



GCA Annual General Meeting

**Thursday September 17, 2026 - 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Glebe Community Centre (Scotton Hall)**

**Chair: John Crump, GCA President
Secretary and Timekeeper: Janet Sutherland**

DRAFT AGENDA

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| 7:00-7:10 | Welcome and Call to Order/Constitution of the Meeting

Review and Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: Be it resolved to confirm and approve the agenda for the annual meeting of members of the GCA.

Review and Approval of the 2025 AGM Minutes

MOTION: Be it resolved that the minutes of the last annual meeting of the GCA held on September 10, 2025 be accepted as presented and confirmed. | John Crump,
President |
| 7:10-7:25 | President's Report: Highlights from the Past Year | John Crump |
| 7:25-7:45 | Receipt of GCA Financial Statements for year ended April 30, 2026 , as approved by the Board of Directors

MOTION: Be it resolved to accept the financial statements as presented.

Reappointment of External Accountant

MOTION: Be it resolved as an extraordinary resolution that:

1. Ted Lupinski, CA, CPA Professional Corporation are re-appointed as accountant for the Corporation to hold office until the close of the next annual meeting of members or until their successors are appointed; and | David Kelly,
Treasurer |

2. the Corporation authorizes and directs the accountant to prepare a review engagement for the financial year ending April 30, 2027.

7:45-7:55	Amendments to the Bylaw	Genevieve McInnis
	MOTION: Be it resolved that Article 3.2 of By-Law No.1, the Glebe Community Association's bylaw relating generally to the conduct of its affairs, be amended to reflect that the annual term of membership is May 1 st in each year, and ending on April 30 th in the next year.	
	MOTION: Be it resolved that Article 5.2 (of same By-Law No.1 as set out above) be amended such that the qualifications for Directors include a requirement that a Director shall reside within the "Glebe area," as defined at Article 1.1 of these by-laws.	
7:55-8:15	Special Presentation/Guest Speaker: <i>The State of the Media</i> - Robert Fife, former Ottawa bureau chief, Globe & Mail	John Crump/ Jennifer Pepall Robert Fife
	Q&A Period	
8:15-8:25	Nominating Committee Report & Election of Directors	June Creelman
8:25-8:30	MOTION: Be it resolved that the number of directors be fixed at thirty-two (32), the current number of positions on the Board of Directors. MOTION: Be it resolved to approve the nominations and duly elect the GCA Board of Directors for 2026-27.	
	Closing Remarks	John Crump
	Adjournment	
8:30-9:00	Refreshments / Social time	All



GCA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING DRAFT MINUTES

**Wednesday, September 10, 2025 - 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Glebe Community Centre (Scotton Hall)**

**Chair: John Crump
Secretary and Timekeeper: Janet Sutherland**

Board members present: John Crump (Chair/President), Elizabeth Ballard, Martha Bowers, Bob Brocklebank, June Creelman, Maggie Gorman-Velez, Ryan Hampel, Rochelle Handelman, David Kelly, Deborah Long, Carol MacLeod, Angus McCabe, Jenny Pepall, Brenda Perras, Johanna Persohn, Sheila Petzold, Laura Smith, Janet Sutherland, Catherine Waters, Meghan Watkinson, Della Wilkinson, Sam Woods, David Wright.

GCA Members: GCA membership status was confirmed upon entry and a quorum of 35 GCA members was established from among the 100+ attendees.

Guests: Catherine McKenney, Member of Provincial Parliament; City Councillor Shawn Menard; Nik Nanos, Chief Data Scientist, Nanos Research.

Welcome

GCA President and meeting Chair John Crump welcomed all GCA members and guests to the meeting and opened the meeting with a territorial land acknowledgement. He noted that federal Member of Parliament Yasir Naqvi had been invited but was unable to attend due to a national caucus meeting.

Constitution of the Meeting

A quorum of 35 members being present and notice of meeting having been provided in accordance with the Ontario Not-for-profit Corporations Act (2010), the President declared the meeting to have been duly called and properly constituted for the transaction of business. He noted eligible voters included Board members and residents with up-to-date paid membership as verified by the GCA Membership Committee upon arrival.

Review and Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was reviewed by the Chair. On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was passed:

MOTION: Be it resolved to confirm and approve the agenda for the annual meeting of members of the Glebe Community Association. Moved/seconded: Della Wilkinson/Isla Paterson. **Motion carried.**

Review and Approval of the Minutes of the 2024-25 AGM

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was passed:

MOTION: Be it resolved that the minutes of the last annual meeting of the Glebe Community Association held on September 12, 2024 be accepted as presented and confirmed.

Moved/seconded: June Creelman/Jenny Pepall. **Motion carried.**

Remarks from Elected Officials

Catherin McKenney, MPP for Ottawa Centre, and Shawn Menard, City Councillor, were invited in turn to speak to the assembled attendees. They noted issues of common concern related to health, housing and transit issues and thanked the GCA for working in collaboration with their respective offices.

John Crump thanked Catherine and Shawn for their ongoing collaboration with the GCA and for attending the meeting.

GCA President's Report: Highlights of the Past Year

GCA President John Crump provided a verbal report of the work done by the GCA Board of Directors and its committees over the last year. The full report is appended to these minutes. He thanked Board and Committee members for their work on behalf of the membership and the broader community. Two retiring Board members were acknowledged for their contributions: Bill Price (Heritage Committee) and Simon Morris (Transportation Committee).

Receipt of GCA Financial Statements

GCA Treasurer Dave Kelly provided an overview of the annual financial statements, year ended April 30, 2025, together with the accountant's financial review as approved by the Board of Directors. The primary source of operating income for the GCA is membership fees. Occasionally grants are received for specific projects led by Committees.

On a motion duly made by the Treasurer, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was passed:

MOTION: Be it resolved to accept the financial statements as presented. Moved/seconded David Kelly/Brian Carroll. **Motion carried.**

Reappointment of External Accountant

On a motion duly made by the Treasurer, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolution was passed:

MOTION: Be it resolved as an extraordinary resolution that:

1. Ted Lupinski, CA, CPA Professional Corporation are re-appointed as accountant for the Corporation to hold office until the close of the next annual meeting of members or until their successors are appointed;

2. the Corporation authorizes and directs the accountant to prepare a review engagement for the financial year ending April 30, 2026; and

3. the GCA Board of Directors is authorized to fix the remuneration of the accountant.

Moved/seconded: David Kelly/Anne Scotton. **Motion carried.**

Nominating Committee Report

GCA Vice President and Chair of the Nominating Committee June Creelman presented the slate of nominees to serve on the Board of Directors for 2025-2026. She thanked those who were renewing their terms and those who allowed their names to stand. Nominees were asked to stand, in order to be recognized by the members. Two vacancies were filled via nominations from the floor: Brenda Perras as Membership Committee Chair and Paul Beckwith as Transportation Committee Chair.

On the motions duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the following resolutions were passed:

MOTION: Be it resolved to fix the number of directors at thirty-two (32), the current number of positions on the Board of Directors. Moved/seconded: June Creelman/Rochelle Handelman.

Motion carried.

MOTION: Be it resolved to approve the nominations as presented and duly elect the GCA Board of Directors for 2025-2026. Moved/seconded: June Creelman/Andrew Cardozo. **Motion carried.**

In conclusion, June thanked Nominating Committee members Angus McCabe and Janet Sutherland for their support to the process.

Special Presentation / Guest Speaker

John Crump introduced Nik Nanos, Chief Data Scientist and founder of Nanos Research, official pollster of the Globe and Mail and CTV News, and Chancellor of Carleton University. It was noted that the Nanos family has lived in the Glebe for over a decade. Nik provided a thought-provoking presentation on the impact of social media and misinformation on public trust in institutions and political processes. He noted the challenge to get people to care about issues that affect them and encouraged the GCA to engage youth and the wider community to see how the choices they make can influence the political domain. A short question and answer period followed to explore how the lessons from his presentation could be applied to GCA advocacy on the Lansdowne development.

Closing Remarks

John Crump thanked Nik Nanos for his presentation and then extended appreciation to attending elected officials, GCA members and neighbours. He noted that the GCA Board of Directors meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be Tuesday September 23, 2025 at the Glebe Community Centre. All in attendance were invited to stay for refreshments at the social time following the meeting.

Adjournment:

At the invitation of the President a motion was put forward by Bill Price to adjourn the meeting.

Appendix: President's Report 2024-25

President's Report on GCA Activities 2024-2025
GCA Annual General Meeting, 10 September 2025
John Crump

It seems redundant to say last year was busy, but it *was* busy. That's to be expected when you have two elections – provincial and federal – back to back. In a time when democracy is under threat around the world, it was reassuring to look around this hall in February to see the turnout for the provincial candidates' meeting. There were about 200 people in the room and thanks to taping and rebroadcasting by Rogers Cable, another 1000 or so watched later online.

Hard on its heels, mid-April saw a federal candidates' meeting at Knox Presbyterian Church in Centretown attended by well over 500 people. The GCA took the lead on both events but with lots of support by other community associations from around the riding. For organization Glebe was joined by Centretown, Old Ottawa East and Old Ottawa South.

Communications review

Holding candidates' meetings is just one way the GCA connects and communicates with its members. In November, the GCA's communications committee conducted a brief survey of the channels and platforms members – particularly its committee chairs – are using to communicate with GCA audiences. We wanted to capture both the organization's formal activities and members' individual efforts with a view to harmonizing and enhancing GCA's communication initiatives. The survey incorporated members' input on their communications needs and specific support they required to strengthen their work on behalf of the GCA.

The results helped to set communication priorities for the year and to focus limited volunteer resources. Among other things, it was decided to dump Twitter/X and focus use Facebook as the GCA's primary social media channel and use the GCA newsletter to solicit regular feedback from members.

Environment

Community members came to a GCA meeting in January with concerns that the Ottawa Carleton District School Board (OCDSB) was considering installing artificial turf at Mutchmor Public School. Shortly after, representatives of the GCA Environment and Health, Housing and Social Services committees attended a meeting of the Mutchmor parent council to discuss the proposal. Members of the GCA's Environment Committee presented a report on the well-documented concerns about artificial grass. These include the fact that it leaches toxic compounds into the environment and contributes to micro- and macro-plastics pollution in our neighbourhood. Studies have also linked the chemicals in artificial grass to health concerns for children who play on it. The ODSB is expected to make a decision about installation next year. In May, we partnered with Community Action For Environmental Sustainability (CAFES) to host a Tour of Heat Pumps in the Glebe. Five Glebe homeowners who had installed heat pumps in their Century-old homes shared their experience and knowledge with 100 residents, who then gathered at the Glebe Community Centre for a discussion with representatives from HydroOttawa, EnviroCentre and Electrify613.

Throughout the Glebe, we placed Garden Angel signs in planters and beds maintained by volunteer gardeners supported by the GCA. The QR code on the signs link to a map showing the locations of many types of gardens within the neighbourhood. We acknowledge Carleton University students for collaborating on this project. Glebe greenspaces have also received attention from the 'Weed Warriors' who meet on Monday nights during the growing season to

remove invasive species such as Dog-Strangling Vine. Thanks Capital Home Hardware for providing garbage bags and the Senate Tavern for the free nachos!

Great Glebe Garage Sale

As always, many hands helped get the sale up and running. Big thanks go to the GCA's new (but now seasoned) organizer, Sam Wood. The GCA also thanks Councillor Shawn Menard and his staff who, along with Sam and VP June Creelman, helped sort out potential parking restrictions that would have had a negative effect on the sale. For a while it looked like a wide ban on street parking would affect not only visitors but also residents who have parking permits. City staff made the case that removing parking would make the event safer. The GCA argued that removing parking would actually increase the chance of what the city termed "pedestrian-vehicular interactions" because drivers would be inclined to go faster down busy streets. There were numerous discussions over the days preceding the sale but in the end restrictions were scaled back. The result was due to intense lobbying and collaboration with the Councillor's office and was a good example of the GCA working on behalf of the community. This year's sale raised about \$5700 for the Ottawa Food Bank.

Health, Housing and Social Services

The Health, Housing and Social Services Committee spends a lot of time advocating for affordable housing in Ottawa. The good news is that new units have been built this year mostly through partnerships between different levels of government and non-profit organisations (for example, Mikinak and Dunbar Court addition) and more are coming. The bad news is that the waitlist is long and the new builds still can't keep up with the need. We continue to work with various levels of government on an affordable housing initiative at Bank and Chamberlain. In the spring of this year, once the A/C units of the Clemow building were turned on, a large part of the west side of the Glebe was subjected to a very uncomfortable noise. The GCA has been working with our Councillor, By-Law and the affected community to find a way to solve this problem. It poses both a nuisance and health risk for those affected. In early July the GCA wrote to the building manager, KTS Properties, to request "a clear plan and timeline for mitigation efforts has not been shared with the community." We also asked KTS to provide, "within a reasonable timeframe, a concrete plan and schedule for implementing effective mitigation measures." To date, we have not received a response to our letter. At the same time, affected residents have been taking action and are very organized – you may have attended the protest yesterday outside the building. Hopefully, the company will do the right thing and install baffles around the AC exhaust vents. To be clear, no one is saying that people in the building should not have air conditioning.

We also continue to work with the community and the Glebe BIA to address safety issues. In general, these issues are complicated but so important. We will work with the Councillor and the Police as needed.

Heritage

The GCA Heritage Committee reinstated its popular annual One-Day Heritage Plaque Event held during the Great Glebe Garage Sale. The Committee updated, printed, produced and distributed almost 300 temporary heritage plaques for display for properties within the Glebe's two existing Heritage Conservation Districts (HCD's) covering Clemow, Glebe east of Bank, Monkland and Linden Terrace as well as for properties in a new proposed HCD covering Glebe west of Bank and Powell that has been scheduled for study in 2027.

The Heritage Committee worked with neighbours of Clemow Avenue, our Ward Councillor and staff and City Heritage Planners to improve formal notice/consultation on forthcoming Heritage Permit applications on properties in our HCDs, or proposed demolitions/renovation involving homes on the City's Heritage Register. A motion submitted by Councilor Menard was approved by Council that will increase public transparency and awareness of heritage applications. The committee provided input to Councilor Menard on numerous Heritage Permit applications in the Glebe over the last year and has worked with the City Heritage staff and with other neighbourhood Heritage Committees in Ottawa to increase awareness of and potential actions/policies to address the chronic problem of demolition by neglect of heritage-designated properties.

Lansdowne

This year, the GCA's Lansdowne Committee continued to monitor the City's planning process for Lansdowne 2.0 and engaged with City officials throughout the year to discuss various concerns. We reviewed the site plans for the new arena and north side stands and submitted written comments to the City highlighting concerns about such issues as seating capacity, pedestrian/traffic conflicts and lack of attention to environmental sustainability. We also studied the financial concerns raised by the City's Auditor General and voted to endorse the call for the City to hold a referendum on the project. Most recently, we wrote to the Mayor and Councillors highlighting how conditions had changed since the project was given conditional approval and calling for an alternative approach. With a decision on Lansdowne 2.0 expected in October, the committee expects to be very active in the coming months.

Among the motions delivered to the city was one that pointed out that the city has a number of crises it should be dealing with – climate change, housing and a big financial hole top the list. Lansdowne is not a crisis and there is no point dumping a half-billion taxpayer dollars and possibly more – in to Lansdowne 2.0. The City needs to spend every dollar of taxpayers' money in a targeted, strategic fashion on issues that matter.

However, if the project is approved, we will turn our attention to mitigating the impacts of 10 years of construction and heavy truck traffic on the neighbourhood.

Membership

The Membership Committee is made up of Area Reps from different parts of the Glebe, focused primarily on running the annual membership campaign, which is the main revenue generator for the GCA's activities. The Committee would like to thank all the Block Rep canvassers who dedicate significant time and effort going door to door and encouraging online membership purchases in the neighbourhood. At the time of the AGM, we have collected approximately 900 memberships.

Other activities this year included improving data governance by:

- working with the GCA Webmaster on a membership information management system,
- liaising with the Communications chair to improve regular outreach to members, and
- updating communications tools on GCA accomplishments that Area and Block Reps used during the membership campaign.

We are currently looking for a Membership Chair and are always looking for Block Reps who would like to volunteer and get involved in engaging members on their streets - please contact your Area Rep or the current Membership Committee Chair if you're interested.

Parks

This year, the Parks Committee spearheaded GCA motions addressing the needs of unhoused citizens turning to their city's parks for shelter, and facilitating a consensus approach to the piloting of a boarded hockey rink in Sylvia Holden Park.

It worked with the city to improve its soil risk management and design plan for Lionel Britton Park and pursue mitigation of damage and vandalism that has been occurring at Exploration Park and other spaces. It initiated a garden maintenance agreement for Exploration Park and awaits completion of the city's Community Gardens Action Plan, which it hopes to implement at Fire Station Park as part of its ongoing efforts to bring more greening and amenities there.

The Committee organized the annual park clean-up, renewed its Adopt-a-Park agreements with the City, worked with the City Councillor to designate Sylvia Holden Park and Brown's Inlet as the next locations for better receptacles for dog waste, sorted recycling, garbage and other organics, improved portable toilet access in Memorial Park, and provided support to the Glebe Annex Community Association in its feedback on a proposed parkette at 299 Carling. It also worked with the Environment Committee to explore new "Tiny Forests" for Glebe green spaces, and tackle invasive plants removal in Glebe parks.

Transportation

Another important issue for everyone who lives in the Glebe is what's happening with the *Bank Street Active Transportation and Transit Priority Feasibility Study* that is looking at options to improve conditions for transit, walking and cycling. It has taken two years to get to the point where four original options have been narrowed down. We are now likely looking at dedicated bus only lanes in both directions only during rush hours and during major Lansdowne events.

Thank you to retiring Board members

Last but not least, I want to say thank you to Bill Price and Simon Morris, outgoing chairs of the Heritage and Transportation committees respectively. It has been a pleasure working with you at the GCA.

2026-27 GCA Board of Directors		Name
EXECUTIVE		
President		June Creelman
Vice-President		Janet Sutherland
Vice-President		Catherine Waters
Past President		John Crump
Secretary		Karen Mount *
Treasurer		David Kelly
Communications		Jenny Pepall
COMMITTEE CHAIRS		
Governance		Catherine Waters
Environment		Della Wilkinson
Great Glebe Garage Sale		Sam Woods
Health, Housing & Social Services		Deborah Long
Heritage		Johanna Persohn
Membership		Janet Sutherland
Planning		Carolyn Mackenzie
Parks		Angus McCabe
Transportation		Patrick Vachon Szlanta *
Volunteer Coordinator		Chelsea Corvus *
Federation of Citizens' Associations		Bob Brocklebank
Webmaster		Edward Ocampo-Gooding
AREA REPRESENTATIVES		
1: Dow's Lake		Meghan Watkinson
2A: Brown's Inlet West		Martha Bowers
2B: Brown's Inlet East		David Wright
3A: High School Zone		Rochelle Handelman
3B: Church District South		Brenda Perras
4A: Central Park West		Judy Wilson
4B: Powmow		VACANT
5A: Patterson Creek South		Sylvia Grandi *
5B: Third to Fifth		Carol MacLeod
5C Lansdowne Quadrant		Sheila Petzold
6A: Nor'Easters		Vaughn Guy
6B: Patterson Creek North		Isla Paterson *
7. Glebe Annex		Ryan Hampel