



Lowertown on ice: The annual Lowertown Winterfest at Jules Morin Park celebrated a particularly cold winter this year but the new field house helped everyone stay warm. Photo: Sarah Truswell

Lowertown Community Association Meetings

Regular LCA Meetings are held at 7 PM on the second Monday of each month at the

Routhier Community Centre
172 Guigues Ave

Upcoming Meetings:

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May 12
June 9

LCA meetings are often attended by our elected councillor and the Ottawa Police Community Constable.

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ANOTHER FANTASTIC LOWERTOWN WINTERFEST

Horse drawn carriage rides, skating, music, BBQ, and tons of winter fun at Jules Morin Park in Lowertown East for the 2014 Annual Lowertown Winterfest.

Yolanda Jones - By 12 noon on Family Day 2014, the bright sunshine lit up the snowy grounds of Jules Morin Park, volunteers scurried around the park to finish setting up and the first revelers began filtering into the park. The conditions were perfect for an afternoon of free outdoor activities, and excitement beamed in the children's faces. The much anticipated annual winter festival of Lowertown had arrived, and over the next few hours 300 to 400 people would come together to enjoy the third annual celebration of its kind.

The festivities began with the grand opening of the park's field house and a ribbon cutting ceremony with Mayor Watson, Councillor Mathieu Fleury, and MPP Madeleine Meilleur. For the rest of the afternoon, children took turns touring their neighbourhood on a

wagon pulled by horses and screamed with joy as they hopped in the big inflatable bouncy castle. Parents watched their kids running about as they drank hot chocolate and warmed their hands by a big fire drum, unable to keep from swaying and grooving to the beat radiating from the Jumbadambe drummers. There were muffins, donuts, granola bars, hot dogs and hamburgers, all free to whoever wanted a snack. Youth Leaders ran outdoor games including tug of war, parachute games, and snowshoeing, while other teen leaders helped children on with their skates so they could enjoy the park's fabulous new SENS outdoor rink.

Families happily made their way around the park, occasionally stopping

...excitement beamed in the children's faces.

to be entertained by a clown and eventually ending up at the new field house to take a look around. Inside was an information fair which offered six community organizations an opportunity to provide information to the public. Displays included a child fingerprint booth from the Ottawa Police Service, information from Crime Prevention Ottawa, a Lowertown historical display and much more.

More than 60 volunteers were involved in making this event possible. Winterfest was planned by the Lowertown East Residents Committee with assistance from the Lowertown, Our Home Project, the Lowertown Community Association and Co-op Park Beausoleil. On the day of the event, several teams of volun-

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7 CLARENCE STREET: NCC SENT BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD

Ottawa's Built Heritage Subcommittee approves the "demolition by incompetence" of the modest stone structure inseparable from 461-465 Sussex Drive, but denies the NCC's proposed replacement.

Liz McKenzie - An application by the National Capital Commission (NCC) to demolish and construct a new building at 7 Clarence Street (formerly Memories restaurant) was criticized by the community and by the citizen members of the Built Heritage Subcommittee (BHSC) at a meeting on March 3rd. In addition to demolishing the modest stone structure at 7 Clarence Street, the NCC proposed a glass box, wider, higher, and longer to replace the little heritage building at the rear of 461-465 Sussex Drive.

Number 7 Clarence Street, a part of the Tin House Court, is believed to date from the 1860s or 1870s and is described in the city's Cultural Heritage Impact Statement as having been "built as an adjunct to 461-465 Sussex Drive and is inseparable from it in function and history. It is a contributing element

to the intact built streetscape ... reflecting the early development of Clarence Street... and an element in the grouping of nearby buildings on Clarence." On the city's Heritage Reference List, it's listed as a Category 1 priority, the highest rating for buildings of historic interest.

The city's Official Plan, the Ontario Heritage Act, and the Ontario Planning Policy Statement all have directives and guidelines aimed at protecting heritage properties in the ByWard Market Heritage Conservation District. The heritage planner, Sally Coutts, in her report to the Committee, considered the proposed new building to be responsive to all these directives and recommended its approval. However, presenters at the committee, including Heritage Ottawa, Lowertown Community Association (LCA), Members of the Tin House Resi-

dents Association (THOR), and resident Jerry Grey spoke against the NCC proposal. Citizen members of the committee were also opposed.

Engineering reports have confirmed that the structure is not repairable. David Fleming of Heritage Ottawa spoke about the demolition by neglect of this structure, which the NCC has owned for more than 50 years. Sandy Smallwood, a well know restoration expert and a citizen member of the board said it would be fairer to describe it as demolition by incompetence. He said it was shocking that contrary to well known conservation practices, Portland cement had been used to repair the mortar in the 1990s contributing to its deterioration. The LCA questioned why the NCC's commitment to restoration on Sussex Drive

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In 2014, the Echo is published in **March, June, September, and December**. 6,000 copies are printed and distributed free of charge to all residents of Lowertown. Additional copies can also be picked up at the Routhier Centre, the Lowertown Community Resource Centre, the public library, and various commercial locations in Lowertown.

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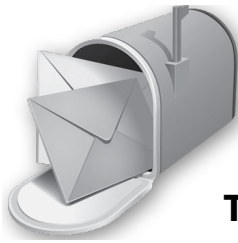
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Letters TO THE Editor

I am strongly against an illegal drug injection site opening in Lowertown. An injection site will only encourage more illegal drug use and more crime.

I read with interest the latest issue of the *Lowertown Echo* and I have a few comments and questions. In general, based on the principle of harm reduction, I would support having a supervised injection site in our vicinity as long as it is far away from the residential areas as possible. In other words, it should be located close to the site of the current Shepherds' and Salvation Army shelters.

Now, about Claridge's proposed plan for three 28-storey condo towers, do we really need more condo towers in our area? Don't we have enough now? I thought that the condo market in Ottawa was softening. Is there really a market for more condos right now? And what would happen to our local Metro store? Under this plan would we lose it? That would be a major loss for our community.

Finally, I read with great interest your profile of Sam Zunder. I remember him and the family very well. My father worked in wholesale for him for a number of years and Sam was instrumental in helping me get my first "term" position in the Federal Public Service. I also remember the store with great fondness and I miss it, as I do the other food stores that were once on the ByWard Market.

Marcia Almey

This is to register my opposition to a supervised drug injection site in Lowertown. If we build it, they will come from afar. We have enough of a problem locally without creating a magnet for the whole region's addicts.

Stephen Klump
Wurtemberg St

Citing the Vancouver model as an example, there will be a police no go zone where in theory, addicts can transport drugs to the site without fear of prosecution from police. But this also means dealers can sell drugs within this zone, creating an area that will attract users and dealers of all sorts of drugs, as they can now act with impunity.

Within this area, all the associated crime that goes along hand in hand with addiction, will sky-rocket! Crimes such as prostitution, violent crime, property crime, vandalism, etc. To say otherwise is either disingenuous or defies common sense.

There is already too much crime in the area, among the highest rates in the city and it is a shame that all this is taking place in one of the most popular tourist areas in the city - and only blocks from Parliament Hill.

The backers of this proposal show a shocking indifference to the needs of the residents of Lowertown and Sandy Hill, the people who have bought homes in this area, are raising families and are working to try to make it a better community for all. As a real estate agent, I can guarantee, an injection site in the area will cause surrounding property values to plummet and will make it very difficult for homes to sell even at a deflated price.

Ward Powell

Not desperately in need to be published but if polling people put me in the NO side of the column for and against SIS. I completely agree with Chris and Lisa Cringham's views and their article.

Nausikaa Muresan-Weisz

UPDATE: INJECTION SITE

Supervised injection site in Lowertown raises awareness of public health issue.

Sarah Truswell - The Campaign for Safer Consumption Sites in Ottawa (CSCS Ottawa) and other groups working to improve the lives of drug users hosted a mock supervised injection site last Fall in Lowertown to bring public awareness to the public health issue of drug use and addiction. According to CSCS Ottawa, "Ottawa has Ontario's highest rate of new HIV infection among injection drug users: 11% of people who inject drugs in Ottawa are infected with HIV, while 60% have contracted hepatitis C. Someone dies of a drug overdose every 10 days in our city."

This problem is of particular interest to Lowertown. The PROUD (Participatory Research in Ottawa, Understanding Drugs) Project recorded 129 signs of public disorder involving drug use over the course of 24 hours in the ByWard

Market area during an observational study performed in the summer of 2012 (<http://bit.ly/PROUDStudy>).

CSCS Ottawa is not directly involved in submitting the application to the government for the required exemption to operate a supervised injection site. Right now the only group in Ottawa who has announced their intention to do so is Sandy Hill CHC.

CSCS Ottawa continues with its mission of engaging with the community to raise awareness about the need for these sites in our city. In March, CSCS Ottawa will be participating in a couple of public panel discussions at Carleton University and Ottawa University, as well as a rally on Parliament Hill in opposition to the government's Bill C-2 which aims to restrict the creation of supervised injection sites.



Mauril Bélanger

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COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbours,

It was while strolling down King Edward back in 1998 that I was struck by the pitiful state of the street and decided to join the King Edward Avenue Task Force. I became its chair years later. Many promises, studies, meetings, events, candle light vigils, and protests later, we are still stuck with the trucks. The tragic death of Yvonne Hendrixx, run over by a truck at the intersection of Rideau and Waller streets on February 25th, again demonstrates the dangers of allowing truck traffic through our neighbourhood. Yet sometimes it seems that our leaders in this city still think it is OK to keep on trucking right over pedestrians. After years of work on these issues, I am utterly disappointed by the lack of courage and creativity this city has shown to resolve the problems with our downtown truck route. But there’s hope. If people like us continue to fight the slow and outdated city bureaucracy,

then there is hope.

Lorsque j’ai commencé à faire du bénévolat il y a 16 ans, je n’avais jamais imaginé que je serais un jour président de l’Association communautaire de la Basse-Ville. Je ne m’étais pas présenté comme candidat – j’ai été recommandé par des collègues qui ont eu beaucoup de respect pour moi et mes efforts. Pendant mes années comme président, nous avons eu le privilège de travailler avec de nombreux bénévoles avec de grandes ambitions. Malgré certaines frustrations, nous avons beaucoup accompli.

As residents, we sometimes feel that nothing can change and that our community is a victim of powers greater than us – pro-suburb or uninterested city councilors; wealthier and better connected communities that scream louder than us; developers whose sole goal is to maximize profit; and city planners and transportation engineers who

do not understand or care for our community or its values.

But what great progress we have made in spite of it all! In the years I have been with the community association, we have increased our membership by three times. We have created two very active committees (Planning and Heritage) as well as many other sub-groups and volunteer networks. We have built over a dozen partnerships with businesses, universities and other organizations. We have fought some enormous battles for better development, saved heritage homes on Sussex Avenue from the NCC and city’s bulldozers, pushed for better walking, and pursued protection of the ByWard Market as a traditional source of fresh fruits and vegetables. We founded this community newspaper, *The Echo*, a monthly e-bulletin, and we have a new website just around the corner. We have fundraised almost \$100,000. We sought and won

\$200,000 towards an art project in the neighbourhood. The list goes on...

J’aime penser que nous vous avons inspiré à vous impliquer vous aussi. Plusieurs d’entre vous avez fait des démarches pour continuer à combattre pour les choses qui vous tiennent à cœur. Des maisons patrimoniales se font restaurer, des livres et autres histoires au sujet de notre communauté ont été écrits, et nos rues et nos parcs se font nettoyer et moderniser. Notre communauté est plus forte qu’elle ne l’a été depuis plusieurs décennies.

Lowertown is rising. The residents, by working together, have accomplished a lot and have much to be proud of.

Very sincerely yours,
Marc Aubin

Note: Marc stepped down as president of the LCA as of March 9th to help in the 2014 municipal election campaign.

LOWERTOWN CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

7 Clarence Street

The National Capital Commission (NCC) has been given a two-year time frame to meet certain conditions before permission to demolish the historic stone building at 7 Clarence Street can be granted. The Built Heritage Sub-Committee did not approve the proposed new building made of glass. A report on the project is expected to be at the city’s planning committee on March 25th, and City Council March 26th.



An artist’s rendering of the NCC’s proposed replacement of 7 Clarence St that was not approved. Rendering: NCC

Uptown Rideau Design Plan (CDP)

City staff announced the review and update of the CDP. An Open House on March 26 will provide more information. If you would like to find out more about the project, contact Melanie Knight, Project Lead, at melanie.knight@ottawa.ca or 613-580-2424 ext. 28439.

541 Rideau Street

Developer has applied for zoning By-law amendment to permit a 16-storey mixed use building (six storeys permitted currently).

Application to be considered at Planning Committee March 25 meeting.

Our Lady’s School

The owner intends to submit a site plan and rezoning application to the city for 287, 281-283 Cumberland Street and 207-209 Murray Street, which will include a request to lift the heritage overlay in order to build a seven-storey residential building that would retain the south and west walls of the current building, as per the recent agreement with the city. The main entrance would be located on Cumberland Street. and the garage entrance on St-Patrick Street.

Bingham Park Revitalization

After careful planning, Chance Foundation and the LCA completed the first round of major improvements to Bingham Park last fall. The first round of upgrades included seven benches, two games tables, and the Meteor Net Climber. On behalf of Chance Foundation, we would like to send our thanks to Dynamo Playgrounds and Robert Paiement for going above and beyond. Thanks also to Cornelis Grey Construction Inc., Michel Guay Dentistry, The Bhargava Family Foundation, Basement Artists, and Ottawa Citizen! This spring Chance Foundation will be making further improvements and will host the Bingham Park Grand Opening to celebrate our accomplishments with the community.

Jules Morin Park

Mayor Jim Watson and MPP Madeleine Meilleur joined Rideau-Vanier Councillor Mathieu Fleury and many enthusiastic community members at Jules Morin Park on February 17 during Lowertown Winterfest celebrations for the official opening of the new community fieldhouse. The new building includes a multi-purpose room, washrooms, a server area, park support and storage areas. Additional park features will be showcased in the summer where the facility will be home to the city’s summer camp programs. New amenities for the warmer weather include a wading pool, a mini soccer field, playground and picnic area.



Mayor Jim Watson, Rideau-Vanier Councillor Mathieu Fleury, and MPP Madeleine Meilleur officially open the new field house at Jules Morin Park.

321 Dalhousie Street

The LCA received the Ontario Municipal Board’s (OMB’s) decision on residents’ appeals regarding rezoning to increase allowable building heights for the proposed hotel at 321 Dalhousie Street and the proposed George Street condo in January.

The OMB did not rule in favor of overturning the increase in heights, given


there is no policy to prevent this in planning documents. However, the OMB raised several concerns about the height, shape, and fit of the proposed development, and raised the expectation that considerations of this nature would be discussed and addressed at the Site Plan and Design Panel process. The full OMB decision is available at http://bit.ly/321Dalhousie_En in English and http://bit.ly/321Dalhousie_Fr in French.

The Urban Design Review Panel which reviewed the proposed development in October 2013 was very critical of the project. To read their assessment 137 & 141 George Street & 321 Dalhousie Street | Formal Review | Zoning Amendment & Site Plan Control Application | Claridge Homes; NEUF Architect(e)s; FOTENN Planning and Urban Design, visit http://bit.ly/321Dalhousie_Review_En for the English version and http://bit.ly/321Dalhousie_Review_Fr for the French version.



The old Union of Canada building at 321 Dalhousie Street is coming down fast. Photo: G. Blaze

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Uptown Rideau

Community Design Plan Update

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Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Rideau Library – 377 Rideau Street

Drop in anytime between 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Residents, businesses and landowners are invited to attend an Open House to find out more information about the update to the Uptown Rideau Community Design Plan (CDP). The Uptown Rideau CDP includes properties along and nearby Rideau Street between King Edward Avenue and the Cummings Bridge. The CDP was approved by Council in 2005 and staff is now beginning an update to the CDP. No registration is required, just drop-in at any time to find out more and to speak to City Staff about the project.

Accessibility is an important consideration for the City of Ottawa. If you require special accommodation, please call 3-1-1 or e-mail planning@ottawa.ca before the event.

For further information, visit ottawa.ca or contact:

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Artist rendering of the city’s vision for uptown Rideau Street. Rendering: City of Ottawa

COUNCILLOR’S NOTE

With the last major snowfall behind us, the City of Ottawa is ramping up its spring operations. Here is a look at the work that is happening on your neighbourhood streets:

The city will allow the majority of the remaining snow to melt on its own; however, as during the winter months, the city will continue to remove excess snow from city streets where sightlines and pedestrian, cycling and transit traffic are impacted. If you come across a bank of melting snow that is blocking a sidewalk or street, or if you notice a blocked catch basin, please contact 3-1-1. If you are able, we encourage you to clear any excess snow or ice from the catch basin near your home. Your help is appreciated and goes a long way!

As the temperatures begin to rise, the city will also continue the repairs of pot holes. If you encounter a pot hole during your evening walk or commute to work, please contact 3-1-1 to have it addressed immediately. The city will also

be visiting public parks to undertake clean up and maintenance after the long winter months.

Finally, in mid-to-late April, the city will begin street sweeping to make our local streets beautiful and clean. Streets are swept on a priority basis, first addressing those streets and sidewalks that have the highest volume, including Rideau Street and the streets in the ByWard Market, followed soon thereafter by residential streets. Residential streets are swept a minimum of twice a year, while high volume streets are swept more frequently.

For more information on the City’s maintenance standards, rules and requirements, please contact us at 613-580-2482 or mathieu.fleury@ottawa.ca. As always, our office is ready and willing to help. We look forward to speaking with you.

Mathieu Fleury
City Councillor,
Rideau-Vanier Ward

WINTER WALKABILITY STUDY

Lowertown Residents, Councillor Fleury, and representatives from Walk Ottawa and the Ottawa Council on Aging’s Pedestrian Subcommittee take note of Winter pedestrian issues in Lowertown.

Liz Bernstein - We met at 5 PM on January 27, a very cold wintry day after a blustery snowfall that ended in the morning, to assess winter walkability in Lowertown.

Our group included several representatives of the LCA who had conducted a summer walkability audit, along with Councillor Mathieu Fleury, and staff Alanna Dale Hill, John Woodhouse from Walk Ottawa and Chris Bradshaw from Ottawa Council on Aging’s Pedestrian Subcommittee. While John’s wheelchair was stuck in the snow on the sidewalk on Guigues Street three times before we began—the view of the cleared parking lot a few metres away reminded us immediately how clearing for cars is still often prioritized over clearing for walkers. John’s chair again was stuck on Guigues Street at King Edward Avenue, where we all helped to get him free. On St Patrick Street the road was almost dry while the sidewalks were still full of snow and slippery, particularly between Dalhousie Street and Parent Street, and where a truck blocked the sidewalk forcing us into the street.

We noted the private wooden outdoor patio was blocking pedestrian access to the Tin House Courtyard. Even though, it is on NCC property, it is a public space that is not accessible for even the people who live in the courtyard (Sussex House) and continues to create a safety issue. We noted the sidewalks on the south side of George Street near The

Bay loading area slant, and the incline and ice make it very difficult to walk without slipping.

We also noted the Winterlude ice sculptures were on the sidewalk, and requested that next year activities not impede pedestrian movement on George Street. While we love the ice sculptures, they could be put on a parking spot instead of on the sidewalk.

Please share your winter walkability stories with us at info@lowertown-bas-seville.ca. We will compile a short report soon.

We will also participate in a Complete Streets Strategy Forum hosted by Ecology Ottawa on March 29 to discuss implementing the Complete Streets policy across the city, and we will continue to work with the Councillor’s office and city staff to implement our recommendations and improve walkability in Lowertown.



Snow on the sidewalk along St Patrick St forced the auditors into the street. Photo: Liz Bernstein

Street Painting Pilot Program

The City of Ottawa is excited to announce a Street Painting Pilot Program. A street painting is a mural painted with traffic grade paint on residential streets. More info: <http://bit.ly/StreetPainting>.

Deadline for submissions:
Tuesday, April 1, 2014

Programme pilote de peintures de rue

La Ville d’Ottawa est heureuse d’annoncer le lancement du Programme pilote de peintures de rue. Une peinture de rue est une œuvre réalisée au moyen de peinture de rues résidentielles. Pour en savoir plus: <http://bit.ly/PeintureDeRue>.

Échéance de soumission :
Le mardi 1 avril 2014

DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

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364 St. Patrick Street

Nine-storey hotel approved by city council; Council approved at the same time the Traditional Main Street zoning along King Edward permitting six-storey buildings.

Sussex Drive Reconstruction

Construction has resumed on Sussex Drive with work to utilities, sewers, house relocation, and the Sussex Bridge are currently underway. The project will continue until the end of 2014 with final paving, curbs, sidewalk and landscaping completed in spring/summer of 2015.



Moving house on Sussex Drive. Photo: G. Blaze

245 Rideau & 403 Cumberland

Claridge has purchased the building and land, and has begun the application process to build three 28-storey mixed use towers on the site which is currently on hold.

BINGHAM PARK IMPROVEMENTS CONTINUE – HAVE YOUR SAY!

The Chance Foundation isn’t done in Bingham Park and they want to hear from Lowertown about what to do next.

Dear Lowertown Residents,

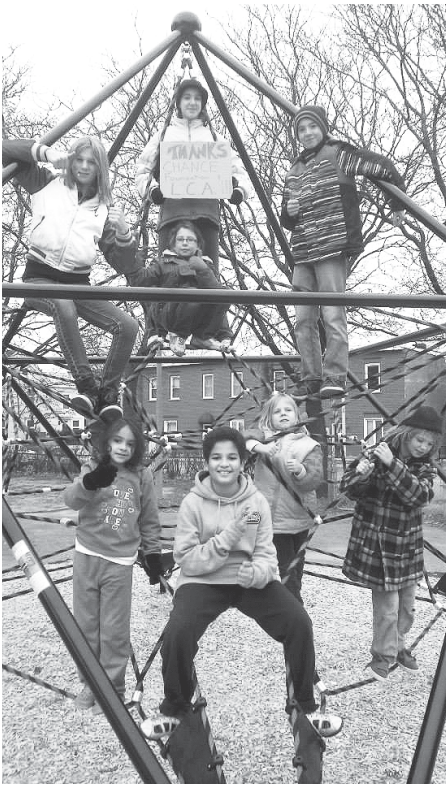
After a great deal of effort by the community and the Lowertown Community Association, Chance Foundation, Desjardins Caisses Populaire, and the City of Ottawa, our Bingham Park vision is becoming a reality! We are beginning to take large strides to wrap up this project for our grand opening this coming spring. An official date for the opening has not yet been set but we will keep the community posted.

After all the great work done already, there is enough money left over for yet another small project at Bingham Park. We would like to ask the community for general ideas and suggestions on our final addition to the park. Your comments and suggestions will be used to design “packages” (i.e., a series of options for Phase II which fit the budget and the guidelines of the City of Ottawa). These packages will form the basis of an official online survey for which the community will vote and give further comments on the packaged options.

Summary of progress to date

Up to date Bingham Park now has a brand new rope climbing structure installed by Dynamo Industries, two checkerboard picnic tables for play or relaxation, and a circuit of seven benches strategically placed all throughout the park for quiet enjoyment. A group of volunteers has also cleaned up the garden beside the wading pool. Michael Kirkpatrick from the LCA is currently undertaking an independent initiative to have the brick walls painted and the bell boxes painted or covered in graphics. Any comments regarding this initiative should be directed to the LCA.

We would like to know how you think we should use the remaining \$4,000 in Bingham Park. Some possible ideas include adding another bench or two for quiet enjoyment, more garbage cans,



Lowertown kids thank the Chance Foundation from the new Meteor Net Climber in Bingham Park. Photo: Mariane Ericksoon

other play options and the addition of a shaded canopy picnic table.

Please feel free to send your creative ideas and general comments to the Chance Foundation at chance.foundation1@gmail.com. We would really appreciate as much feedback as possible so that the Bingham Park project moves forward with shining success! Thank you very much everyone for your hard work and support!

Many thanks,
Laura Gowland
Director,
Charitable Activities
Chance Foundation



WINTERFEST

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teers helped out, including the University of Ottawa Men’s Soccer Team, the Lowertown Youth Leadership group, the Youth Opportunities Strategy, the Youth Policing Initiative and Club 310. Invaluable support was also given by the Lowertown Community Resource Centre, Ottawa Community Housing, Beauséjour Tenant Association, Mathieu Fleury’s office, and the Shepherds of Good Hope.

The sponsors who made this event possible are: the City of Ottawa, Steve Monuk, the United Way, Embridge, Kal Tire, Loblaws, Metro, Starbucks, Auntie

Loo’s and Shoppers Drug Mart.

If you enjoyed this event or want to enjoy it next year, please consider getting involved with the Lowertown East Residents Committee, the Lowertown, Our Home project and the Lowertown Community Association. Join likeminded individuals in your neighbourhood to make community initiatives like this possible! To get involved please contact yjones@crcbv.ca.

Be sure to check out all the Winterfest photos on Facebook, by searching: Lowertown East Residents Committee.

ALL THE NEWS THAT’S FIT TO PRINT

Lowertown Community Association volunteers bring us news on the web, Facebook, and in print. Have you clicked ‘like’? Have you signed up for the e-newsletter?

Michelle Ramsay-Borg - Over the past couple of years, LCA volunteers have been working very hard to build up a strong portfolio of communications vehicles. We want to address as many of your needs for news and information as possible, both in English and French. We are pretty close to offering a 360-degree view of what’s happening in Lowertown from day to day, month to month, and quarterly.

For people who want backgrounders and insights, we publish in-depth articles and essays in the *Lowertown Echo* newspaper every three months or so. We cover topics such as the history of Lowertown, local businesses and personalities, and, planning and heritage issues. The *Echo* is delivered door-to-door to as many homes as we can cover with our volunteers for every edition. An online version is posted to the LCA website and on its Facebook page the day it comes off the press.

A monthly roundup of LCA news is delivered electronically to subscribers to our email newsletter. We add in write-ups about local initiatives, ‘hot-button issues’, development plans, construction updates, social issues, and a calendar of events and festivals. From time to time, we also send out special edition



The Lowertown Community Association maintains a very active Facebook page where news and links are posted frequently. Screen Capture: Michelle Ramsay-Borg

email newsletters with alerts or invitations to important meetings in the community. To subscribe, send an email to info@lowertown-basseville.ca.

And then there’s Facebook. We post news and links to it frequently, virtually every day. This is where you’ll find up-to-the minute accident reports and public

safety alerts; links to local news articles and videos; road closure warnings; helpful tips; tons of heritage photos and articles; and, a potpourri of postings tailored to the interests of people who live in Lowertown. To follow our page, from Facebook, look up Lowertown Community Association and click on ‘Like’.

Our website wasn’t in very good shape until just recently, when we applied a short-term fix by way of updated pages. The long-term fix will be a completely new website, which we plan to launch by the summer. We have a small team of volunteers working on its development, and a large team of contributors who will provide the new content. It will contain information about the association and Lowertown, as well as outlines about the issues and projects that the committees and volunteers are managing. We’re looking for more volunteers, people who will add depth to the top-level view of the main menu items – for example, an inventory of heritage properties and a photo gallery. We also hope to have a blog on the home page, so we can publish op-ed articles and letters from residents. The website address is lowertown-basseville.ca.

Lastly, there’s Twitter, which we dropped recently because we had so few followers and nothing much to tweet because everything was already covered by Facebook, email news, and *The Echo*.

We welcome with open arms letters and contributions from Lowertown residents. Either post on our Facebook page, or email us.

REMEMBERING LEISA BELL

Leisa was something more, she was a living example of that rare and storied phenomenon of city life, that person who is as widely known as a celebrity or an elected official simply because they are cherished as an extraordinary person

Otis Beefcakes (aka Peter Gould) - When *The Echo* editors asked me to suggest a business profile article for the December 2013 issue, Mello’s immediately came to mind because its experiment with a separate evening pop-up experience had been such a success. Mello’s is also Ottawa’s oldest restaurant, and as a diner it enjoys a certain notoriety with Ottawans of my generation who remember Mello’s former late-night era. I also knew that there was another story I wanted to tell, the story of a truly remarkable woman who, for me, as an occasional regular at Mello’s, was the face of Mello’s.

Like so many other Mello’s customers and Lowertown residents, I was greatly saddened to hear that Mello’s manager, Leisa Bell, died suddenly at the end of January 2014 at the age of 46. Leisa had an incredible personality, and her recent story at Mello’s is a remarkable one. It is the tale of a hardworking waitress who assumed the management of a venerable diner as it ventured boldly into a risky experiment with a second

persona in the evening – gourmet.

But Leisa was something more, she was a living example of that rare and storied phenomenon of city life, that person who is as widely known as a celebrity or an elected official simply because, as a neighbour or local entrepreneur, they are cherished as an extraordinary person. Any visitor to Mello’s could only be impressed not only by the warmth but the sheer energy of Leisa’s rapport with the customers.

I’m a sometimes regular who has breakfast at Mello’s a couple of times a month, because for me sometimes the best way to start a Saturday morning is over eggs in a restaurant crowded with a variety of people I just don’t meet in my narrow weekday existence as a public servant. When I first started going regularly to Mello’s in 2006, Leisa immediately made me feel at home. I looked forward to Leisa’s comical repartee, the gentle teasing and the sometimes



zany nicknames she gave customers. So much of my week in Ottawa was dominated by the subdued environment of public servants quietly toiling away in their cubes—and here I found an unexpected oasis away from what is sometimes a spiritual desert.

Over the past eight years, I came to appreciate that Leisa was an extraordinary woman. The first time I met Leisa, when she asked me my name, I told her that most people refer to me by my nickname, Otis. Immediately, she began referring to me, exclusively and loudly, as “Otis Beefcakes.” Last November, when I called Leisa at home to arrange our interview, I called from my office. She didn’t recognize me, and so I explained “It’s Otis Beefcakes,” which caused my office colleagues to erupt in convulsions of laughter. Of course, it was the kind of scene that would not have been out of place at Mello’s and it’s just one of the things I’ll miss about Leisa Bell.

GETTING INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY SAFETY

Your help in reporting inappropriate behavior is needed to keep us all safe.

Norman Moyer - The Lowertown Community Association (LCA) will be running a new residents’ survey on safety and security this spring. Your input can help to shape the focus of the LCA on security issues. Specific notice of the survey will be posted on the LCA Facebook page and sent out in the e-bulletin of the LCA. The survey will include questions on the proposed supervised injection site, on residents’ perceptions of safety in this community, on pedestrian and cycling safety, and on the role of the police and bylaw enforcement officers. Please take the few minutes needed to fill in this survey and give us your email so that we can make you part of the Lowertown Community Safety Network.

The best way to ensure that a community remains safe is to have the permanent residents of that community play an active role in watching and reporting on safety issues. There are many ways that Lowertown residents can help to keep this community safe and secure. Residents should report inappropriate or suspicious behaviour to either the police by dialing 911 for a crime in progress or life threatening event, or 613-236-1222 ext. 7300 for all other reports, or to bylaw control by dialing 3-1-1 or online at Service Ottawa at <http://www.ottawa.ca>. A more complete list of numbers can be found at www.lowertown-basseville.ca. Reporting even minor incidents can help to identify broader trends.

Residents can also make their concerns known to the Lowertown Community Association through the LCA electronic mailbox at info@lowertown-basseville.ca, or by coming to the LCA monthly meetings at 7 PM on the second Monday of each month at the Routhier Centre, 172 Guigues Avenue. The LCA is represented on the ByWard Market Safety and Security Committee and will make sure that residents’ concerns are raised in that committee.

CHANGES COMING TO UPPER RIDEAU STREET

City asks for residents’ input on out-of-date Community Design Plan for upper Rideau Street at Open House on March 26.

Robert Tritt - The City of Ottawa has announced it is launching a review of the Uptown Rideau Community Design Plan – or CDP – with an Open House on March 26. The CDP sets out guidelines for land use, redevelopment and zoning along Rideau Street from King Edward Ave to the Cummings Bridge. As approved by Council in 2005, the current CDP sees this stretch of Rideau Street developing as a pedestrian-friendly, community mainstreet, with a mix of residential and commercial functions. New buildings are limited to three to six storeys. The recent reconstruction of the street, changes in the city’s plans for light rail and other planning decisions mean some parts of the Plan are

now out of date. However, exceptions for taller buildings in the city’s official plans and pending redevelopment proposals have also created pressures to re-visit the height and other limits on development included in the CDP. Following an Open House in late March, city staff will prepare draft strategies for the new CDP. They hope to have a draft Plan available by the fall, and to present a final version to the new City Council in early 2015. Throughout the process there will be extensive consultation with residents, businesses, landowners and other stakeholders. If you would like to find out more, contact Melanie Knight, Project Lead, at melanie.knight@ottawa.ca or 613-580-2424 ext. 28439.



The latest proposed development at 541 Rideau Street is conditional on approval from the city to build ten more stories than the current zoning will allow. Rendering: Codeau Development

L'HEXAGONE: COMING HOME TO LOWERTOWN

Owners Yannick Beauvalet and Étienne Humez have brought back to Lowertown much of the panache as well as the warmth and informality of Bleu en Ville where they both got their fashion sales “chops.”

Peter Gould - A cool black and white sign and three mannequins sporting tapered jackets, narrow lapels and electric ties announce L'Hexagone, a relatively new addition to the fashion district along the north end of Dalhousie Street. Inside, co-owner Yannick Beauvalet will likely greet you with a gleeful grin, hoping to take you beyond your expectations and outfit you in a bold Tallia Orange seer-sucker sports jacket, burgundy Polifroni shirt or perhaps a red gingham Dibi tie from Italy.

Although L'Hexagone is a relatively new store, there is something familiar about the European fashion lines, the hip soul music and the warmth and informality of the ambience. A much different store in many ways, Bleu en Ville, a tiny but beloved Lowertown emporium of funky casual menswear for over 20



L'Hexagone's stylish storefront at 252 Dalhousie Street. Photo: Peter Gould

years until its closing in 2007, lives on at L'Hexagone. Owners Yannick Beauvalet and Étienne Humez, have both brought back to Lowertown much of the panache as well as the warmth and informality of Bleu en Ville in their own vision for L'Hexagone. It's not a surprise, of course, because both Yannick and Étienne got their fashion sales “chops” working at Bleu en Ville.

Yannick started working in the ByWard Market at the age of 12 and after a detour in the public service, is very happy to be coming home to Lowertown. Yannick grew up in the Hunt Club area, but at the age of 12, while attending De

La Salle High School, he began another kind of education as a pack boy at Zunder's Fruitland, currently the location of the furniture store EQ3. Later, while studying Communications at the University of Ottawa, Yannick moved into a tiny apartment above the Mangia restaurant, “a mere 43 steps away from Bleu en Ville”.

Yannick had his start in men's fashion at America but later moved to Bleu en Ville, where he worked as a manager for several years. Bleu en Ville closed in 2007 after the death of Jacques Letellier, a bon vivant and entrepreneur with an indefatigable energy. Jacques Letellier had earlier worked in a family business, Letellier Shoes on Rideau Street, founded in 1897. L'Hexagone's co-owner, Étienne Humez, began his career at Bleu en Ville in 1999 after immigrating from France earlier that year. Following Jacques' death in 2007, Bleu en Ville closed and Étienne launched L'Hexagone in Gatineau. L'Hexagone, of course, is a colloquial reference to France's six-sided geography.

After graduation, Yannick left Bleu en Ville for a career position with the federal public service. He prospered, but was nagged by doubts about whether the public service was really his life's work. Finally, at the age of 38, Yannick surprised his bosses and colleagues by resigning. He joined Étienne, who had closed his store on St. Joseph Boulevard, to launch L'Hexagone in Lowertown. “I had to decide what is really going to make me happy—doing what I love in a place I love—and I don't regret it for one minute.”

L'Hexagone offers a range of casual to formal menswear ranging from jeans and t-shirts to suits, sports jackets, dress shirts, and ties. Yannick described the typical client as 35–55, who have both urban tastes and day jobs in offices, “and so have ‘man things’ like pocket squares and suspenders, too”. L'Hexagone sells clothing priced for Ottawa customers such as public

servants, and so sells suits at \$600 instead of \$1200. “We offer a more stylish product at an affordable price with incredible service. Service, style and selection are the core values.” L'Hexagone tries, where possible, to offer clothing and accessories from local designers and manufacturers, and has Marco jeans and Bosco Uomo suits from Montreal. Moxy-Maus socks are produced by Edward Nagy, an Ottawa designer who left the public service to live the dream of designing the most colourful socks in Canada. L'Hexagone offers beautiful handmade leather portfolio cases made by JMS Canada, based in Chelsea, Quebec. Yannick works closely with JMS Canada on some of the designs.

L'Hexagone is not a “big and tall” men's store but specializes in hard-to-fit men who are looking for modern styles with a European flair. Popular preconceptions about boutiques catering to smaller sizes do not apply at L'Hexagone, where sizes range from small to XXL, with suits from size 36-54. Danish brands, which feature a longer fit, are in abundance at L'Hexagone, and there is a mix of shirt brands to fit all sizes. To illustrate the point, Yannick produced a size 22 tall shirt that would fit Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Yannick and Étienne work hard to stay ahead of trends. “We curate the clothes that go into the store and we are very selective, whether from the point of view of style, quality or cut”, says Yannick, adding they are selective about fabric, eschewing polyester and offering only natural fibres. Yannick notes that L'Hexagone seeks to bring the best of the Blue en Ville experience, while tackling towards a somewhat more sophisticated taste set. “I have a deep philosophical belief in what I do. I remember a few years ago not being able to buy the clothes I like and so I opened my own store”. L'Hexagone serves mainly



L'Hexagone's co-owner Yannick Beauvalet. Photo: Peter Gould

clients from Lowertown and other downtown neighbourhoods, rather than tourists. Yannick and Étienne strive to have everything in the store, and on their online Facebook site, in both official

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languages. There is a careful attention to detail at L'Hexagone. Overall, the concrete walls and the hip soul music playing in the background, the bar stool at the cash, the coffee machine and the Senators on a

nearby TV nearby work to create a welcoming neighbourhood ambience.

“A lot of Lowertown guys are very happy not to have to go to Montreal to buy their clothes or go to the mall,” says Yannick. Yannick thinks “North Dal”, as he hopes the emerging indie fashion and food shopping district will be branded, is a cool and exciting phenomenon. “We have the best coffee, chocolate and clothes in the city. To see the evolution of this street is amazing—20 years ago, a young woman couldn't safely walk down this stretch of Dalhousie. It's fun to see a fashion district growing in Lowertown.”

LOWERTOWN LOST AND FOUND AT 541 RIDEAU STREET

First offered for sale in 1866 and once the home of one of the daughters of the founder of Casselman, Ontario, the house at 541 Rideau Street is the sole survivor of the single family residences that once existed on the north side of Rideau Street, and it is now attracting the interest of high-rise development in the area.

Nancy Miller-Chenier - At 541 Rideau Street, a large red brick house links us with Ottawa's early development between Cobourg and Charlotte Streets. Built on Ordinance lands offered for sale in 1866, the house at 541 Rideau Street stands as a representative of 19th century life along Rideau Street.

Now, in 2014, this impressive and versatile building with long roots in the Lowertown community around Macdonald Gardens is at risk of demolition, to be replaced with a 16-storey glass tower.

For well over a century, 541 Rideau housed early pioneers, civil servants, artists, wartime veterans, entrepreneurs—a cross-section of the people who built Ottawa.

So who were some of the early people associated with 541 Rideau Street and what does their story tell us about this area and its history?

It was home to John Joyce who bought Lot 37 from the Crown and was a very early Bytown resident, a member of the Irish community that arrived in the 1820s. As a child, he participated in Bytown celebrations for Queen Victoria's ascension to the throne in 1837.

Harriet Jane Casselman, daughter of Martin Casselman for whom Casselman, ON, was



A glimpse of 541 Rideau Street's glory can be seen in its former neighbour, 565 Rideau Street, also now demolished. Most recently home to A Culinary Conspiracy, 541 Rideau Street is currently the subject of a another high-rise development proposal. Photo: Library and Archives Canada

named, also owned 541 Rideau Street in 1844 and paid \$4600 for the land and premises. She was one of three girls and four boys, all of whom inherited wealth after the death of their father around 1880. In 1910, Harriet married for the first time to Percy Robert Mahon, a musician more than 40 years younger than herself.

Francois Hubert Ennis also owned 541 Rideau Street. He paid \$1500 for “Lot 37” in 1871 and was a significant Confederation-era civil servant, appointed in the 1860s as Secretary to the Board of Provincial Arbitrators. At the time, this Board was the forum for resolving disputes between government and individuals with respect to public works. Ennis died prematurely in 1885, leaving Maria, a widow, with seven chil-

dren. The area near 541 Rideau Street underwent significant changes at the turn of the century. Two new wings were added to the Protestant General Hospital at Charlotte Street in 1895. The Ottawa Electric Railway had a terminus at Cobourg Street and in 1908, constructed a new car barn there. In 1912, the Ottawa Improvement Commission contracted Frederick G. Todd to create the charming urban park now called Macdonald Gardens on an old cemetery site.

These changes brought increased residential development, including the emergence of several large apartments. By 1923, 541 Rideau Street had been converted to the Langemarck Apartments, named after a First World War battle site with many Canadian casualties. Within ten years, the Langemarck Apartments contained six units and included a full-time janitor. More recently, 541 Rideau Street was best known for the Culinary Conspiracy, a catering company that also served locals and others from its take-away counter and small eating area.

This building, set well back from the busy street, is the sole survivor of the single family residences that once existed on the north side between Charlotte and Cobourg Streets. It provides an important symbol of the people who shaped early Ottawa.

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VIGNETTE DU VILLAGE

Patrice Aubry, the St Andrew Street builder, left an indelible mark on the Lowertown community as well as the Notre Dame Basilica, the Guigues School, and the Monument National as a master carpenter in the 1920s and 1930s.



Patrice and Jeannine Aubry prepare their home on St Andrew Street for Fête-Dieu in 1952. Photo: LCA Archive

Nancy Miller-Chenier - Danielle Gagné speaks with justifiable pride about her grandfather, Patrice Aubry (1887-1985), and his building legacy. She lives in the 1930s apartment that he built at the pinnacle of his career as a master carpenter. Just walk along St Andrew Street east of King Edward Avenue to see the evidence of his business acumen and building skills. In a concentrated group along the north side of St Andrew, the homes at 255 and 255 ½, 257 and 257 ½, 259, 273 and 275 proclaim his pride in and attachment to this community.

Shortly after Patrice arrived in Ottawa, he married Eva Parent and put his roots down on this strip of St Andrew Street. At the same time, he built his skills and reputation as a worker skilled in carpentry. In the 1920s, work with Oscar Poirier, a Lowertown neighbour, shaped his ability to assess, plan and complete building contracts. He gained knowledge and exposure through this connection to the established Poirier and Son business that had been started by Nazaire, Oscar's father.

In 1935, Patrice started his own busi-

ness, with the assistance of his daughter Jeannine (Danielle's mother). By this time, he already had a solid reputation in the construction industry.

Over the years, he was in constant demand throughout the nearby Ontario and Quebec region for the construction and renovation of schools and churches. In Lowertown, he worked on renovations for the Notre Dame Basilica and for the Guigues School on Murray Street. In 1940, he won the contract to rebuild the Monument National after the fire at the corner of George and Dalhousie Streets. Much of his work was for the institutions of the Catholic Church and in his personal life he was a religious man.

Danielle Gagné started her life in one of her grandfather's buildings and has returned to live in one again. She remembers a time when family occupied this and other houses along the street. Aunts, uncles, cousins sat on front porches, many of them built by her grandfather. Patrice Aubry left his mark on this eastern section of Lowertown. This important legacy of a Lowertown builder and his homes on St Andrew Street deserve to be commemorated.

CLARENCE STREET DEMOLITION

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would not naturally be carried around the corner to 7 Clarence Street.

The proposed new building is wider with a fenced patio encroaching onto the courtyard entrance, reducing it by nearly half, and obscuring views of the courtyard, the Tin House, and the Cathedral beyond. Barry Podolsky, vice-chair of the board and a restoration architect, was also critical of the glass curtain wall, the size of the structure, and the design approach. He found fault in particular with the elevator shaft extending above the structure, which will obscure architectural details on 461-465 Sussex Drive and also with the added height and width that will obstruct views of heritage buildings in the courtyard.

In addition, its potential use as a bar or restaurant conflicts with the area's vision as a market that already has more than 22,000 licensed seats, and more are not welcome by residents.

BHSC Response to Proposal

The BHSC approved the demolition of 7 Clarence Street subject to receiving site plan documentation and variance applications. A resolution was passed to allow staff to further discuss with the NCC and other stakeholders the future construction at 7 Clarence Street—specifically issues with respect to height, footprint, and material. The resolution will be considered at the city's Planning

Committee on March 25th, and at Council on April 9th.

The BHSC will meet again on April 10th to review a revised building proposal. Asked for comment on the outcomes, David Scarlett, Chief Architect of the NCC said, "This is part of the regular process—we float a design and get feedback. We're open to adapting the design. I think what we're trying to do is to build in 2014 something that stands the test of time."

Public Consultation

On February 24th, the NCC met with community stakeholders to present their design. Following the community concerns, the NCC has scheduled a second stakeholder meeting on March 28th to present a revised design addressing the following issues: Who the potential tenants might be, the noise that could emanate from the building, lighting and concerns about glare, the materiality of the structure, and finally, the reduction of the courtyard entrance

At the BHSC meeting, the Chair apologized at length for communication and consultation problems with the file. She promised that the city was working to improve.

LCA representatives will attend the stakeholders meeting on March 28th. Additional documentation is available at <http://bit.ly/1gjhbp7>.



SPRING IN THE MARKET

Spring is full of new and wonderful things in the ByWard Market! The market comes to life as the snow melts, and Old Man Winter is given the boot (an it's an oversized boot this year)! Market stands reappear, patios pop up, colourful flowers and bedding plants shine bright: the Market Season is finally upon us!

Though every spring is exciting, 2014 is particularly exciting for us as it will bring several exciting changes to the Market. City Council recently approved several amendments to the ByWard Market By-Law to allow for more opportunities for local producers and provides various means to fill more stands and expand the offer. A Savour Ottawa Farmer's stand, a new demonstration/sampling stand and a Night Market on Thursdays are welcome initiatives to our ever changing Market.

On the BIA side of things, we are extremely excited as we prepare a major six-month promotional campaign bookended by two new high quality, high profile events:

A Market-Season Open Event the long weekend in May to kick things off; and our newly re-branded ByWard Market Harvest-Fest the first weekend in Octo-

ber to round it out (thanks in large part to a Celebrate Ontario Event Grant!).

This high-profile campaign will focus on the wide and rich history and heritage of the Market and in this regard we are happy to be working with the Lowertown Community Association's heritage experts as well as the Bytown Museum and other community partners.

As details and specifics are confirmed, we will keep you all informed. On a final note, the BIA office has three full-time staff and summer Ambassadors, with such a lean organization we depend on hardworking volunteers to help manage our events. If anyone is interested please contact us! As well, if anyone is planning on hosting a **Jane's Walk**, either of the Market or Lowertown or both (first weekend in May), please let us know as we would like to promote it.

Happy Spring Everyone!

Profitez du printemps!

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UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

National Gallery of Canada

<http://www.gallery.ca>
Free Admission
Thursdays 5–8 PM

Bytown Museum

<http://www.bytownmuseum.com>
Free Admission
First Sunday of Every Month

Easter Egg-stravaganza Hunt
April 19-20: 11 AM–4 PM

Mother's Day (Free Admission to Moms)
May 11: 11 AM–4 PM

Opening of the Canal Celebration
May 17–19: 11 AM–4 PM

International Museum Day
(Free Admission)
May 18: 11 AM–4 PM

Queen for a Day: We invite you to take the role of Queen for the day! Join in our Crown making workshop and learn about how Queen Victoria impacted our fair city.
May 19: 11 AM–4 PM

Doors Open Ottawa: Join us this Doors Open and explore our largest artifact, the Commissariat. Hear behind the scenes stories of those who lived and worked the site. Along the way we'll point out interesting features that make us unique and share some of Ottawa's best kept secrets!
June 7–8: 11 AM–4 PM

Friday the 13th at ByTown Museum: Spend the night in Ottawa's oldest stone building! Embark on this Museum fundraiser and Public Investigation, whether a skeptic or true believer, let HOPS - Haunted Ottawa Paranormal Society be your guide... \$25 per person.
June 13: 7–11 PM

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<http://www.crcbv.ca/>
40 Cobourg Street
613-789-3930

Playgroups:
0–18 mos Playgroup:
Wednesdays 1:30–3:30 PM

French Playgroup:
Tuesdays 9:30–10:30 AM

English Playgroup:
Fridays 9:30–10:30 PM

Lowertown East Residents' Committee
Lowertown Community Resource Centre
40 Cobourg St

Soup Social & Monthly Meeting with guest speaker Constable Ryan Pierce of the Ottawa Police Services.
April 3: 6 PM

Lowertown Community Assoc
<http://www.lowertown-basseville.ca>
Routhier Community Centre
172 Guiges Ave

Regular Meetings
April 14: 7 PM
May 12: 7 PM
June 9: 7 PM

ByWard Market
<http://www.byward-market.com>

Market-Season Open
May 17–19

Ecology Ottawa

<http://ecologyottawa.ca>
613-860-5353

Complete Streets Strategy Forum
March 29: 10 AM–4 PM
Location TBD
More info: <http://bit.ly/CompleteStreetsForum>

Experts Discuss the Proposed Energy East Pipeline: Graham Saul of Ecology Ottawa, Maude Barlow of the Council of Canadians, and Eriel Deranger of the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation in Alberta discuss the Energy East Pipeline.
April 13: 7 PM
Mayfair Theatre
Free Admission

To list your community event, send a note to us at echo@lowertown-basseville.ca. Don't forget to include the date, time, and location, as well as admission cost if applicable.

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