

Kitchissippi WARD

Baybreeze Residents

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Updates

The "Baybreeze" list facilitates moderated conversation between neighbours in a small corner of a small corner near Hintonburg's eastern border. Topics of discussion are wide-ranging, including lost or found pets, items to borrow or share, recommended trades people, security, traffic, the artistic or charitable pursuits of individual neighbours, and much else. It also serves as a way of connecting neighbours interested in working together on various projects.

Recent discussions have touched on:

- Security issues related to the Vibe Lounge
- Traffic calming measures on Bayswater
- Reactivating Neighbourhood Watch in the area
- An upcoming Chamber Theatre of Hintonburg production at the Carleton Tavern

Champlain Park Community Association

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Updates

- Champlain Park Extension.
- Parking Issues and cut-through traffic: Tunney's Pasture employees.
- NCC SJAM Trail. Champlain Woods Tree Planting & Invasive Species Removal
- Urban Forest Management Plan: Tree By-law Enforcement.
- LRT Phase II: Need for early community engagement.
- Scott Street Complete Street to Churchill
- Social Activities: Winter Carnival (Jan 28, 12:00-15:00hrs)
- CPCA constitution and Governance: Review legislation and constitution
- Committee of Adjustment: Represent CA interests as appropriate
- Infill 1 and 2: Intensive involvement in by-law development. Monitoring compliance

Civic Hospital Neighbourhood Association

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Updates

- New Civic Campus – Impact on liveability, car traffic, green space, public engagement
- MTO Potential Closure of 417 EB On-Ramp – Carling at Westgate - Update
- Heart Institute Expansion- Additional Floor
- 115 Champagne- SoHo request car storage “temporary use” for Otto’s - COA vs Zoning Change
- 2017 Community Volunteer Award

Hampton Iona Community Group

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Updates

- Winter Skating Party – February 19th, 2-4 pm
- MTO Potential Closure of 417 East bound ramp at Carling at Westgate Mall
- On-street parking along Richmond Road/street parking for residents without parking
- Proposed seniors' residence by Loblaws
- Status of Ashcroft convent property
- Skating rink construction and new (old) trailer implementation

Hintonburg Community Association

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Island Park Community Association

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Updates

IPCA will be looking at pursuing Heritage conservation district status in the coming year.

McKellar Park Community Association

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Updates

MPCA has a number of areas we are working on in 2017.

- Getting incorporated
- Continue to be involved in plans for WLRT as it affects residents from Sherbourne to Rochester Field and support our neighbours with their concerns.
- Continue to express views regarding RR. Complete Street from Cleary to Golden to ensure it is safe for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists.
- Continue to express concerns regarding traffic speed and dangerous crossings on Sherbourne.
- Take an active role in Jeff's parks initiatives as well as actively engage with city on work that is proposed in 2018-2019 6. Try to engage more people in MPCA.

Mechanicsville Community Association

Get in touch: <http://www.mechanicsville.ca/> |

Updates

The Mechanicsville Community Association is excited to have Councillor Leiper's Ward Forum meeting in Mechanicsville. The MCA would like to extend its appreciation to Councillor Leiper and Fiona Mitchell-Gougeon for their support throughout 2016. MCA would also like to thank Somerset West Community Health Center (SWCHC), in particular, Crystal Gallant, Meagan Gordon and Christine Lafleche who continue to work hard for the residents of Mechanicsville and help MCA in its support of community issues. Mechanicsville is identified as a "Priority Neighborhood" under the City of Ottawa Community Development Framework and is thankful to the support of SWCHC.

New executive for MCA: Dino Testa, President, Chris Burke, Vice President, Lorrie Marlow, Secretary. Board Members: Aleisha Annusch, Keith Brown, Crystal Gallant, Holly Cartwright

In 2017, MCA continues to address the sensitive issues of Laroche Park and community center, appropriate development, traffic, access to SJAM and crime in our community. Initiatives include:

- the Online Police Reporting workshop for residents with Constable Neilly

- pursue the environmental cleanup and upgrades to Laroche Park and the Laroche Community Center with Councillor Leiper and City of Ottawa
- the Laroche Community Center is shared with SWCHC, the Laroche Sports Association and MCA and does not have the space nor meet our needs.
- pursue traffic calming with Councillor Leiper and City of Ottawa
- pursue snow-plowing on the sidewalk of Parkdale Avenue that leads to SJAM. Tunneys Pasture has snow-cleared parking for users of SJAM but no access.
- Pursue snow-plowing of the path on Slidell Avenue for access for Mechanicsville residents and employees of the Innovation Center so they can access SJAM. MCA is also pursuing construction of a sidewalk on Slidell for safe access to the Ottawa River.

Here are updates on Mechanicsville Community Association committees:

MCA Planning & Development Committee - Lorrie Marlow - Chair, Chris Burke - Secretary, Aleisha Arnusch, Anthony Bruni, Jessica Richards, Corey Moynahan

- This committee hit the ground running with the proposed John Howard Society at 55-59 Carruthers and its application for variances. It was already a contentious development as it is a city facility for the chronically homeless operated by JHS with no discussion prior to the land purchase. The community is already home to 2 community housing projects, a youth facility, a crisis shelter, low-income seniors home, several cooperative housing developments, numerous rooming houses and low-rent housing. A Letter of Intent was negotiated and prepared to address the neighbors' concerns on the variances. The JHS have been good to deal with however the contractor, PBC Group and its subcontractors have not been respectful of the neighborhood and the issues are outside the Letter of Intent. This has been a big learning curve for this committee.
- MCA provided a Letter of Support for the variances at 142 Carruthers, another multi-family infill after careful review and discussion with the architect, no construction yet.
- Laroche Park and Laroche Community Center - MCA is waiting for results of the environmental testing at Laroche Park undertaken in 2016. The Center needs significant rehabilitation or replacement. The Park needs infrastructure such as paths, benches, bathrooms, sun-shelter, seniors amenities, etc. so it can be enjoyed by all residents.
- Proposed condos on Parkdale Avenue – MCA did not support for food truck proposal, ongoing concerns with vandalism of existing dilapidated buildings left vacant by developers/owners of lands due to lagging condo sales since 2014.
- Ongoing meetings and discussion on proposed lane closures for development
- SJAM – MCA is very supportive of recreational winter use of the greenspace along the Ottawa River but serious concerns that there is no snow-plowed access on Parkdale Avenue and Slidell Avenue to SJAM. Lack of sidewalk on Slidell Avenue for summer access to the Ottawa River is also an issue.
- Ongoing consultation meetings and material review for: City Library, Rosemount Library, Scott Street/OC Transpo, LRT Bayview station, R4 zoning review for Rooming Houses, Coach Houses

MCA Security/Community Liaison: H. Cartwright - Chair, C. Burke - Secretary, C. Moynahan, C. Dixon, L. Marlow

- Residents of Mechanicsville continuous to express concerns with traffic. Due to congestion on Scott and Parkdale Avenues, traffic from Tunneys will race through Mechanicsville to find alternate exits. Speeding cars are a huge concerns for children waiting for buses, especially picking up children from the crisis shelter. Letter to Councillor Leiper on traffic calming in Mechanicsville. No formal response to date.
- Constable Neilly has advised that there are not many police reports for Mechanicsville. Residents must file reports and but do not have access to public computers in Mechanicsville and are not comfortable with online reporting. Constable Neilly will arrange an online police reporting workshop if MCA can find an appropriate facility and wifi. Laroche Community Center is not wheelchair accessible nor does it have wifi. A Letter has been sent to Innovation Center for use of room for City Police to provide training on online reporting in the new year.
- SWCHC and MCA joined forces with the Hintonburg Community Association and undertook a community petition to reduce speeds from 50 to 40.

- This committee continues to work with Constable Neilly with ongoing problem properties. Mechanicsville has many low-rent properties and many tenants have difficulties with mental health. An incident with one resident can trigger more problems with other residents. Constable Neilly continues to try and work with the landlords (if agreeable), tenants and their families and neighbors.
- Mechanicsville had one stabbing related to a domestic dispute and was extremely disturbing to its residents.
- Mechanicsville had one fire of a derelict house owned by the John Howard Society which displaced 9 people from the neighboring homes.
- *Highlight:* MCA and neighboring communities (HCA, CHCA, WWBIS, WWCA) have been so pleased with Constable Neilly's work as a Community Police Officer that MCA with Letters of Support from those communities nominated her for the Crime Prevention Ottawa Award and she was chosen.
- *Highlight:* Graffiti is a problem in Mechanicsville. MCA applied for the Crime Prevention Ottawa funding for a mural to combat graffiti. MCA received the funding and thanks to SWCHC Youth Leadership Program undertook a mural on the Laroche Community Center.

MCA Events Committee: H. Cartwright, C. Gallant, L. Marlow

- The annual Mechanicsville Winter Carnival was held in February 2016 with pancake breakfast and horse-drawn sleigh rides at Laroche Park. This event will be held on February 5, 2017 with pancake breakfast from noon until 2 pm and sleigh rides from 2 to 3 p.m.
- Westfest was held at Laroche Park in June. This event was successful, no significant issues and MCA looks forward to this event being held at Laroche in June 2017.
- MCA coordinated a very successful fire fundraising event at the Carleton Tavern for the 2 families displaced by the JHS fire at 55-59 Carruthers raising approximately \$3500.
- Ribbon-cutting for the Laroche Park mural was held on a warm, summer evening in conjunction with the SWCHC back-to school event. This committee served cake and lemonade and was well-attended and enjoyed by all! Thanks to Councillor Leiper for bringing his PA system!
- SWCHC held its first meeting in 2016 regarding the residents' request for community gardens. The Mechanicsville Innovation Gardens group (14 people) with SWCHC and the manager of the Innovation Center met to tour the community gardens. A Facebook page has been created and the next meeting January 26th 2017.

Mechanicsville continues to be a "fresh food desert" with no nearby grocery store selling fresh fruits and vegetables. MCA is thankful for SWCHC who arrange the Market Mobile that sells fruits/vegetables at low cost at Laroche Park every 2 weeks. Though there are grocery stores in Hintonburg and West Wellington, many of our residents have mobility issues or a single parent/caregiver with small children and find walking and crossing Scott/Parkdale Avenue a challenge. This initiative is very well received and MCA will continue to support. SWCHC currently has a "healthy store" pilot operating on Preston St. and if successful, hope to see it expand to the corner store in Mechanicsville.

Wellington Village Community Association

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Updates

- **Spencer Street rehabilitation** (Holland to Western): The \$3.59M project is nearly complete. Aging watermain and sanitary sewers have been replaced, and new curbs and sidewalks installed. Final asphalt and landscaping to be completed in Spring 2017, as well as new paint markings and signage (incl. 1.25m bike lanes on both north and south sides, with all parking removed, a total of 97 parking spaces lost). Raised intersections will be added (Ross, Smirle and Huron), bulb-outs have already been built on some cross-streets, and a sidewalk added on south side between Huron and Holland. Some Spencer Street residents were unaware of some of these plans, and are particularly unhappy with the loss of parking; a group has circulated a petition and are pursuing changes to the plan.
- **Kitchissippi Parking Strategy**: WVCA surveyed our mailing list, and results show residents are overwhelmingly (>95%) against paid parking. Follow-up letter has been sent to Jeff Leiper with this data, with encouragement to pursue enforcement as a better solution. (WV also curious about slide 31 in KPS ppt re: concurrence required from CA?)
- Continuing to track **Scott Street**; progress towards “complete street”; concerns about buses and traffic for post-LRT completion in 2018
- Our 3 key ongoing CA focuses: **Parks & Greenspace** (tracking Mizrahi parkette; exploring options to creating much-needed parkettes, including conversion of street space), **Traffic** (Contributing to Hintonburg 40 project, supporting petitions to reduce speeds on Ross and Spencer; traffic calming on Byron & other priority streets in WV), and **Development** (perpetual).
- Ongoing support to **Rosemount Library** planning (READ)
- Delivery of our New WVCA **promotional postcard** to all households in WV commenced this week.
- www.wvca.ca is our website; come visit and check out an extensive section of vintage photos of the neighbourhood!

Westboro Beach Community Association:

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Updates

- On Jan. 11th, the SJAM Trail was formally launched. This was a pilot project launched by WBCA in 2015-16 that is now a successful addition to the Ottawa winter scene.
- Bloomfield City of Ottawa Works Yard. This continues to be a major problem in that the City is ignoring its own by-laws and causing a major havoc for nearby residents.
- Winter Carnival at Westboro Beach Saturday, January 28.

Westboro Community Association

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The Westboro Community Association is actively working on

- Protect/replace tree canopy & report clear cutting in Westboro (pursue By-law enforcement)
- Reinstate Westboro bell
- Lions Park rink & basketball court
- Traffic & parking issues (lack of enforcement needs to stop)
- Representing community issues at CoA
- Portapotty in Clare Gardens Park (using local bushes is getting to be too much)
- Work with BIA

READ – Rosemount (library) Expansion and Development Group

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Updates

- READ is a community group working for the past two years+ towards a bigger and better Rosemount Library.
 - The group is chaired by Richard Van Loon with vice-chairs Emily Addison, Linda Hoad and Marty Plaine.
- READ has almost 400 supporters/residents in the group and has the support of all the 10 community associations in the library’s catchment area (and 2 nearby).
- 40,000 population of the Rosemount catchment area is projected to grow by 20% by 2031.
- In 2016:
 - **Consult:** conducted community consultations with assistance from Councillor Jeff Leiper
 - **Conclusion:** Rosemount has to expand and relocate to be a community hub, a safe community gathering space, a centre for creativity like other community library branches serving similar sized populations.
 - **Decision:** The OPL listened and put plans for renovation of current facility on hold while it conducts a business case for relocation; this was approved by Council in the 2017 budget.
- **Why more space?** So Rosemount can become a fully modern branch equal to other OPL branches serving similar sized populations in Ottawa.

Rosemount has the highest circulation per square foot of ANY Ottawa Public Library; not a good stat-means Rosemount is **very** crowded. For instance,

Item	Rosemount	Similar branches (Alta Vista, Carlingwood, St-Laurent)
Size	6, 089 SF	13,500 SF to 20,000 SF
Bookable meeting rooms for public	None	1 or 2 holding between 40-60 people
Seating	17	Minimum of 85
Teen section	None	In all other branches of similar size area

- **Next READ meeting:** Monday, February 13, 2017, 7-9 pm, Hintonburg Community Centre

Dovercourt Recreation Association

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Updates

- 2017 will mark Dovercourt’s 30th anniversary as the City’s partner in providing recreation programs and services in Kitchissippi Ward
- This partnership allows the community control and some autonomy in providing programs that suit the community’s needs, while also offering considerable savings to the City
- Dovercourt proudly provides programs to our community at a number of locations: Dovercourt Recreation Centre, McKellar Park Community
- House, rink and wading pool, Westboro Park rink and wading pool, Van Lang Community House, Bluesfest School of Music and Art, and Nepean and Notre Dame High Schools.
- Dovercourt celebrates being a very successful social enterprise, generating over 90% of its costs from sales of programs such as day camps, after school programs, swimming lessons, and health and fitness programs for all ages and abilities.
- We are delighted to be one of the City’s busiest community centres, and a true hub for our community.

- This success allows Dovercourt to undertake its community development initiatives including financial assistance for those who need assistance with fees to participate, the last minute club, providing available spaces for free to those referred by local social service organizations, community special events, rehabilitation fitness programs, accessibility and inclusion, youth programs, low cost senior's programs, and more.
- Year after year, Dovercourt continues to experience significant growth, now serving over 25,000 registered clients making over 400,000 visits to our programs, and employs over 250 youth, and engages with over 150 community volunteers in our governance, programs, events and other outreach initiatives.
- We look forward to completing phase 2 of our building expansion program at Dovercourt Recreation Centre in 2017.

Wellington West BIA

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Updates

Happy 2017! Wellington West, home to the amazing neighbourhoods of Hintonburg and Wellington Village, had a busy 2016. The BIA engaged in a number of area beautification projects including installing gateway signage, numerous murals, and floral planting. The BIA also completed our yearly business census, affirming Wellington West as the largest commercial destination in the urban core of Ottawa. The BIA also dealt with the issue of implementing paid parking, in which the BIA voted to oppose.

As we embark on celebrating 2017, we invite everyone to celebrate 150 years of Canada by supporting local! Over 2017, Wellington West is thrilled to be sponsoring and supporting great events like The Happening, Prose in the Park, Buy Canadian Day, The Brewery Market, and Tastes of Wellington West. Of course, the area will be animated alongside great events like the Grey Cup, Juno's – even the Canadian Video Game Awards! Get out there and have fun... and if you could share the good word about the area you live in, all the better!

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