Grant Program to help communities to prepare for extreme weather. We held a brainstorming session which generated the following ideas:

1) Map the Neighbourhood. A workshop to bring neighbourhood organizations & community players together to explore how we can best work together to ensure vulnerable residents are safe.

- Vulnerable residents include but are not limited to elderly residents, families with young children, individuals without family close by e.g. students, people requiring electricity for medical equipment etc.
- Organizations include churches, retirement homes, Glebe BIA, Grocery Stores, Abbotsford Centre, GNAG, Schools, local fire station etc.
- Share organizational emergency plans, availability of accessible cooling/ warming space, ability and willingness to act as a centre for food distribution, power access for charging phones and communications for residents who do not generally participate in their organization
- Hydro Ottawa maintains a power outage map (see: <https://hydroottawa.com/en/residential/outages-safety/outage-centre>) but seek information on how the neighbourhood electrical power is structured so that different sectors of the neighbourhood might be twinned with sectors served by a different electrical line (Hydro Ottawa representative Shawn Carr spoke at the Heat Pump Tour)
- Identify gaps in services and equipment (backup generators, battery packs, air filters etc.) so that participating community organizations can apply to Extreme Weather Preparedness Grant Program in 2027-28
- Explore how locations of community space and services could be structured to provide coverage of the whole neighbourhood
- Funding could be used for room rental, hiring an emergency preparedness facilitator, printing of worksheets etc.
- Glebe Report articles to outline the findings from step 1 and promote engagement for step 2.
- A survey of residents' concerns and experiences via the Facebook group Being Neighbourly in the Glebe, OOS and OOE and/or other means.

2) Empower Residents. A block activity based on Edmonton's Neighbouring for Climate (see: https://www.edmonton.ca/city_government/environmental_stewardship/neighbouring-for-climate) to bring neighbours together to prepare for extreme weather such as

- Extreme heat - cooling spaces, shady areas, splash pads and water access
- Wildfire smoke – filtered air facilities
- Extreme cold - warming spaces
- Heavy precipitation – adopt a catchment basin
- Power outages - community spaces willing to provide power to charge devices

Weather may be the cause of an emergency but the actions to prepare and respond cover all aspects of the community. Therefore, an application to the city of Ottawa's Pilot Extreme Weather

Preparedness Grant Program should be a GCA-wide activity and the environment committee may not be the best lead on this project.

Trees & Greenspace: The Chair (Della Wilkinson) spoke with the Principal of Glebe Collegiate Institute, Christin Reynolds, and had email correspondence with OCDSB Superintendent, Prince Duah, regarding the removal of 34 trees for the installation of artificial turf at GCI. An article has been published in the September issue of the Glebe Report to share the environmental impacts of plastic grass versus natural plantings. The OCDSB response is best summarized by the following quote from Superintendent Duah “*Our facilities and planning teams remain committed to working within established municipal standards and environmental guidelines across all board projects.*” We are now engaging with Councillor Menard to explore a bylaw on artificial turf.

Zero Waste: Outreach to independent cafes and restaurants in the Glebe for the ‘**Bring It Back to Bank Street**’ project has begun through a partnership with the Glebe BIA. We are planning to showcase the Friendlier reuse model at two upcoming GNAG events (Halloween Party on Sunday October 25th 3:30-5:30 pm and Trivia Night on November 27th at 7 pm onwards).

Governance

Great Glebe Garage Sale - in camera discussion

Health, Housing and Social Services

Heritage

Membership

Parks

Planning – Discussion / MOTION on Housing Forever Bonds

Transportation

Volunteer Coordinator



ANNEX B - MOTIONS

1. Planning Committee

Housing Forever Bond purchase and promotion in support of Affordable Housing in the Glebe

Whereas the GCA's mission is to support a livable, sustainable, and diverse urban Neighbourhood;

Whereas the City of Ottawa is facing a housing crisis, particularly with respect to affordable Housing;

Whereas housing affordability in the Glebe makes it increasingly difficult for many residents who live and work in this neighbourhood;

Whereas the Bank Street Height and Character Study, that culminated in a Secondary Plan for Bank Street in the Glebe (2021) stated that, "the function of this property is required to be for affordable housing", in reference to 574 Bank St at Chamberlain Avenue;

Whereas the GCA worked closely with the city in development of the Secondary Plan and supported its approval by Council including the requirement above;

Whereas 574 Bank Street, currently a surface parking lot, was transferred by the City to the Centretown Citizens Ottawa Corporation (CCOC) in June 2026 for the purpose of developing what will be the Glebe's first purpose-built affordable housing building;

Whereas CCOC is a local non-profit that has successfully managed over 1,700 homes across Ottawa for 50 years, maintaining an impressive 10-year average tenancy, and is also the second largest provider of affordable housing in Ottawa after the city's own Ottawa Community Housing;

Whereas CCOC is currently at a very early stage of developing this project, and will require at least \$1M in order to advance it through design and preparation to the "shovel ready" stage, when it is expected that they will be able to access greater funding from senior levels of government;

Whereas CCOC is selling "Housing Forever Bonds" – as a social investment, not a donation – to support the financing gap they face until they are able to access additional funding from senior levels of gov't once they are "shovel ready"; and

Whereas the GCA is in a strong financial position to support a bond purchase:

Therefore be it resolved:

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That the GCA continue to engage with the City, CCOC, and other key stakeholders during the development of this project to maximize its contribution to the neighbourhood as a whole.

2. GCA Support for Accessible Glebe Halloween Village

Whereas:

* On Saturday, October 17 from 11 am to 2 pm, Glebe Halloween Village will offer accessible trick or treating on Glebe Avenue between Bank and Lyon;

- * This is the third year for this initiative which was started by volunteers committed to giving kids with different mobility, sensory or intellectual abilities an opportunity to enjoy trick or treating;
- * The event is extremely popular attracting close to 1,000 people;
- * GNAG is supporting the event and has asked the GCA to join it in supporting this worthwhile initiative; and
- * Accessible trick or treating supports the GCA's goal of creating a liveable neighbourhood:

Therefore be it resolved that the GCA:

- * **support the Glebe Halloween Village and promote it in the community;**
- * **call for volunteers to support this endeavour; and**
- * **host a GCA trick or treating station with a budget of up to \$200**

3. Parks Committee

Fire Station Park: Community-Led Greening Initiatives & Gardening Program - Insurance

Whereas the Glebe Community Association (GCA) Parks Committee's plan for Fire Station Park has been conditionally approved by the City of Ottawa for its Community-Led Greening Initiatives & Gardening Program; and

Whereas the Parks Committee's work with this new program is being planned in partnership with the Ottawa, Horticultural Society (OHS), the Ottawa Wildflower Seed Library, and Fletcher Wildlife Garden; and

Whereas the plan envisions a native garden with plants for pollinators and birds to provide animation and interesting things for seniors to see in the park; and

Whereas the committee is now in the process of entering into a stewardship agreement with the City to initiate and maintain this project, contingent on approval of the final agreement by the GCA Board, including the extension of any existing non-profit liability insurance it has to this project;

Therefore, be it resolved that that the GCA Board approve the pending agreement between the GCA Parks Committee and the City of Ottawa Community-Led Greening Initiatives & Gardening Program for Fire Station Park, including the extension of any existing non-profit liability insurance the GCA has, to this project and its volunteers, subject to review of the final agreement by the GCA Executive.