



GCA Board Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, November 28, 2023 - 7:00 p.m.

Glebe Community Centre, Preschool Room

Chair: John Crump

Secretary and Timekeeper: Janet Sutherland

7:00-7:05	Welcome and Introductions / Opening Remarks	John Crump
7:05-7:10	Consent Agenda: • Approval of Agenda • Approval of draft minutes, September 26, 2023	
7:10-7:30	Report from City Councillor Shawn Menard	Shawn Mendard / Jonathan McLeod
7:30-8:10	Committee Reports:	Anthony Carricato Carolyn Mackenzie June Creelman
(20 minutes)	• Lansdowne Redevelopment 2.0 ◦ Let's Talk Lansdowne Event	
(20 minutes)	• Compliance with Ontario Not-for-Profit Legislation	Colette Downie
8:10-8:15	MOTION: Be it resolved that the GCA: Will complete updates to its bylaws and articles as a result of changes to the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporation Act (ONCA) in time for consideration at the GCA AGM in spring 2024. In order to do so, the GCA will seek to: • Comply fully with the ONCA; • Make changes that can be easily followed and will stand the test of time and which also respect our values and traditions; • Implement, where feasible, accompanying process changes including to the way membership information is gathered, accessed and stored; • Avoid a fundamental rethink about the organization or bylaw/articles changes requiring significant legal review, time consuming or controversial changes or changes that are not necessary;	Colette Downie

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- Mandate the chair of the Membership Committee, working with others, to lead work to implement the ONCA as it relates to the GCA's membership drive and record-keeping practices.

8:15-8:30

(15 minutes)

Items for Discussion

- 2023-24 Budget (see Annex C for draft)

David Kelly

8:30-9:00

Issues from Community

9:00

Adjournment

Next

Meeting:

**Tuesday November 28, 2023 in person,
Glebe Community Centre - Preschool Room**

ANNEX A - REPORTS

Education

1. The Mutchmor Rink: The PTC co-presidents and the new Mutchmor Principal are generally supportive, but would like to have an open discussion about the rink at the next PTC meeting which is this coming Thursday. G McInnes the education chair will be present to advocate for the return of the rink and (hopefully!) address any questions/ concerns.

2. Basic drug/drug paraphernalia education for neighborhood grade school students: In light of the ongoing discussions about the rise of open drug use within our direct community, the Education Committee has taken some preliminary steps to assess the interest in/logistics of a basic drug safety education program for grade school children in the neighborhood.

Environment

Climate Change: EC Chair will delegate on sustainability of Lansdowne 2.0 at the Joint Finance and Corporate Services and Planning and Housing Committee meeting on November 2nd at City Hall. Comments will focus on:

- Reduced green space whilst increasing population density. The City's Official Plan sets a target of 4.0 ha of total greenspace (i.e., natural land and open space and leisure land) for every 1000 residents. 2016 data shows the inner area of Ottawa which includes the Glebe is less than 2.0 Ha/1000 residents¹.
- Elimination of the green roof which could have been used to provide food for low-income households as illustrated by Fenway Park in Boston².
- Lack of ambition for building green infrastructure on City-owned land by only aiming to match the LEED® Silver certification achieved by the 2014 redevelopment which is the second lowest of the four LEED® certification levels.

'Coffee Houses on Sustainability' planning is well underway. Mark the dates in your calendar! They will be 'bring your own cup' events with several Bank Street business sponsors providing refreshments. The finalized schedule is:

- Homes & Energy (Saturday, Jan 27, 2024)
- Reducing your carbon footprint (Saturday, Feb 24, 2024)
- Greenspace & Water (Sunday, Mar 24, 2024)
- Transportation (Saturday, Apr 27, 2024)
- Responsible Consumption (Sunday May 5, 2024)

The Environment Committee has collaborated with Carleton University and CAFES on reducing Bird Window Collisions (primary cause of bird mortality) with over 250,000 collisions occurring in Ottawa/ year. Feather friendly window markings are available but not widely adopted. The survey seeks to understand why. Please share your opinion at:

https://carletonu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2hj2SeDwjiikCuW

Health, Housing & Social Services

Further to the discussion at the September GCA Board meeting on community safety and drug use in the neighbourhood, a meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday October 24th between the Co-Chair Deborah Long, Councillor Shawn Menard and the Glebe BIA. A verbal report will be provided at the GCA Board meeting on Tuesday evening.

Lansdowne

The GCA was the lead organizer of "Let's Talk Lansdowne!", public forum on the most recent Lansdowne 2.0 proposals that came out on the Friday before the Thanksgiving Weekend. The event was attended by 400 people (estimate provided by City of Ottawa staff) and also live-streamed and recorded as a video on Youtube. As of Sunday, October 22, 840 people had watched the video meaning that over 1200 people have benefitted from the information provided at this event. The video can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7IS1fMxKPjY>.

The event featured presentations by Laura Urrechagga of the Old Ottawa South Community Association, on the changes to the concept and development plans, and by Walter Robinson, former Federal Director of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation, on the costs and financial model, followed by comments and questions from the audience. Red and green cards were used to indicate support or opposition to various ideas and this proved to be an effective engagement technique. The event was supported by a city-wide coalition of community partners including ReImagined Ottawa, Synapcity, 613Flea, Ecology Ottawa, Heritage Ottawa and the Federation of Citizens Associations. Our neighbouring community associations in Old Ottawa East and South also helped host the event and contributed financially towards its costs.

There is a follow-up survey from the event which is now in circulation:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Y2MPFK8>. Results will be communicated to Council before their November 2 meeting.

The GCA, along with Old Ottawa East Community Association also updated the financial fact sheet and sent it to the Mayor and Councillors. Lansdowne: Fact Check for Councillors can be found here: <https://glebeca.ca/lansdowne-fact-check-for-councillors>.

In addition, GCA president and vice-president made a presentation to the Glebe BIA to make them aware of the community's position on Lansdowne 2.0. and this led to good discussions.

Finally, GCA board members have been meeting, and will continue to meet, with Councillors one on one to explain our association's perspectives.

Transportation

Active Transportation Study - Draft report from the consultants due by the end of October. Goal is to have the Transportation Committee review it in early Nov and then it will be brought to the Board for info at the November meeting.

Percy Street Bridge Replacement - the Transportation Committee was able to negotiate additional traffic detour and calming measures for the closure of the highway during the bridge replacement:

- Moved signage to provide more advanced warning of detours in the area.
- Installed LOCAL TRAFFIC ONLY signs facing eastbound traffic at Bronson/Glebe, Bronson/Powell and Bronson/Renfrew.
- Posted construction pins on the City's traffic website advising that the first block east of Bronson on Glebe, Clemow, Powell and Renfrew are closed for construction with local traffic only. GPS services like Google Maps, Waze, Mangellan, Garmand, etc sourced this data and indicated that these roads were not accessible as routing options.



ANNEX B - MOTIONS

MOTION

1. Compliance with Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporation Act

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ANNEX C - DRAFT BUDGET

	PROPOSED BUDGET	
	May 2023 - April 2024	
	Main Account	
REVENUE		
	Membership to date	\$ 12,091
	TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 12,091
EXPENSES		
	OPERATING EXPENSES	
	Committees	\$ 2,000
	Membership Drive	\$ 1,100
	Insurance	\$ 1,800
	Administration	\$ 1,000
	AGM	\$ 800
	Website and Media	\$ 1,600
	Miscellaneous	
	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 8,300
	DISCRETIONARY EXPENSES	
	Planning and prioritization Development	
	All Candidates Meeting	
	Great Glebe Garage Sale	\$ 1,000
	Board Retreat	
	Mutchmor Rink Snow Removal	
	TOTAL DISCRETIONARY EXPENSES	\$ 1,000
	APPROVED PROJECTS	
	Garden Angels	
	TOTAL APPROVED PROJECTS	\$ -
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 9,300
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		\$ 2,791