1. Councillor Fleury Report

The Councillor was away on holidays and Bailee Johnson reported on his behalf. She covered the following items:

- Reminder of Valentines’ Day re-do on March 14th!

- Transportation Master Plan consultation - link: <https://engage.ottawa.ca/transportation-master-plan>

- Bingham Park community consultation - reporting on this is coming our in June 2022

- Downtown Occupation - relief fund: <https://www.investottawa.ca/downtown-ottawa-business-relief-program/>

- High Performance Development Standards - coming

- LRT and downtown buses free until March 26th

Question from Sylvie Grenier - there was unanimous consent that the patios did not work and why did the city completely ignore  our recommendations from the consultations on this with our Community?

Action: LCA letter sent re lack of response when Lowertown participates in consultations - community has asked that we share with them the letter we sent.

2. Committee Reports

**Arts & Culture** - Kendra Hughes/Fiona Barbaro Sant

- “Homes” exhibit planned, co-curated by Ottawa Black Artists Collective, to hopefully take place on the 2nd floor of Ottawa Markets.

Call for Artists about Documenting the Undocumented: <https://documentingtheundocumented.com/>

- Hip hop festival taking place March 19th & 20th - 4 “cubes” - one of which will be in Lowertown

**Heritage**- Andrew Waldron/Nancy Miller Chenier

- HCD Plan now one for LT west and Byward Market

- Andrew Waldron to take City of Ottawa Heritage staff on a walkabout of LT west on March 15th - 1pm meeting at Cathcart Square

- York Street School celebrating it’s 100th anniversary in 2022. LCA hoping to have it designated Heritage

<https://www.notion.so/savanturier/Heritage-Conservation-District-Plans-Plans-des-arrondissements-de-conservation-du-patrimoine-d79d17d6016e43ae9f5e750903b498c0>

**Planning** - Warren Waters

- Housing and Homelessness - MPP Lucille Collard organizing consultation on March 17th, with 3 ward Councillors -

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdPaKoHp9tcYfXinF11I3JPzufIa-FZAIoYWM4lEfMfl_uGhQ/viewform>

- March 24, Nightlife Economy -  last year the city announced it wanted to boost the 'nightlife’ economy

Nightlife Economy, Neighbourhood and Community Perspectives Workshop, Thursday March 24th, 3:30-5:00pm, Please RSVP at the link below no later than Monday, March 21, 2022, <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcoce6vpz4qGtwPjd7iS1a9CFFASn_GiGRV>

- March 29 -  Transport master plan for next 25 years. Warren noted that there is no commitment to remove trucks from downtown, but that downtown does need a new river crossing.

please SUBMIT your views at the project website: [engage.ottawa.ca/transportation-master-plan](http://engage.ottawa.ca/transportation-master-plan) and attend during the Transport Master Plan Open House, Tuesday, March 29th at 6:30 p.m at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/tmp-open-housepdt-seance-portes-ouverte-tickets-293238081997>

**Safety and Security** - Sandra Milton/Julie Lanteigne

- Sandra reported on the meeting with Mathieu Fleury with regards to the Occupation. There will be further debriefs coming from the Government of Canada through the Emergency Act follow up, as well as a public enquiry.

- Convoy Class Action - those wishing to join this, contact the lawyer, Paul Champ at: [Convoyclassaction@champlaw.ca](mailto:Convoyclassaction@champlaw.ca)

- Liz MacKenzie brought up the security issues around the Jules Morin Fieldhouse. LCA to follow up.

**Friends of Lowertown Parks** - Sandra Milton

- Sandra reported on the FCA and Parkland dedication - she noted the deficiencies in “green space” allocation in the urban areas, where green space is allotted only based on the ground floor space of the building, which limits the amount allocated.  She spoke on the “Grow Our Parks” campaign that she is initiating in order to ensure more green space in our community.

**The Echo** - John Chenier

The Editor of our community newspaper reported on the upcoming edition. He noted that there would be a story on 6-8 organizations in our community and how they got through the pandemic. He recommends the Lowertown Community Resource Centre for the “Meet Your Neighbour” section. He said that Councillor Fleury and MPP Collard were supportive of the Echo with advertising space, but Mona Fortier’s office has repeatedly ignored emails to this effect. Bailee Johnson of Councillor Fleury’s office said she would bring this up with the Councillor to see if he could help. He asked that interested residents who could take a walk on their neighbourhood to deliver the Echo would be welcome - to contact him at: [editor@lowertownecho.ca](mailto:editor@lowertownecho.ca). He noted the website address for past issues of the Echo, as well as advertising rates and more information: [lowertownecho.ca](http://lowertownecho.ca/).

**Other Topics**

- Lowertown Resource Community Centre - Matt Beutel presented an overview of the Youth Action Plan, launched at the Théatre de la Nouvelle-Scène the previous weekend. He highlighted the financial support received from a variety of partners. He noted the 3 priorities: cultural diversity, places & spaces for youth and programs and services.

Lowertown Youth Action Plan d'action jeunesse video: <https://youtu.be/Ujd2hxmz24E>

- Valerie Proctor - Issues with Dalhousie Street - LCA to follow up.

-Liz MacKenzie noted the terrible appearance of the Routhier Community Centre and that the community needs to reclaim this important space. LCA to send a letter to the city.