

LOWER TOWN BASSE VILLE

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
ASSOCIATION COMMUNAUTAIRE

Rapport Annuelle 2015 2015 Annual Report

Annual General Meeting
May 25, 6:00 - 8:30 pm
Fieldhouse
Jules Morin Park

Assemblée Générale
Annuelle
le 25 mai, 18h00-20h30
Pavillon
du parc Jules-Morin



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Annual General Meeting Lowertown Community Association

L'Association communautaire de la Basse-Ville Assemblée générale annuelle

**25 May 2015 25 Mai 2015
Jules Morin Park, 6-8:30 Pm
Parc Jules-Morin, 18-20H30**

Agenda / Ordre Du Jour

1. Call to order and welcome (President)
Appel à l'ordre et mot de bienvenue (Président)
Introduction of the Chair, Archie Campbell (John Chenier)
2. Confirmation of Quorum
Confirmation du quorum (Chair)
3. Adoption of Agenda
Approbation de l'ordre du jour (Chair)
4. Adoption of 2014 Annual General Meeting
Minutes
Approbation de les notes de la
Assemblée générale annuelle 2014 (Chair)
5. Treasurer's Report
Rapport du trésorier (Ted Lawrence)
6. Committee Reports
Rapports des comités (Chair)
7. Election of the Board of Directors
Élection du Conseil d'administration (Chair)
8. Other Business / Autres sujets (Chair)
9. Announcement of Election Results
Résultats des élections (Chair)
10. Adjournment / Ajournement

Welcome Lowertown neighbours

It's been a wonderful year, albeit a short one as we are moving our AGM to coincide with our fiscal year. But the shorter time frame, six months, seems to shine a light on just how much Lowertown volunteers accomplish! All this and just six months!

Since our last AGM, which came on the heels of our municipal election, it's been inspiring to see how much activity passionate Lowertown residents engaged in-from protecting heritage spaces, a new website, with T-shirts, and regularly publishing The Echo and e news, to organizing presentations and sharing input on new proposed developments with residents, our Councillor and City staff, to starting community gardens and protecting our trees to conducting walkability audits and engaging fully in ByWard Market revitalization plans.

We started to work more comprehensively with our neighbours by beginning a Ward Council, with Action Sandy Hill & Vanier Community Association, meeting quarterly together with Councillor Fleury to share information and issues and work more effectively together. We participated actively in the FCA (JOHN ADD-Federation of Citizen Associations) and Community Association Forum on Environmental Sustainability (CAFES).

Volunteers ensured a long rink season, and did so much more. Thanks to each and every one of you who contributed. If you have not yet done so, please join us – if you want to make your community a better place there is a place for you with us, regardless of your passion – better streets, better transit, better developments, better parks, a better Market, we'd love to work with you.

We look forward to doing so in the coming year.

Thank you

Liz Bernstein

Minutes: 2014 Annual General Meeting



Lowertown Community Association & King Edward Avenue Task Force L'Association communautaire de la Basse-Ville et Groupe de travail de l'avenue King Edward

Annual General Meeting / Assemblée générale annuelle

MEETING NOTES / NOTES DE RÉUNION
10 NOVEMBER 2014 / 10 NOVEMBRE 2014
ROUTHIER COMMUNITY CENTRE, 7-9 PM
CENTRE COMMUNAUTAIRE ROUTHIER, 19-21h

Board members present: Liz Bernstein (Acting President), Ted Lawrence (Treasurer), Sarah Bonesteel (Secretary), Liz Mackenzie (Director, Heritage), John Chenier (Director, Community Liaison), Sylvie Grenier (Director, Planning), Steve Monuk (Director, Business Liaison)

Total community members present: 42

- 1. Welcome Remarks / Mots de bienvenue (Liz Bernstein)**
 - Welcome and round table introductions.
 - The Lowertown Community Association (LCA) is changing the timing of Annual General Meetings (AGM) to better align with our fiscal year, which is the calendar year. Future AGMs will be held in May. The board of directors elected tonight will hold a six month term until May 2015.
- 2. Approval of Agenda and notes from last meeting / Approbation de l'ordre du jour et notes de la dernière réunion (Liz Bernstein) Notes from the LCA 2013 AGM were approved. Moved by Michelle, seconded by Gilles.**
- 3. LCA Acting President's Report / Rapport de la présidente intérimaire (Liz Bernstein)**
 - See Annex A for report
 - Two reports provided orally during meeting:

Safety and Security (Norman Moyer)

- To better understand trends in safety and security issues, the LCA is working with the Ottawa Police Services to try to obtain ten years of crime data for Lowertown. Will report back on data analysis.
- A 2015 focus will be working on issues identified in the LCA's 2014 safety and security survey, such as people not feeling secure outside after dark.

Heritage (Liz Mackenzie)

- See Annex B for report

Homelessness and Housing (Liz Bernstein):

• This committee has been very engaged with the Councillor's office and the municipal roundtable. The LCA is seeking more volunteers for this committee. Please e-mail info@lower-town-basseville.ca to express interest.

4. **King Edward Avenue Task Force Report**
Rapport du Groupe de travail de l'avenue King Edward (Michel Vallée)
 - See Annex C for report
5. **Updates from elected representatives / Mise à jour des représentants élus (Nathaniel Mullin on behalf of Mathieu Fleury, Councillor, Rideau-Vanier Ward; The Honourable Mauril Bélanger, Member of Parliament, Ottawa-Vanier; The Honourable Madeleine Meilleur, Member of Provincial Parliament, Ottawa Vanier)**

The Honourable Madeleine Meilleur:

• **Ottawa River Action Plan (ORAP):** Government of Ontario announced contribution with City of Ottawa on July 25. Waiting for federal announcement.

• **King Edward Avenue Tunnel Feasibility Study:** Study lead by City but Province funding 50%. Contract awarded and work is underway. Study will take about one year and then environmental assessment will begin. That stage will include community consultation.

• **Transit Funding:** Province is providing \$600M for Light Rail Transit (LRT) Phase I. Confident that Phase II money will be available. Premier Wynne, Mayor Watson met on issue and Premier supports public transit.

• **Pedestrian safety in roundabouts:** Bill 31 reintroduced and confident it will pass before Christmas. Will increase pedestrian and cyclist safety. Rule of Highway Traffic Act applies in roundabout and pedestrians have right of way but with Bill, car will have to wait until pedestrian has reached other side before they proceed (not go after pedestrian is halfway across).

• **Climate Change:** Premier appointed Minister Murray to issue and will develop strategy to reduce climate change over next 30 years. Will be consultation. Province is on-track to beat target for greenhouse gas reduction, particularly through reduction in use of coal.

• **Homelessness:** Launching second phase of strategy to reduce poverty with emphasis on homelessness (affordable and supportive housing). Provided Ottawa \$23M for 2014-15 for initiative. 1,100 are homeless and sleeping in shelters on average day in Ottawa. Also providing \$95.7M to legal aid to help people access legal clinics, including for issues related to housing and homelessness.

• **ON Cycling Strategy:** Goal is to expand cycling in province and improve cycling safety. Identifying province-wide network of cycling routes and \$26M initiative for three years to support cycling infrastructure. Highways will have safe cycling lanes (not 400-series) to increase tourism. Will develop 20-year plan for making cycling viable transportation mode.

The Honourable Mauril Bélanger:

• Next coffee Saturday is January 31, 9-11am at Routhier Community Centre gym.

• **ORAP:** Committed to issue but can't speak on behalf of government.

• **LRT:** Supports issue and believes infrastructure is a key concern.

• **Climate Change:** Believes we need a price on carbon. Quebec and British Columbia have done it, and many companies support it (including oil companies).

• **Energy East Pipeline across Ottawa River:** Wants to see oil refined before transport but pipeline is better than rail for transport.

• **Housing and Homelessness:** Has supported issue through work with housing co-ops and on a special committee, which had the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Commission change their rules to allow co-ops to renew their mortgages without having to pay all interest upfront.

- **Addiction and mental health:** Involved in STEP program through United Way. Promoted gala on March 4 at new Nordstrom store. Proceeds go to Ottawa Cancer Foundation and STEP. STEP is a two- part program: province pays operational costs for residential centres for addicted teens, and prevention program has been added to every high school in City. Of 1,500 students targeted for risk of drop-out related to drugs, 75% have improved their marks and reduced/eliminated their drug dependency. Now looking to expand the program to younger grades.

- **2017 Commitments:** Talked to organizations and is aware National Art Gallery and National Capital Commission have projects planned.

- **Official Bilingualism for Ottawa:** Supports it but decision must come from City Council. If it is approved, believes that federal government should help financially.

- **Anniversary of Canadian Flag:** Feb 15 is 50th anniversary.

Questions:

- Does Mr. Bélanger supports the LCA proposal to develop an illumination and signage plan for the Byward Market that reflects the heritage character, and if so, how he could help us move the proposal forward? Stated that he does support the proposal and suggested that the NCC should be approached.

- King Edward Avenue tunnel cost would be very expensive. Would a Liberal government support tunnel? Stated that yes, Liberal government would likely provide support in the range of 30-50% but that the costs would need to fit into overall program. Wants trucks out of core. Waiting to see from study if tunnel is technically feasible.

Mathieu Fleury: Nathaniel read a letter (Annex D) from Councillor Fleury.

6. **Update from the Ottawa Police Service / Mise à jour du Service de police d'Ottawa (Acting Sergeant Walter Duhme)**

Walter Duhme is the new Community Police Centre contact responsible for Lowertown. Crime statistics for Lowertown were provided for January –November 2013, January-November 2014.

Nineteen people have been identified and charged for these crimes. Drug-related complaints are down by 42%. Residential break and enters are also down by 38%. Swarming has seen an 11% reduction. Aggressive panhandling is down by 68%.

Commercial break and enters have increased by 167% (15 – 40). Theft from vehicles has also increased. Officers are proactively creating owner-awareness of this crime and educating people about not leaving valuables visible. Mischief has seen a 3% increase in calls and is a priority for the Ottawa Police Service (OPS) in Ward 12. Number of complaints related to drunkenness is consistent.

This was the second year for the OPS Lowertown Foot Patrol. In 2013, the Foot Patrol ran from May 15 – Sept 15. In 2014, the Foot Patrol ran for July and August. This program is operated as a partnership between OPS, City of Ottawa Bylaw and OC Transpo. During July, the Foot Patrol officers laid over 500 charges. They also located missing persons and stopped people on warrants. The amount of time for the Foot Patrol was reduced this year because the program was staffed by officers who teach from September to June and were reassigned during the summer.

Resident reported concern about increased rowdiness and drunkenness in the Byward Market on weekend evenings, particularly in the two hours just after bars and nightclubs close. Concerned that residents are expected to call Bylaw Services to report incidents (rather than OPS), and that response time is slow and not effective.

Resident reported concern about people trolling streets from midnight to dawn in residents' yards. Walter noted that trespassing is a criminal offence and will be investigated if called in. Reports should be made through 911 because crime is in progress. Residents provided positive feedback for effectiveness of the Foot Patrol.

7. Update from the Routhier Community Centre / Mise à jour du Centre communautaire Routhier (Stephanie Clarke on behalf of Louise May-er,)

Range of programs available at the Routhier Community Centre was described, including dance, sports, fitness, cooking, and holistic wellness.

Meeting space is available for rent at the Routhier.

The Routhier staff is currently planning spring/summer 2015 programming. Send ideas to Stephanie.clarke@ottawa.ca.

8. Treasurer's Report / Rapport du trésorier (Ted Lawrence)

Financial reports for 2013 (Annex E) were approved. Moved by Michelle and seconded by Merle.

Projection for 2014 spending is similar to what was spent 2013. End of year bank balance is forecasted to be approximately \$23,000.

Communications (Echo, website, etc) is an area where the board has committed to spend some of the surplus. A communications strategy is under development/discussion.

9. Resolutions / Résolutions

- No resolutions brought forward.

10. Election of the Board of Directors / Élection du Conseil d'administration (Robert Tritt)

Reminded all that nominations can be made from the floor for any position and that all positions are for six month terms (next AGM will be in May 2015).

Election results:

- President: Liz Bernstein (acclaimed)
- Vice President: Jan-François Grabowiecki (acclaimed)
- Secretary: Sarah Bonesteel (acclaimed)
- Treasurer: Ted Lawrence (acclaimed)
- Director, Planning: Sylvie Grenier (acclaimed)
- Director, Community Liaison: John Chenier (acclaimed)
- Director, Heritage: Liz Mackenzie (acclaimed)
- Director, Business Liaison: Two nominations were made for the

position (Donna Kearns and Steve Monuk (incumbent)). Each candidate was provided with one minute to present themselves to residents. Vote was by ballot. Donna Kearns was elected.

The LCA Constitution allows for a ninth board member that is non-elected. Those present discussed whether to use this position to elect a Director-at-Large or whether to hold the position for a Director, Membership and Volunteers (should someone express interest in this position in future). Decision made by show of hands to hold the position available for future appointment of a Director, Membership and Volunteers.

Meeting adjourned 9:20pm

NOVEMBER 10, 2014

General Highlights:

The President stepped down in March to run as a candidate in the election race as you know, and I stepped in as Acting President. Other changes included Vera Etches stepping down and Amber Clark stepping in to help with volunteers and membership. The Board agreed this year to shift the timing of our AGMs to better align with our fiscal year, which is the calendar year, January-December. As such, this will be our last AGM in November. We

will have another one in May 2015, thereby switching our cycle to annual May AGMs. Our monthly meetings will remain the same, the second Monday of the month.

Report from the Secretary and the Board:

In 2013/2014, the LCA held ten monthly meetings. Meetings featured presentations from LCA committees/liasons in areas such as planning, heritage, environment, communications, safety and homelessness. Others from the community who provided regular updates included Councillor Mathieu Fleury's office, Ottawa Police Services, Byward Market BIA, and the Lowertown East Community Resource Centre. The LCA also hosted a variety of presentations on topics relevant to Lowertown residents, such as planning and development, environmental issues, and crime and safety. Average meeting attendance was approximately 30 people.

The board also held several board meetings prior to the monthly meetings, a few special meetings on specific topics, and held one retreat in April. Board members also held regular meetings with Councillor Fleury's office and met with various City staff members and other stakeholders on topics of interest.

In 2014/2015, the secretary's priority will be to ensure the LCA is compliant with the new proposed Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, which includes reviewing the Constitution and creating By-Laws.

Partnership and Highlights:

- Meetings held with Councillor Fleury, MP Madeleine Meilleur and MPP Mauril Bélanger
- City of Ottawa, planning staff and others
- Lowertown Community Resource Centre, Sandy Hill Community
- Health Centre and Vanier Community Health Centre
- Byward Market BIA
- Ottawa Council on Aging
- Citizens for Safe Cycling, Walk Ottawa
- Ecology Ottawa
- Vanier Community Association and Vanier Velo
- Action Sandy Hill
- UoFO Centre de recherche en civilisation canadienne-française (CRCCF)
- Carleton University
- Ottawa Jewish Historical Society
- Met many other organizations, and attended meetings and conferences

Communications (Michelle Ramsay-Borg)

• Produced 11 monthly editions and four special editions of the email newsletter over 12 months. The distribution list for the enews continues to be 630 subscribers. The open rate hovers between 35 and 40%, so about 250 people are reading the enews every month. (Michelle Ramsay-Borg)

• **Echo** Under the stewardship of the founding members, two issues were produced in tabloid sized newsprint to replace the 8x 10 copies of the past. In September, a new management team decided to move from a quarterly Echo publication to a bi-monthly newspaper, in an attempt to make the news more current.

• **Advertising revenues** more than tripled, and are continuing to grow through a concentrated sales effort. Five issues were published in 2014, with distribution in the range of 4,000 per issue. The September issue had broader distribution, as the Echo team tried out Canada Post services to reach high-rises, but was not repeated for the November

issue. The Echo team is engaged in a strategic review and planning to determine its future format and delivery. (Giulia Nastase and Merle Reid)

- **Our Facebook page**, launched in November 2012, now has 390 followers, a three-fold increase from this time last year. The average weekly reach of our posts is 2,000 to 3,000 people, according to statistics compiled by Facebook. (Michelle Ramsay-Borg)

- In March 2014, we opened a **Twitter** account, which now has 440 followers. Three members of the board collectively posted almost 1000 tweets since March. (Michelle Ramsay-Borg)

- In March, we also opened a **Flickr** account to which we are posting original photos of Lowertown that appear on the Facebook page, and heritage photos. (Michelle Ramsay-Borg)

- **The LCA website**, which had been shut down by our previous provider, was updated and brought back online in April, thanks to the efforts of Sarah Bonesteel. A project to build a new website on the Wordpress platform was brought to a halt when we lost all the volunteers on the team due to work transfers. We produced a template before the hold, and plan to revive the project over the next few months. (Michelle Ramsay-Borg)

- **The LCA brand** is being redesigned by a large brand communications firm. Design concepts will be presented later this month. (Michelle Ramsay-Borg)

- Looking ahead: First order of business of the new board is a special meeting devoted to the Echo and website and chart a path forward based on excellent work and advice of the volunteers. Let us know if you wish to volunteer and we'll update you next month.

- **Media:** We issued several press releases this year, garnering coverage in local media in both English and French on issues such as walkability (A frames in the Market; pedestrian priority at Union St), safety and security after incidents in the Market; heritage issues (Our Lady School; Dworkin furs building), celebration of Macdonald Gardens, development (trailer park on St Andrew) and all candidates debates. Our debate on transportation garnered 5-6 media stories in English/French radio, TV, print.

- **Political events:** We organized an all candidates debate for the provincial election, and two for the municipal election. All were well attended and shared on social media.

Environment (Liz Bernstein)

We have been involved in a number of environment and active transportation issues this year, and had more volunteers although we have worked together on events & not formally constituted a committee.

- **Air Quality and Climate Change Plan update:** Successfully encouraged follow up from Greenhouse Gas Roundtable in 2013; resulted in release of Climate Change Plan in 2014: this year will participate in implementation and inclusion in budgeting priorities

- **Rivers:** Continued support for funding Ottawa River Action Plan, City pledged support and Province pledged support at last this year, \$65 million for their share and we look forward to hearing more from Mme Meilleur. We will continue to press the federal government to fund. We've seen some implementation of Phase I here in our community, on Sussex etc.

- We participated in the **Water Roundtable** in June for the development of the Water Environment Strategy Phase 2 to best protect and enhance our water resources (Feliks Weld)

- Gather/share information for residents of risks associated with potential spill of proposed **Energy East tarsands** pipeline across Rideau River

- Tree canopy & gardens:

Last year planted tree in Bingham Park to symbolically launch Tree Ottawa and now that they have fully launched with support from the City and individual funders we have indicated we'd like to be involved in the next phase of protecting, planting and celebrating trees in Lowertown, and perhaps identify old trees for the 2017 anniversary. We will continue to support John Woodhouse re community gardens, and offer additional nut tree and edible

tree walkabouts next year.

- **Active Transportation and Complete Streets:** Last year at this time, advocated for inclusion of Complete Streets Policy in the Master Transportation Plan, participated in numerous events with Ecology Ottawa and CAs across the City.

- Followed up on **Walkability Audit** held in summer 2013 with a winter walkability audit with Councillor's office, Ecology Ottawa, Ottawa Council on Aging

- Worked on ensuring cycling infrastructure during repaving of St Patrick St

- Organized a municipal election debate on Transportation issues together with 8 partner organizations.

Priorities for the coming months: Implementation of the Walkability Audits, implementation of the revitalization of ByWard Market as it relates to active transportation and the second phase of St Patrick, implementation of the Complete Streets Policy as a priority of new Council, with funding commitments. Getting rid of A-frames in the Market. Engage in Water Environment Strategy Phase2 and in Tree Ottawa plantings in spring. Actively participate in new Celebrating Lowertown, committee to identify legacy projects and /or undertakings for Lowertown in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of Canada.

Planning Committee (Sylvie Grenier, Chair)

The role of the Planning Committee is to respond proactively to planning and zoning issues affecting Lowertown and to coordinate the community's position on development proposals and planning studies or initiatives affecting the community.

Through the Planning Committee, the LCA provided comments on a number of large development applications such as 151-153 Rideau, 541-545 Rideau and 151-153 Chapel. The LCA provided comments on smaller projects such as the demolition/reconstruction of 7 Clarence and the design of the LRT Station at William and Rideau. Comments were provided on area studies such as the Rideau Arts Court Area Plan and Public Realm Plan and the rezoning of the north end of Dalhousie. Members of the Planning Committee represent the LCA on planning studies such as the current review of the Uptown Rideau Community Design Plan and the revitalization of the ByWard Market. The Planning Committee often meets with development proponents who share their plans. Also, the Planning Committee has arranged for several presentations on important issues at the monthly LCA meetings to inform the community and provide the opportunity for input.

The priorities for the next few months include:

- Lobby for the review of the two secondary plans for Lowertown West as a Council priority

- Ask for the review of the two Heritage Conservation Districts (HCD) in Lowertown and their guidelines so that they meet all the statutory requirements for HCD Plans under the Ontario Heritage Act 2005

- Ask Council to request amendments to the Ontario Liquor License Act to use density of licenced seats in an area to limit the number of new licenced seats

- Ensure follow-up on implementation of PPS recommendations on PPS report and push for the implementation of separation distances between bars
Develop and implement an illumination plan as well as a signage plan for the ByWard Market Heritage Conservation District (continue to oppose digital sign-age in the Heritage Conservation Districts)

Continue to defend a better environment for pedestrians e.g. ban on sandwich boards and other obstacles such as patios and street signs

If you want to get involved with the Planning Committee, please put down you name on the sheet labelled Planning Committee.

Parks & Recreation (Mike Kirkpatrick) and Events (Amber Clark)

- **Basketball court** is built after many years of persistence by Michael Kirkpatrick (congrats and thank you!) and is being used by lots of people! It's a big win for our community and for the youth and sport enthusiasts of Lowertown. Huge thank you goes out to our Councilor for listening to the voices of the residents and making this happen!

- **Bingham Park:** The revitalization of the park continued with help from so many people! We held a re-opening on June 8, and a film screening in the park August 15. An artist project was initiated and completed and a mural is up at Bingham Park and is looking great! Thank you to Crime prevention Ottawa for giving us the grant and the youth from youth services bureau and the artists from Ottawa urban arts for making the mural happen. Feedback on the mural has been very positive!

- **The piece of art** that we are getting from the city's public art program will be installed in the spring of 2015. It will be an amazing fence/entrance to the park along Dalhousie. Thanks to the city and our Councillor for making this happen!

- **Gardens** And with the leadership of Sarah Bonesteel, the LCA created two new gardens in Bingham Park, thanks to the efforts of many: Royal Bank of Canada Blue Water Fund for \$1,000 grant, Chance Foundation for initiating the first garden clean up, residents who donated perennials, Ritchie Feed and Seed for giving us discounts on everything we purchased, and LCA Board Director Amber Clarke for coordinating volunteers through a new partnership with the University of Ottawa's Centre for Global Outreach.

- With the Lowertown Community Resource Centre, who did much of the heavy lifting, we co-hosted the Lowertown Winterfest and two movie nights under the stars. (Amber Clark)

- **Ice rink management (Shay Purdy & Jordan Sinclair)**

Continues to be primary source of funding. Thanks to the work of a lot of volunteers

- **We also held a 100th anniversary celebration in Macdonald Gardens Park** August 13 where about 100 people came out to celebrate with us. Thanks to Nancy Chenier and Liz Mackenzie !

Next year: In the spring of 2015 we hope to have a summer festival to introduce/ celebrate the new piece of art/fence and the mural in our park. Volunteers are needed!

Thank all of the board members, Michael and Amber who are stepping down, and all of the liaisons and all of the volunteers, all of you, for a great year.

ANNEX B Heritage Committee

Committee is Co-chaired by Nancy Miller-Chenier and Liz MacKenzie

- **Ongoing Efforts with City related to incomplete Lowertown East inventory**

Recommended by Council in August 2011; community moving forward with designation requests related to endangered buildings due to rezoning and development. This was part of an OMB hearing related to the lifting of the Heritage Overlay on King Edward Avenue undertaken by Ted Lawrence, Liz MacKenzie and Nancy Miller Chenier. There may be some direction in the OMB decision.

• **OMB Appeal**

Three zoning bylaws related to the King Edward Avenue Traditional Main Street Zoning were appealed to the OMB: the height of the new hotel at Murray/St Patrick and King Edward Avenue (dismissed), the lifting of the Heritage Overlay on brick buildings at King Edward and Clarence, and the zoning as it relates to the Lowertown Heritage Conservation District – requesting that it be delayed until the Heritage Conservation District has been officially adopted by City Council (awaiting decision). The committee provides support to those wishing to appeal decisions to the OMB which impact heritage properties.

• **Ongoing Work with Mayor and Council:** follow up on Lowertown East inventory; request for adoption of Byward Market and Lowertown West HCDs

• **Heritage Services:** designation requests, emails, meetings

• **Built Heritage Subcommittee:** briefs and presentations

• **Heritage Tour:** The city initiated a half-day heritage tour for staff and Built Heritage Subcommittee to Lowertown, New Edinburgh, Rockcliffe and Sandy Hill and Liz did a 35 minute whirlwind tour of parts of Lowertown

• **Planning Committee:** briefs and presentations

• **Canada Summer Jobs Students 2014:** For the second year we were successful in receiving a grant for the Canada Summer Jobs program. The study area this year was Macdonald Gardens Park. Two Carleton students - Francesca Taucer and Chloe Weiyei Pei - did valuable research on houses and lands around Macdonald Gardens, prepared oral histories with residents and presented their work in posters. Their posters are on display in the hall. We are grateful for continuing collaboration with Susan Ross, Carleton University Canadian Studies on Macdonald Gardens research (website for feedback from residents).

• **100th anniversary of Macdonald Gardens:** This event was a commemoration of 100 years since Frederick Todd designed a park on the site of four early Bytown cemeteries. It was celebrated with games, displays, a piper, a Chinese heritage orchestra, and cake. Our summer students on the Canada Summer Jobs 2014 were instrumental in organizing this event. Special thanks to Akuol Luala, Lowertown resident who was hired on contract to organize the games.

• **Building update**

Losses – Dworkin Building at 256 Rideau Street,

Champagne House 207-209 Murray Street,

all but two walls on Our Lady's School, Cumberland Street

Threatened – 265-291 King Edward Avenue

Retained - continued oversight on relocated houses on Sussex

• **Ongoing Community Outreach**

Collaboration with Susan Ross, Carleton University on Macdonald Gardens research (website for feedback from residents)

Echo and enews articles

Work with residents interested in individual designations

Walking tours – Nancy Miller-Chenier and Marc Aubin re Bordeleau Park and LT East for Heritage Ottawa

Support for Ottawa Jewish Historical Society on potential LT East district

• **Recent Correspondence for Designation Requests**

November 7th letter from Sally Coutts, Coordinator, Heritage Services with annotations/comments on the list of designation requests (Part IV and Part V) made by LCA Heritage since 2011.

For the most part, institutional buildings (Ste Anne Rectory, York Street School, King Edward Synagogue, King Edward Hydro Station, Andrew Fleck Child Care, French Baptist Church are being considered). Few residential buildings are considered worthy of further research.

City will not proceed with research related to designation of any building Category 3, 4, or Listed “unless further research is revealed that would indicate that designation is warranted” The letter and its implications will be discussed at the next meeting of the Heritage Committee, November 18, 2014, 332 Cathcart Street, 7:00 pm

ANNEX C King Edward Avenue Task Force Annual Report Rapport annuel du Groupe de travail de l'avenue King Edward

The Task Force is co-chaired by Nathaniel Davis and Michel Vallée.

Nathan has been the one who has been the most involved this last year; however, he was not able to make it tonight so I will provide as much of the information as I can/ Je vais fournir autant de précision que possible sur les différents sujets

We have voiced our intention to participate in the present Tunnel Pre-Study if we get the opportunity to do so. However, so far, it remains a bit of a mystery. I am not sure if the actual work has started./ Peut-être que notre conseiller pourra nous informer sur le statut de l'étude.

In the last twelve months, the Task Force has focus the majority of it's energy on traffic calming efforts and on beautification of the Boulevard/ l'emphase a surtout été sur des efforts pour réduire la circulation et la vitesse de circulation du boulevard ainsi que sur des mesures pour améliorer le panoramique paysagiste.

For example, there has been several meetings and a number of e-mail correspondence our counsellor, his staff and city traffic personnel related to a series of suggestions to alleviate the traffic and ameliorate the safety of pedestrians and cyclists such:

- **Traffic Calming and safety:** We have tried to lobby City traffic staff on the possible installation of sharrows which is short-form for "shared lane bicycle marking". This pavement marking includes a bicycle symbol and two white chevrons and is used to remind motorists that bicyclists are permitted to use the full lane.

We have worked and will continue to work on the installation of proper bike lanes. People are now using their bikes on the KEA sidewalks and putting pedestrians in danger. We will need to resolve this before someone gets seriously hurt.

We lobbied for a new bulb-out pilot project. It was felt that the informal assessment made by the City's traffic staff of the initial experience was not sufficiently scientific nor objective. I have to admit I am not aware of where we are at on this one at this time

We are still trying to convince the City to eliminate the bus lane or least shortening of the southern bus lane by at least 80 meters in the short term. We are told we will have to wait until the Light Rail Line is completed.

We tried without success to get City traffic staff to reduce waiting times during the day for the pedestrian light on St. Andrew and KEA (during the day: 11s to 111/138s and at night after 10:00 PM : 11s to 38s)

We wanted the City to install bollards at some corners (e.g., Waller/KEA and Rideau to force truck drivers to be cognizant of safe cornering, else they damage they're trucks. City staff appeared more concerned about the potential damages that might be cause to the trucks while we were more concerned about the safety of pedestrians/ une forme de barrières protectrices aux coins de rue

• Beautification of the Boulevard

Beautification efforts such as review of planters and their maintenance. Last summer, 16 trees were taken out of their planters at the entrance of KEA and the Bridge. We want them to be planted back but in the median not the planters.

After several requests, the City finally cut the Wild plants and grants garden from St Patrick to York

At this time, priorities for the next year, will focus mainly on traffic calming measures. We intend to make a strong public push to begin look at other options to reduce the number of large trucks from the Boulevard even while the ``study`` is being done. There is no reason to wait another 10 years before the City and the provincial government agree to do something specific.

We also intend to bring back the idea of a cross-walk light at Cathcart and KEA.

We need to continue the push for more general traffic calming measures including a second red light camera for the south-west side of KEA. We need to resolve the bike lane and circulation issues. We need to convince our councilor to be more assertive with City traffic personnel and encourage them to be more open and collaborative with community residents on pedestrian and cyclist safety.

We also believe that we need to reduce the pan-handling that is occurring on the corners of St-Patrick/KEA and Murray/KEA, as well as deal with the disarray in front of the Shepherds of Good Hope detox residence on KEA/Murray

We are very open and interested in getting your views on future priorities. /Nous sommes très ouvert à vos suggestions

Also, if you are concerned about the traffic situation (volume, type, speed, etc.) along KEA I encourage you to write to our ward councilor/ N'hésitez pas d'écrire à votre conseiller de quartier si vous êtes préoccupé par la nature et le volume de circulation sur l'avenue et surtout en ce qui concerne la vitesse.

Please contact Nathan Davis (number1canadian@hotmail.com) or myself (michelvallee@rogers.com) or go to our website: kingedwardavenue.com

Thank you/ Merci



November 10th, 2014

Dear residents,

On behalf of Team Fleury, I would like to take this opportunity to send best wishes to the Lowertown Community Association and residents in the year to come. I apologize for not being able to attend the Lowertown Community Association Annual General Meeting this year.

Over the last four years, we have worked alongside the Lowertown Community Association and residents to see great progress in our community. This progress includes local projects such as the renewal of Rideau Street, Sussex Drive, and St. Patrick Street, the multi-use pathway planned for St.

Patrick Street, the Union Street basketball court, and the East-West bikeway and Cumberland Street contra flow bike lane.

We look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with you in the four years to come to build on this success. As the City prepares for the 2014-2018 Term of Council, we would like to outline a few of our priorities in Lowertown for the next four years.

First, we look forward to the full revitalization of the ByWard Market to make this public space inviting and central to our community in time for Canada's 150th anniversary in 2017. In addition to implementing a new governance structure, we look forward to working towards welcoming pedestrian spaces with expanded market stalls and continued support for a diverse business mix.

Second, we look forward to the full implementation of the Housing and Homelessness Plan to ensure that everyone has the housing and support that they need to be successful. We have already seen a significant number of residents moved into permanent and supportive housing. We are working to assure that emergency shelters return to their original purpose – to provide short term shelter of 90 days or less.

Third, we look forward to the formalization of the Complete Streets guidelines. It is important that going forward our street renewal projects provide all users with dedicated facilities to allow for better, safer and more enjoyable movement throughout our community and city.

Finally we look forward to the positive result of the downtown truck tunnel feasibility study and the start of the design, funding and construction of the tunnel. This will take a lot of work, but we are confident that given the support of Council and the Province, that this goal is attainable. We look forward to the day when we can enjoy King Edward Avenue and our downtown streets with ease.

We are always available to support and collaborate with the residents in community building initiatives and bringing tangible solutions. By continuing to work together we can do many great things.

Regards,

Mathieu Fleury

ANNEX E

Statement of Operations

LOWER TOWN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

JAN2013 TO DEC2013

UNAUDITED

REVENUES:	2013	2012
INTEREST INCOME	125	73
ADVERTISING FOR ECHO	2,925	1,650
DONATIONS	1,000	833
GRANTS	10,516	
BINGHAM PARK FUNDING	13,633	
RINK CONTRACTS	5,250	3,150
TOTAL REVENUES:	\$ 33,449	\$ 5,706
EXPENSES:		
BANK CHARGES	59	62
BINGHAM PARK EXPENSES	15,133	
ECHO PRINTING	3,743	1,631
COMMUNICATIONS	15	15
CONSULTANTS		400
EVENT EXPENSES	503	648
INSURANCE	591	
MEETING COSTS	94	91
LOCAL TRAVEL	51	0
OFFICE SUPPLIES	2,166	23
PRINTING COSTS	49	
RESOURCES		581
RINK MAINTENANCE FEES	760	589
WAGES	5,505	0
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$ 28,668	\$ 4,039
REVENUES OVER EXPENSES:	\$ 4,781	\$ 1,667

LOWER TOWN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

DEC31ST 2013

UNAUDITED

ASSETS:		
CHEQUING ACCOUNT	20,856	
TOTAL ASSETS:		\$ 20,856
LIABILITIES & EQUITY:		
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & ACCRUALS	900	
DEFERRED REVENUES	1,050	
TOTAL LIABILITIES:		\$ 1,950
FUND BALANCE FORWARD	14,125	
CURRENT NET REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	4,781	
TOTAL EQUITY:		\$ 18,906

Reports

November 2014 – May 2015

Secretary's Report

Since the previous Annual General Meeting in November 2014, the LCA has held six monthly meetings.

Meetings featured presentations from LCA committees/liaisons in areas such as planning, heritage, environment, communications, and safety. Others from the community who provided regular updates included Councillor Mathieu Fleury's office, Ottawa Police Services and the Lowertown Community Resource Centre.

The LCA also hosted a variety of presentations on topics relevant to Lowertown residents, such as planning and development, environmental issues, and crime and safety. Average meeting attendance was approximately 18 people.

The board also held several board meetings prior to the monthly meetings, a few special meetings on specific topics, and held one retreat in April.

Board members also held regular meetings with Councillor Fleury's office and met with various City staff members and other stakeholders on topics of interest.

Sara Bonesteel, Secretary

Financial Statement

**LOWER TOWN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
JAN2014 TO DEC2014
UNAUDITED**

REVENUES:	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
INTEREST INCOME	0	125
ADVERTISING FOR ECHO	6,345	2,925
DONATIONS	2,125	1,000
GRANTS	5,684	10,516
BINGHAM PARK FUNDING	7,000	13,633
RINK CONTRACTS	5,250	5,250
TOTAL REVENUES:	<u>\$ 26,404</u>	<u>\$ 33,449</u>
EXPENSES:		
BANK CHARGES	72	59
BINGHAM PARK EXPENSES	7,000	15,133
ECHO PRINTING	4,081	3,743
COMMUNICATIONS		15
CONSULTANTS	1,000	
EVENT EXPENSES	2,445	503
INSURANCE	590	591
MEETING COSTS		94
LOCAL TRAVEL		51
OFFICE SUPPLIES	645	2,166
PRINTING COSTS	922	49
PROFESSIONAL FEES	500	
RINK MAINTENANCE FEES	945	760
WAGES	5,856	5,505
TOTAL EXPENSES:	<u>\$ 24,057</u>	<u>\$ 28,668</u>
REVENUES OVER EXPENSES:	<u>\$ 2,347</u>	<u>\$ 4,781</u>

**LOWER TOWN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
DEC31ST 2014
UNAUDITED**

ASSETS:		
CHEQUING ACCOUNT	23,633	
TOTAL ASSETS:		<u>\$ 23,633</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY:		
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & ACCRUALS	2,379	
DEFERRED REVENUES	0	
TOTAL LIABILITIES:		\$ 2,379
FUND BALANCE FORWARD	18,907	
CURRENT NET REVENUE OVER EXPENSE	2,347	
TOTAL EQUITY:		\$ 21,254
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY:		<u>\$ 23,633</u>

Ted Lawrence, Treasurer

Community Outreach

The primary role of the Director, Community Outreach, is to serve as the link between the Lowertown Community Association and the Federation of Citizens' Associations of Ottawa (FCA). The FCA is an "umbrella" group comprised of 40+ community, residents and other associations in Ottawa. It is often invited to serve as the sole representative of community interests in various consultations with the city.

It is the role of the Director, Community Outreach to represent the interests and express the views of the LCA at meetings of the FCA and also report back to the LCA on activities and concerns and decisions arising from FCA meetings.



The LCA, through its representative has given strong support to the effort to create ward councils throughout the city. With some encouragement and assistance from the FCA, several wards have created councils of community associations. Our own Ward 12 has established a council involving the presidents of Vanier, Action Sandy Hill and the LCA. This council meets with our councillor on a regular basis to consider issues common to all.

The LCA is also represented on the executive of the FCA and currently is the lead in the development of new ways for community associations and community newspapers to share information and experiences. In this coming year, it is hoped that many of these efforts will prove useful in building a more cohesive, effective network of community groups in the city and strengthening the voice of each community association.

John Chenier

Heritage

Heritage Designations (OHA Part IV and V)

City Council approved the designation of the former Ste Anne Rectory at 17 Myrand Avenue under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act. We continue to request designations - especially east of King Edward where there is no Heritage protection.

Macdonald Gardens and Heritage Conservation

Susan Ross, Professor in Carleton University Canadian Studies participated in a special meeting to talk about research on Macdonald Gardens and encourage future community engagement. <https://macdonaldgardens.wordpress.com/> Feedback is welcome

Victoria Ellis also completed a joint practicum related to Macdonald Gardens apartment buildings Supervised jointly by Susan Ross and LCA Heritage Committee.

Ontario Municipal Board Decision re King Edward Ave's Heritage Overlays

In November, the OMB ruled on the challenge to the rezoning of King Edward Avenue to Traditional Mainstreet with the removal of the heritage overlay at Clarence Street. The challenge was dismissed but the OMB chair noted multiple areas of "dissatisfaction" with the City and its heritage process. Full report Case No PL140212 is available at <https://www.omb.gov.on.ca/english/eDecisions/eDecisions.html>

Canada Summer Jobs Grant

For the third year, we will have two summer students. The focus will be on Dalhousie Street north of Murray.

Advocacy and Communication

Committee members provided regular articles for enews and Lowertown Echo . Community outreach included information sharing with ASH, discussions with the Byward Market BIA, participation with the Chinese Embassy staff in the development of a historical plaque about the building, meetings with Ottawa Community Housing about future possibilities for 171 Bruyere Street. and participation in activities organized by the Lowertown East Residents Committee.



Nancy Miller Chenier

Planning

The broad mandate of the Planning Committee is to respond proactively to planning and zoning issues affecting Lowertown and to coordinate the community's position on development proposals and planning studies or initiatives affecting the community.

The LCA through its Planning Committee participated in the Uptown Rideau Community Design Plan Review Working Group.

It also participated in the efforts to revitalize the ByWard market through its membership in the Market Core Team.

Committee members drafted comments for the executive on the city initiated zoning amendment on neighbourhood commercial establishments and the light rail station at William.

It reviewed and provided comments on a number of development applications such as 385 Sussex, 337 Cumberland, 560 Rideau, 151 Chapel and 7 Clarence. It represented the LCA at AGCO hearings.

It met with city staff and development proponents.

Members of the committee were active in the community consultation by the NCC for the replacement building at 7 Clarence, the former Memories restaurant.

It also scheduled presentations on development issues to inform residents at LCA monthly meetings.

The LCA Planning Committee meets the first Tuesday of every month except in July and August. It welcomes the participation of engaged residents.



Sylvie Grenier

Volunteer Coordinator

Congratulations to all of the volunteers who have been involved with Lowertown Community Association.

Over 1000 volunteer hours have been dedicated to our community. Here is a snap shot of what our volunteers have accomplished

- ECHO community paper development and delivery
- New branding launch of our logo
- Website revamp
- Heritages studies and designation
- Meetings with city committees and council

Details of committee work can be found in the committee chairs' comments in this report.

It is monumental what has been achieved over the last year.

Three of our key volunteers will be retiring from their positions this year: Michelle Ramsay-Borg, Communications Coordinator, Sylvie Grenier, Chair Planning Committee and Merle Reid, Echo Advertising Sales. Their contributions have been key to moving the organization forward and I thank them for all their hard work.

Lowertown Community Association will continue to grow to new heights under strong leadership. And, because of this, some very positive changes to this community are headed our way.

Governed by a volunteer board of directors and championed by volunteer members, The LCA is about team work, commitment and community involvement.

Above all, we want a healthy, strong, and vibrant community.



Nathalie V. Martin

Communications

- The new LCA brand – My Lowertown Ma BasseVille – was announced on March 1, 2015.
- The new LCA website, lowertown-basseville.ca, was also launched on March 1. It is averaging 50 unique visitors per day, who account for an average 400 page views per day—about eight pages per visitor.
- The Lowertown Echo team led a strategic review of the community newspaper in November to determine its future format and delivery. The three editions published since then included colour printing on four of twelve pages, which proved appealing to advertisers. Also, the Echo transitioned from a tenuous volunteer delivery system to contracted delivery. Both innovations were funded by healthy ad revenues.
- We produced seven monthly editions and two special editions of the email newsletter. The enews has 630 subscribers. The open rate is usually around 40%, representing 250 people.
- Our Facebook page reached a milestone in April, 500 followers, and our Twitter feed topped 650 followers.
- We continue to issue media releases on issues and events of concern to Lowertown residents. The pick-up rate by English/French radio, TV, and print is good. All our media coverage is listed, with links, on our website.
- Looking ahead: The greatest challenge facing the Communications team is the need for volunteers. The most immediate and critical need is for one or two people to sell and manage advertising for the Echo.
- The LCA extends a big thank-you to volunteer Merle Reid, who retired in April. Merle's breakthrough work with the Echo accounted for a five-fold growth in advertising sales during her stewardship



Michelle Ramsay-Borg

Friends of Bingham Park

Bingham Park, located between Sussex and Dalhousie, and Cathcart and Bolton, is named after former mayor of Ottawa Samuel Bingham (1897-1898,) whose family were longtime residents of Lowertown.

Share your ideas for the future of the Park or join Friends of Bingham Park by writing to **friendsofbinghampark@gmail.com**.

The tennis courts, playground, wading pool, hockey rink, and the open green space allow the park to be used throughout the year. This nurtures our sense of community and promotes communication and engagement.

The children's playground has benefited from a generous donor of toys for the sandbox. We would like to take this opportunity thank this anonymous friend of Bingham Park.

The hockey rink had a great year, thanks to perfect weather conditions for ice making and volunteers who were out in force flooding and clearing snow.

All in all, it was a banner year for Bingham Park.

Early this spring, the City park maintenance crew started the season off on a positive note by raking and cleaning the park. On May 31st, with support once again from Chance Foundation and Royal Bank, we will continue the good work with a garden event co-sponsored by LCA.

Please join us to help weed and prune the gardens, and make sure to bring any perennials that you would like to exchange with neighbours.

Date: Sunday, May 31

Time: 9 am to noon

What to bring: gardening gloves and tools

On a related note, the coming public art installation along Dalhousie by Cairn Cunnane will provide a much-needed visual enhancement to the streetscape.

Donna Kearns



Environment

Active Transportation: Winter Walkability Audit

- conducted a series of audits to assess the safety, comfort and convenience for pedestrians, cyclists and wheelchair users - prioritizing ByWard Market.

Climate change

- with 14 community associations letter sent to Mayor calling on the City to make climate change action an official city priority,
- co-hosted riding meeting in Vanier on climate change - 200 people and the representatives from all 3 levels of government in attendance

Our Rivers

- welcome news - Ontario government and Federal governments committed their share of the funding in April.

Trees and gardening

- hosted a presentation by Tree Ottawa - many residents expressed interest in protecting, planting and celebrating trees in Lowertown.
- trees in Cathcart Park effected by the emerald ash borer were removed: a planting ceremony will celebrate the replacement trees in the fall.
- in collaboration with the Lowertown Community Resource Centre, created Lower town West Garden Committee working towards establishing community gardens in Lower town west.



Energy East Pipeline

- continued to share information with residents on the proposed TransCanada Energy East oil pipeline through Ottawa and potential risks.

Community Associations Forum on Environmental Sustainability (CAFES)

With Hintonburg Community Association, co-organized a meeting of CAFES. Attended by reps of 15 downtown community associations and 3 levels of government. Chair of the City's Environment Committee discussed priorities. Sent letters to the Mayor on urban trees and climate change.

Liz Bernstein

Homelessness

A total of 106 new units are planned to house the chronically homeless. (None planned for Low-ertown.)The should provide some relief to the community and emergency shelters from the 5% of the homeless that take up a majority of costs to the shelters and emergency services.

There is no plan in place if a chronically homeless person refuses to accept being moved from the emergency shelter to an individual unit. Easy access to panhandling and drugs in the downtown core may make it relocation unattractive.

In future, shelters will be using a centralized intake and assessment system. Shelters will have a more coordinated approach to developing a plan of action for individuals.

Mike Bulthuis, Executive Director of the Alliance to End Homelessness Ottawa, made a presentation to the LCA members about the launch of Ottawa 20K Homes Campaign - *I am... Homeless, not Nameless*.



I am... Homeless, not Nameless seeks to encourage all of Ottawa to come together, maximizing our collective impact, broadening the base of support for housing and support services.

Shelter Stats

Number of people using emergency shelter at any point in 2012: 7253

Number of people using emergency shelter at any point in 2013: 6705

Average length of stay in 2012: 69 days

Average length of stay In 2013: 73 days

<http://endhomelessnessottawa.ca/annual-report-card-2013/2013-progress-report/>

Safety and Security

The LCA Safety and Security Committee focused on two key questions in the last six months: Is crime a problem in our community and is it getting better or worse?

The LCA safety and security committee embarked on two initiatives to answer these questions:

1. The Committee partnered with students from the university of Ottawa on a research project to gain a more granular understanding of crime in the Byward market. The results were summarized in an article in the April edition of the Lowertown Echo and datasets were developed which can be used by the LCA in the future. This project also helped inform the association's efforts to raise awareness and obtain better data on crime from the Ottawa police.
2. The Committee requested that the Ottawa Police Service provide data on criminal activity in Lowertown for the last ten years. We were advised to proceed through a Freedom of Information Request at the cost of \$2,400.

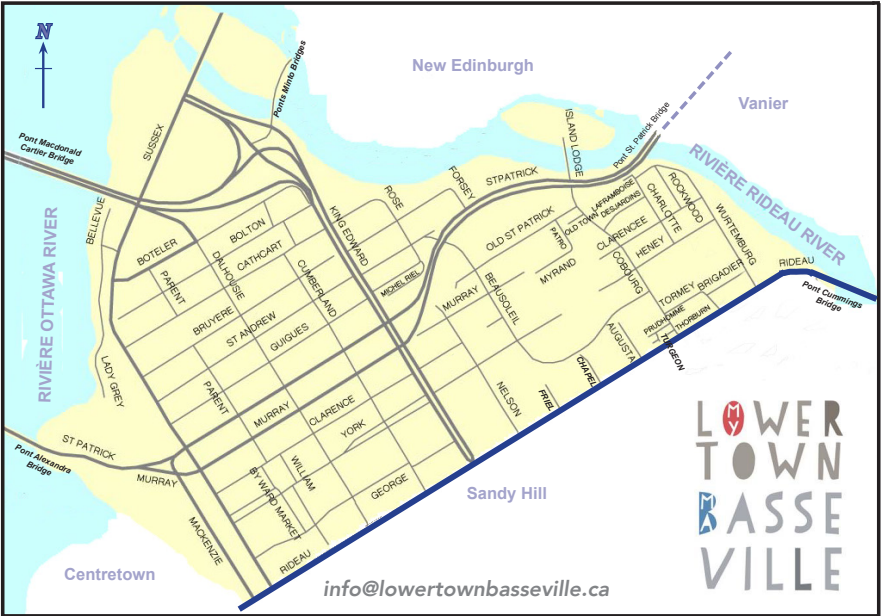
This was far beyond the means of the LCA and we were unsuccessful in getting the Byward Market Safety and Security Committee to share the cost. Councilor Fleury offered to try to see if the City could change its policy and make crime data available without charge to any community that wants it. At present we have been informed by the Ottawa Police Service that the data we need can now be provided at a much lower cost and we are reapplying for the data on that basis.

3. At the general LCA March meeting we had a presentation from Crime Prevention Ottawa about simple actions residents could take to reduce crime in our neighbourhoods.

Norman Moyer



Map of Lowertown



GET INVOLVED
with **YOUR**
Community
Association

- safety and security
- heritage
- city planning
- special events
- web development
- newspaper
- and much more..

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- patrimoine
- planification de la ville
- événements spéciaux
- développement du site web
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