GLEBE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

GCA Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, November 24, 2026 - 7:00 p.m.
Preschool Room – Glebe Community Centre

Chair: June Creelman, GCA President
Secretary and Timekeeper: Karen Mount

7:00-7:05 (5 minutes)	**Welcome, Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement** • Confirmation of Quorum (12 Board members)	June Creelman President
7:05-7:10 (5 minutes)	**Consent Agenda:** • Approval of Agenda / Conflict of Interest Disclosures • Approval of draft minutes, October 27, 2026	June Creelman
7:10-7:15 (5 minutes)	**President Opening Remarks** E-vote results: Alternative Location for Sunnyside Library during Renovations (motion passed) Retaining the Heritage Committee (motion passed)	June Creelman
7:15-7:35 (20 minutes)	**City Councillor Report / Update from Shawn Menard's Office**	Jonathan McLeod/ Shawn Menard
7:35 - 7:55 (20 minutes)	**Special Guest:** Community Police Officer, Constable Sinclair	Deborah Long
7:55 - 8:40 (45 minutes)	**Committee Reports and Motions** **(see Annex A for reports & Annex B for full text of Motions):**	
	Environment Committee Presentation of Bring It Back to Bank Project	Della Wilkinson (Kate Reekie)
	GGGS Update on meeting with Glebe BIA	Sam Woods
	Transportation - Community Survey re: QED Closures for NCC Bike Days (motion)	Patrick Vachon Szlanta
8:40-8:50 10 minutes)	**Other Business** Issue with OCDSB Trustees	Carol McLeod

8:50-9:00 (10 minutes)	**Issues from the Community**	June Creelman
9:00 p.m.	**Adjournment of meeting**	
	<u>Next GCA Board Meeting</u> – Tuesday January 26, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.	

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ANNEX A – COMMITTEE REPORTS (red indicates agenda item)

Environment

GGGS

Health, Housing and Social Services

Heritage

Membership

Parks

Planning

Transportation

Volunteer Coordinator

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ANNEX B - MOTIONS

1. **President**
   Alternative Locations of the Sunnyside Library during renovations
   Motion
   Whereas a staff report to the Ottawa Library Board indicates that the Sunnyside branch of the Ottawa Public Library will be closed for about 6 months in 2027 for roof and window replacement, masonry repairs and other lifecycle repairs:

   Whereas staff have indicated that they aim to establish a temporary library facility to maintain service to the public during the closure period but have not yet found a suitable location nor obtained funding for such an initiative;

   Whereas there has been no engagement with the local community associations on this project;

   Therefore, be it resolved that the Glebe Community Association:
   *** Engage with the Ottawa Library Board to support a temporary library facility when the Sunnyside branch is closed for construction;**

2. **President**
   MOTION: To retain a forum for consideration of Heritage issues
   Whereas Ottawa City Council will consider recommendations in the Governance Review Report at the next meeting of City Council on November 25th, 2026.
   Whereas this report recommends elimination of the Built Heritage Committee—a committee that reviewed 175 staff reports during the last term of Council. To upload those onto already busy standing committees is the opposite of 'efficiency.'
   Whereas this report proposes that instead, the Planning and Housing Committee (PHC) should assume the municipal heritage committee role for urban matters.
   Whereas the PHC already has a very full and busy agenda of many complex planning files given the existing breadth of planning and housing issues that comes before it, including many that have statutory deadlines. Adding heritage issues to this committee's mandate is not streamlining – it is a plan to diminish proper consideration and oversight regarding heritage issues.
   Whereas the current Built Heritage Committee includes four appointed public members with appropriate experience, but the report does not provide for them to continue in an equivalent advisory role.
   Whereas designation—whether of an individual property under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act or through a Heritage Conservation District under Part V— recognizes cultural heritage value that warrants protection. That value should not be treated as an ordinary planning factor to be traded away when a development is proposed. Unlike trees that can be replanted, once heritage assets are gone, they are gone.
   Therefore, be it resolved that the GCA ask that the city retain a dedicated forum for consideration of heritage issues. We ask Council to retain the Built Heritage Committee or establish an equally dedicated urban heritage body, with appointed public members, councillors who have relevant experience or exposure to heritage issues in their constituencies, and meaningful participation by affected communities and heritage organizations. preserving fair appeal rights and the Ontario Land Tribunal's independence.

3. Transportation Committee

Community Survey re: QED Closures on NCC Bikedays

Whereas in 2020 the NCC introduced a Pandemic Pilot Project that closed Queen Elizabeth Driveway in the Glebe to motor vehicles between Pretoria and Fifth (QED closures) to give residents space for physical distancing;

Whereas this pilot project was very well received during the pandemic with high levels of usage by pedestrians and cyclists and minimal negative traffic impacts on residents;

Whereas since 2022, the negative impacts of QEC closures—which diverts motor vehicle traffic onto residential streets in the Glebe—have increased due to a combination of factors including events at Lansdowne, unreliable public transit options and increased traffic everywhere in the city;

Whereas data from the City of Ottawa and anecdotal evidence from neighbours suggest that pedestrian and cyclist usage of the QED during Weekend Bike Days has declined and the NCC has not provided any data to indicate otherwise despite multiple requests;

Whereas Glebe community members, especially those living east of Bank, have reported significant negative impacts on their quality-of-life including traffic congestion, inappropriate driver behaviour, noise and pollution; pedestrian and cyclist safety along O'Connor has also been negatively affected—and these factors diminish the liveability of the Glebe neighbourhood;

Whereas multiple requests to the NCC and to the City of Ottawa to mitigate negative traffic impacts of QED closures have yielded no improvements;

Whereas despite multiple requests, the NCC and the City of Ottawa have not identified an alternative detour route for the QED closure which would keep diverted motor vehicle traffic on arterial rather than residential streets;

Whereas the hours of the QED closures are longer than the other NCC Weekend Bike Day locations leading to a disproportionate impact on one neighbourhood;

Whereas the NCC is planning to add a northbound summer-season bike lane on QED from Preston Street to Laurier which will provide another option for active transportation more days of the week;

Where's the GCA has asked the NCC to add pedestrian crossings of the QED to make access to the recreational pathways easier;

Whereas the GCA values active transportation and supports the NCC Weekend Bikedays program and wishes to maintain its positive benefits while mitigating negative impacts;

Therefore be it resolved that:
The Glebe Community Association conducts a community survey to determine if there is support for the GCA advocating for changes to the NCC Bike Days program on Queen Elizabeth Drive, such as reduced hours of operation.