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## Why bus route 9 and its service need fixing

Op-Ed by Sarah Anson-Cartwright

Ottawa's unreliable bus service was the subject of media investigations and revelations long before the launch of the Light Rail Transit (LRT) last fall. Last year, the lived reality of bus riders was backed up in media reports with hard evidence. Journalists reported, for example, that more than 6,000 bus trips were cancelled in one month alone in 2019 based on OC Transpo data – and the public were not informed of all those cancellations in real-time, either.

Service to and from New Edinburgh has suffered over the past few years, too. Given the most recent change to bus route 9, as well as continuing performance issues, it is time to stake a claim.

Let's start with the changes to route 9. The westbound route now ends at the Rideau Centre rather than continuing to the downtown core where tens of thousands of people work. Bus 9 riders who work in the core now have to take a second bus from the Rideau Centre or board the LRT for one stop to reach Parliament Station.

After the public outcry to the same change to route 12



Photo by Alexander McKenzie

**Modest changes to route 9 would improve people's experience coming and going from New Edinburgh.**

– which also ended at the Rideau Centre when heading westbound, effective last October – OC Transpo was persuaded to change the 12's route to reach the downtown

core. Since Jan. 5, route 12 ends at O'Connor and Queen Streets (at Parliament Station) and leaves the core from Metcalfe and Queen Streets

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## Minto purchases Lauzon Properties

The properties on Beechwood Avenue's south side once owned by the Lauzon family have been purchased by Minto and are slated for demolition and redevelopment in the near term. While the sale took place several months ago and has been widely known among those close to the Beechwood development scene, it was only recently confirmed to the *NEN* by Minto High Rise Development Manager **Kevin Harper**.

The specific properties purchased by Minto include 78–90 Beechwood Ave. and 77–93 Barrette St. The Quickie block, 96 Beechwood Ave. (the former Arturo's/El Meson Restaurant) and Monson's Cleaners are not part of the Minto package, and remain separately owned. There are as yet few details confirmed about Minto's redevelopment of the site, but the broad plan entails a mid-rise, mixed-use building with street-front retail stores and



Photo by Alexander McKenzie

**Properties formerly owned by the Lauzon family, including 78–90 Beechwood Ave., have been sold to Minto.**

residential units above. No decision has yet been taken on whether the residential portion will be rental or condominium or a combination of both.

Kevin reports that “we have an architect in place and are in the early stages of visioning the project internally. We will be reaching out to the community associations and

local councillors in the near term to discuss the vision, the next steps and the timing.” Minto actually began preliminary consultations with some community members several months ago when the sale transaction took place. A group of representatives from the surrounding communities,

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## What's the New Edinburgh Community Alliance?

NECA is the umbrella organization for all residents and community organizations in our neighbourhood. Every resident of New Edinburgh is automatically a member of NECA.

Its mandate is to develop and foster a sense of community among the residents; to research, develop positions and make representations to various levels of government on matters affecting the community; and to coordinate activities between organizations.

NECA's committees include Traffic and Safety, Heritage and Development, Beechwood Development, Park Vision and Environment and Climate Change. It also publishes this newspaper.

The NECA board meets nine times a year, normally on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. (no meetings in July, August or December). Its annual general meeting takes place in October.

Meetings are open to all New Edinburgh residents. Anyone wishing to make a presentation to the board should please contact Cindy Parkanyi in advance at [newedinburgh@outlook.com](mailto:newedinburgh@outlook.com).

Our next meetings will take place **Tuesday, Feb. 18, 7:30 p.m.** and **Tuesday Mar. 17, 7:30 p.m.**

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## It's election time...again



**Cindy Parkanyi**  
NECA President

Back in mid-summer, then-Liberal MPP **Nathalie Des Rosiers** announced that she would step down from the Provincial legislature to pursue an opportunity as President of Toronto's Massey College. Recently, we have seen signs for candidates appearing throughout the area as we are now within 60 days of the election (which must be called by Feb. 2). So who's running? The Liberals have selected **Lucille Collard** to run under their banner; **Myriam Djilane** will run for the NDP and the Progressive Conservatives have selected **Patrick Mayangi**. The Community Collective of nearby community associations is once again gearing up to host a candidates' forum, and the New Edinburgh Community Alliance's Environment and Climate Change Committee is working on an environment-centred debate event. (See page 25 for more details.)

We will post information about these events on the community website [newedinburgh.ca](http://newedinburgh.ca) as they become available, so visit regularly for updates.

### Input on CSST reinstatement

The Park Vision Working Group, under the excellent leadership of **Nicole Poitras**, held a community forum in early January to check in with residents before submitting input on the Combined Sewage Storage Tunnel (CSST) reinstatement plan to the City. A memorandum has now been submitted to the CSST Project Team with community recommendations based on the recent forum as well as earlier fora and submitted feedback.

The overarching sentiment is that restoring and preserving the natural environment in the park is of the utmost importance, particularly in light of the need for regular access for City operations in the park (spring ice breaking, for example). The memorandum is available on the Park Vision page of [newedinburgh.ca](http://newedinburgh.ca).

Although the community's input on the reinstatement portion of the CSST project was required by the end of January, this does not mean an end to the work of the Park Vision group. The group will be monitoring the level of CSST activity in the park and consulting with the City and National Capital Commission on longer-term park vision elements. If you are interested in taking part

in the Park Vision Working Group, please contact Nicole: [nplance.3@hotmail.com](mailto:nplance.3@hotmail.com).

### R4 Zoning

Did you know that large portions of New Edinburgh, including within the Heritage Conservation District, are considered R4 Zones? The City of Ottawa has produced a Discussion Paper proposing changes to the R4 family of zones, in order to enable and encourage the development of small, affordable and context-sensitive infill apartment dwellings in and around downtown. The Discussion Paper and other materials can be found at [Ottawa.ca/R4Zoning](http://Ottawa.ca/R4Zoning). Residents are being consulted on the proposed changes and can provide their comments until Feb. 21, 2020. For more on this, please see **Gail McEachern's** article on page 15.

### Opportunities to participate

NECA's newly-established Environment and Climate Change Committee meets every second Saturday of the month at 4 p.m. If you would like to join the group, please contact the chair, **Tamara Sorger** ([tamarasorger@yahoo.com](mailto:tamarasorger@yahoo.com)).

NECA's Traffic and Safety Committee is also looking for interested volunteers. Please contact the committee chair, **Marc D'Orgeville** ([marc.dorgeville@utoronto.ca](mailto:marc.dorgeville@utoronto.ca)).

If you would like to know more about NECA's committees and working groups, please contact me at [newedinburgh@outlook.com](mailto:newedinburgh@outlook.com) or come to the next NECA Board meeting on Feb. 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the New Edinburgh Fieldhouse, 203 Stanley Ave.

If you are not yet receiving the monthly NECA updates by email and would like to be included on the list, please send me an email request or sign up through the community website.

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# Reflections on Ottawa 2020 and visions for the future

## Op-Ed by Chris Penton

I enjoyed reading Randall Denley's Jan. 2 article in the *Ottawa Citizen*: "Ottawa: Brace for another exciting decade of incremental progress." In it, he looks at the award-winning plan for downtown Ottawa, Ottawa 20/20, put into action 16 years ago. Touching on negatives like Lebreton Flats, drab downtown office areas (including Sparks Street) and zero originality on the Rideau Canal, Denley applauds the redevelopment of the Rideau Centre, the removal of most buses from Albert and Slater streets, and the success of intensification across the core. He concludes that we, in the National Capital, are very good planners, but not-so-good executors.

## Beechwood revamp

Good intentions aside, the dream of Beechwood Avenue becoming a complete street was not well thought out or well executed. It was thrown upon us, done in haste and has been strangely untouched since 2016. In true Ottawa fashion, we have accepted its mediocrity and navigate it much like we would an arcade shooter game after a few drinks.

## Development

One of the first topics of conversation at parties (after the weather, family and Netflix), development is normally measured in one of two ways: you either love it or hate it.

We got off pretty easily over the last 10 years with the larger introductions into Beechwood Village. Minto

city and height, lack virtue and are – at the root – quite greedy. Unless reviewed by Council, they are here to stay.

A few other development subjects to keep an eye out for: student housing (without parking), built heritage, gateway developments, and the Salvation Army mega-shelter on Montreal Road.

## Adawe Bridge

A few slabs of concrete, safety railings and two giant metal balls, the Adawe Bridge looks like any other bridge. Look more closely and you'll see it has changed the face of Wards 12 and 13. It is a cycling highway, pedestrian pleasure-stroll and student viaduct. Now a 20-minute walk from Overbrook to uOttawa, Parliament and downtown, the immediate rental

*"Development is normally measured in one of two ways: you either love it or hate it."*

Although the Ottawa 20/20 plan did not cross the Rideau River into our neighbourhood, it got me thinking about how we have done in our little corner over the last decade with promises, obstacles and successes. Here are a few.

## To bridge or not to bridge

For as long as many of us can remember, the Kettle Island Bridge has threatened our peaceful enclave. Although none of the plans have truly addressed downtown truck volumes or provided real solutions to increasing vehicular traffic, the location continues to be a favourite for those in search of an easy answer. It has risen and been quashed twice in the past decade: first in 2013 and then less formally during the past municipal by-election in winter 2019. Expect it to come up at least that many times in the next decade.

Beechwood, The Kavanaugh and St Charles Market are decent buildings with comfortable residents who contribute to local businesses and show interest in the growth of the neighbourhood. Watch for the next big one to be plunked down in the gaping hole on the south side between St Charles and Loyer, perhaps. With a lot big enough for a Walmart, resident vigilance is paramount as this chapter in Beechwood's development moves forward.

Infill guidelines have run a bit wild over the last few years and could be brought back into a city-wide conversation in the 2020s. Part of the Mature Neighbourhood Overlay, these guidelines (in particular Infill bylaws I and II) are what is permitting the single family "boxes" that are popping up on your street. They max out property lines, often seek variances for den-

scene has soared and grocery stores are crawling with smiling, unjaded 20-year-olds.

## Wateridge wonder

Somewhere between success and fail, the Wateridge development at the former Rockcliffe airbase continues to draw mixed emotions. A brand-new neighbourhood, there will be a few new shops to visit, some green space to explore and varied residential options from which to choose. The fail comes from the ever-bloating development plans and the somewhat absent strategy of integration. Does anyone know exactly what they are building over there? How will those 10,000–12,000 residents realistically make their way out into other worlds? There is space reserved for three school boards, but are they coming?

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# Letter to the Editor

## How many more collisions are needed to improve Beechwood for pedestrians?

Dear elected representatives:

I am contacting you today to urge you to do more to make Beechwood Avenue a safe and walkable neighbourhood.

On Dec. 22, 2019, on my way home from shopping with my two young children, I came across the scene of a collision where a badly injured pedestrian had been struck by a driver turning left off MacKay Street onto Beechwood Avenue. There were a number of passersby visibly shaken by witnessing the collision who were trying to assist. I left after emergency services arrived. About five minutes prior, I

witnessed a vehicle go left through a red at the same intersection – a blatant violation of traffic laws that regularly go unenforced. Luckily, no one was injured in this incident.

Since moving to this neighbourhood a number of years ago, I have written to my local representatives on numerous occasions to request more action to make our roads safer for pedestrian traffic. Despite this issue being a priority for the previous representative Tobi Nussbaum, there has not been nearly enough progress. It is very unfortunate that a neighbourhood with such character and potential cannot be made safe for families.



Minto bridges at sunset.

Photo by Alexander McKenzie

Fortunately, it appeared that the person hit was not critically injured. However, I wonder how many more such incidents will have to take place until more meaningful measures are taken.

Sincerely,  
Rob Lindsay  
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# Stanley Park restoration on list of goals for 2020



**Rawlson King**  
City Councillor, Ward 13

Happy New Year, residents!

2020 looks bright, and I was happy to literally ring in the New Year at St. Bart's Church at its holiday gala.

Since taking office in April 2019, I've been working hard to achieve the goals I promised when running for City Councillor. My staff and I have been working with residents, community associations, City staff, and other councillors to create change within our community. I'm extremely proud of what we've managed to accomplish last year, including:

- Voting in favour of successful motion to declare a climate emergency in the City of Ottawa;
- Establishing a Ward Council that includes repre-

sentatives from each community association that meets quarterly;

- Voting in favour of a successful transit fare freeze until the launch of Ottawa's new light rail system;
- Approving \$246,500 to build Lola Park in Overbrook;
- Securing \$40,000 in crime prevention funding to support neighbourhood safety programming in Overbrook;
- Successfully advocating for the introduction of a neighbourhood policing pilot project in Overbrook;
- Securing a \$10.3 million investment in Wateridge Village for affordable housing;
- Proposing and securing the creation of an Anti-Racism Secretariat for the City of

Ottawa;

- Voting in favour of successful new restrictions on short-term rental accommodations;

- Assisting with installing commemorative street signs for Lindenlea's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary; and

- Setback zoning changes for Rockcliffe Park Conservation District scheduled for 2020.

I am very pleased that all my requests were included in the 2020 budget, a financial plan which ultimately increases investments in public transit, winter maintenance and affordable housing, while taking steps to close the City's infrastructure gap. The approved operating budget is \$3.76 billion, a \$136.8-million increase over 2019. The three per cent tax increase amounts to an additional \$9 a month for an average urban home.

My office will continue to work tirelessly through 2020 to reach more of our goals, which will include major investments to restore Stanley Park in New Edinburgh. We will work in conjunction with the National

Capital Commission, along with community organizations, to determine priorities for investment that will include park reinstatement, potential cycling infrastructure improvements and renovations to the New Edinburgh Fieldhouse.

In my last column in the *New Edinburgh News*, I stated that \$543,000 was allocated to the restoration of Stanley Park. That figure was, unfortunately, incorrect: the money I reported in the last column was allocated and spent on play equipment in New Edinburgh Park. It is my continuing intention, however, to seek an allocation of dollars to augment the restoration of Stanley Park that will take place soon, in conjunction with community input.

Lastly, the newly-groomed

Rideau Winter Trail is now open! It is an amazing opportunity to take advantage of the multi-use pathway year-round. Staff at the Rideau Sports Centre are working to put a team together to move from the pilot phase which was in winter 2018-2019 to make the project a sustainable reality beginning this winter. They are always looking for volunteers to groom the trail! If you're interested, let us know.

I hope you've all had a relaxing holiday season – 2019 was a big year! We will continue to move our progressive vision for the community forward in 2020.

Contact City Councillor Rawlson King at 613-580-2483, [rideaurockcliffeward@ottawa.ca](mailto:rideaurockcliffeward@ottawa.ca) or visit [rideau-rockcliffe.ca](http://rideau-rockcliffe.ca).



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**Jim Watson**  
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Ottawa’s most iconic winter attraction is undoubtedly the Rideau Canal Skateway, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and the world’s largest naturally frozen skating rink. This is a special year as it marks the Rideau Canal Skateway’s 50th anniversary!

But did you know that Ottawa also has more than 250 outdoor skating rinks

for you to enjoy in all parts of the City? This includes our beautiful, state-of-the-art, refrigerated Sens Rink of Dreams at City Hall, the Jim Tubman Chevrolet Sens Rink in Canterbury, the Ben Franklin Place skating rink and the Lansdowne Park skating court. You can find more information on city rinks, including opening hours, at [ottawa.ca/en/residents/recreation-and-parks/skating](http://ottawa.ca/en/residents/recreation-and-parks/skating).

Additionally, the City of Ottawa has more than 150km of cross-country ski trails in the heart of the city and throughout the Greenbelt. These trails are free to use, suitable for skiers of all abilities and are great for snowshoeing as well. There are also cross-country ski trails

available to use for a fee at the Mooney’s Bay Ski Centre and in Gatineau Park, but you can skip the fee by getting your mittens on a ski pass from the Ottawa Public Library.

The Nation’s capital is also home to Winterlude, our annual winter festival. This year, residents can celebrate the best of what winter has to offer from Jan. 31 to Feb. 17. Most Winterlude activities are offered at no cost and take place at numerous sites across the Ottawa-Gatineau region, including the ByWard Market, Downtown Rideau, Sparks Street, Bank Street, the Glebe and Snowflake Kingdom in Jacques-Cartier Park in Gatineau. Visit Winterlude’s website for a full calendar of events and list of activities.

But if the cold isn’t for you, I encourage you to visit [ottawa.ca](http://ottawa.ca) and sign up for one of the many exciting recreation programs we have available in facilities across the city, for people of all ages and in both official languages. You may be pleasantly surprised by discovering a new passion



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**Ice sculptures are just one part of the annual Winterlude festival in Ottawa, from Jan. 31–Feb. 17.**

or even making a new friend!

Finally, I hope you will join me in great numbers to celebrate Family Day during my annual Mayor’s Family Day Skating Party on Feb. 17 from 11 a.m.–2 p.m. at City

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**Mona Fortier**  
Ottawa-Vanier MP

I would like to begin by taking a moment to wish everyone a very happy new year.

Since being elected in 2015, our Liberal government has been focused on supporting middle-class Canadians and ensuring they have well-paying jobs, a dignified retirement, and more support for their kids. Under our government, Canadians have more money in their pockets and 900,000 Canadians have been lifted out of poverty, including 300,000 children. In the riding of Ottawa-Vanier, more than 15,000 children receive support every month with the Canada Child Benefit through an average of \$740 going to each child. I am proud of the real change we have implemented.

As we enter 2020, we are ready to deliver on our promises and we've already started: as our very first order of business, our Government took steps to lower taxes for middle-class Canadians and the people working hard to join it. This tax cut will help more than 20 million Canadians by 2023, while ensuring that the wealthiest individuals won't benefit.

Starting in 2020, this change would put more money back in the pockets of Canadians by increasing the amount of money they can earn before paying federal income tax. This could save a single person almost \$300 a year, provide a couple or a family close to \$600 a year in savings, and nearly 1.1 million more Canadians would no longer pay federal income tax at all.

We know that when Canadians have more money in their pockets, we build stronger communities, create more jobs, and continue to

grow a stronger economy. We will continue to invest in middle-class Canadians and those people working hard to join the middle class, to build a stronger, more resilient Canada.

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# BURGH BUSINESS BRIEFS

- Susan Groundwater, Jane Heintzman & David Lawrence -

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including New Edinburgh, joined forces about a year ago to keep track of ongoing and prospective developments on Beechwood, and to be “in on the ground” with comments and suggestions at an early stage in the planning process.

The group has had a number of meetings with Kevin Harper to discuss the broad lines of a plan for the site, and to ensure that community interests are front and centre from the outset. Once the process is fully launched, Minto’s plan is to engage the wider community in discussions on project design and details.

With St. Charles Market rapidly taking shape and the new Minto project on the horizon, Beechwood’s south side is shaping up to be the development hot spot in 2020. —JH

## Business as usual at Bridgehead

The recent announcement of Bridgehead’s sale to the mega-chain Second Cup was greeted with some concern by Bridgehead regulars.



Photo by Alexander McKenzie

While Second Cup acquired the Bridgehead chain in December, no changes are expected at any of Bridgehead’s current locations, including at 131 Beechwood Ave. (above).

Over the past two decades, Ottawa’s Bridgehead coffee shops have acquired a steadily growing clientele of faithful devotees, for whom a Bridgehead drop-in has become a pleasurable daily routine. Bridgehead loyalists are drawn by a variety of factors, all of which combine to create a distinctive Bridgehead culture.

Among these: the company’s strong fair-trade ethic, promoting fair prices for growers using sustainable cultivation practices; its home-baked fare, prepared from such locally-sourced foods as veggies and sheep’s milk; the stores’ friendly service and cozy neighbourhood atmosphere; and – not least – Bridgehead’s freshly roasted

coffee.

But another attraction of equal importance is the fact that Bridgehead has not been part of a large North American coffee chain. Rather it’s a small, local business, firmly rooted in the Ottawa community.

In early December 2019, it was announced that **Tracey Clark**, owner, CEO (until the recent transition) and moving spirit of Bridgehead, had sold the 19-store chain to Second Cup for \$6 million in cash; \$3.5 million in Second Cup shares; and a promise of a further \$1.5 million over the next two years if Bridgehead meets its earnings targets.

Tracey confirms that the impetus for the deal originally came from Bridgehead, which is seeking to expand beyond Ottawa into more populous markets like Toronto. The ultimate objective of the ambitious move is to grow the market for fairly-traded coffee beans and in so doing, to boost prices and sales for growers. Bridgehead prides itself on having direct, personal relationships with more than 90 per cent of the growers in its current supply chain; supporting their livelihood has always been a top priority in the company’s business plan.

According to Tracey, the expansion plan had been part of “the dream” since the early 2000s, but was elbowed out by the demands in time and capital of Bridgehead’s steady growth within Ottawa’s urban

core. Now, however, at 19 stores and with two more set to open this year at Carleton University and the Ottawa Airport, Bridgehead has “hit the ceiling” in Ottawa. The only options, as Tracey points out, are suburban expansion and creation of “drive-thrus.” For reasons relating to the distinctive Bridgehead culture, neither option is in the cards.

Tracey is optimistic that the sale to Second Cup will provide Bridgehead with the real estate opportunities, capital and shared services needed to facilitate the long-awaited expansion into other markets, beginning with Toronto, where it’s hoped that a Bridgehead outlet could be launched in about a year.

Despite the recent sale, Bridgehead devotees (including the many locals who frequent the popular Beechwood Avenue shop) need not fear any unwelcome changes in their familiar haunts and beloved brews. Second Cup CEO **Steve Pelton** made clear from the outset that his company has no plans “to homogenize the brands,” which will continue to operate separately under their existing names, and retain their current supply chains.

A significant driver in Second Cup’s purchase of Bridgehead was its recent corporate restructuring to focus on multiple niche brands with a record of success and a loyal clientele. In recent years, Second Cup has not fared well in the coffee wars among the large chains, so a change of strategy was called for.

Business writer **James Bagnall** estimated in a recent *Ottawa Citizen* article that based on the market value of their shares, Second Cup outlets had a value of \$110,000 per store, in contrast to Bridgehead outlets at \$500,000 per store. Happily, the smaller, fair-trade, sustainability-focused model appears to have been the success story in this highly competitive coffee business, and the top brass at Second Cup (soon to be re-named Aegis Brands) have clearly got the message: “If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it.”



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The significant renovations at McArthur bowling lanes include new lighting, flooring and technology.

Bridgehead's executive level will remain largely unchanged. While stepping down as Bridgehead CEO, Tracey will remain closely involved as Chief Cultural Officer, a role which she looks forward to as involving "more fun things and less heavy lifting." Current Chief Operating Officer **Kate Burnett** will take over leadership of Bridgehead's daily operations, while **Ian Clark** and **Cliff Hansen** will remain as Director of Coffee and Roast Master, respectively. So if Bridgehead's your brew or your home away from home, fear not: it's steady as she goes for this iconic local business. The only change to come is the happy prospect of being able to find your favourite brew when you venture out of Ottawa. —JH

#### McArthur Lanes gets a makeover

If winter is starting to feel a little long to you, consider injecting some fun into it with a visit to McArthur Lanes at 175 McArthur Ave., the longest-standing bowling alley in Ontario! The lanes recently underwent a significant renovation that is definitely worth checking out.

Operations manager **Troy Wilson** explains that the updates were based on what the local community indicated they wanted in a family entertainment centre. "We took notes from local schools, boys and girls clubs, and other community groups and started making changes over a year ago," he explains. "We also looked at the last five years of social media reviews to find what people considered the major issues!"

For example, the entire facility got new carpeting

and lighting, and the parking lot was greatly improved. The newest lane technologies are now in place, allowing you to play different "games within the game," including an "Angry Birds" version that is very popular with certain demographics. Games are controlled via touch pads at every lane and 27" overhead televisions track your score in style. For something a little different, try "cosmos bowling" every Friday and Saturday, where the lights are dimmed and the lanes glow in the dark.

If you get hungry during or after your game time, you can now enjoy the remodeled bar and kitchen called "The 11th Frame," which includes the famous Louis' pizza prepared in a canteen right on site for nine hours of every day. Moosehead products are available for those of legal drinking age, including a new gluten-free hard cider. There is also party room with a capacity of 40 people, so keep that in mind next time you want to host a special event.

The results of all this investment are paying off: there are a minimum of two leagues playing every day, and the house is regularly filled to capacity with league plays of all types: youth, senior, mixed leagues — you name it. In fact, there is even a weekly bowling league for the visually impaired, so there truly is something for everyone.

Troy is proud to point out that all these upgrades have relied on local tradespeople from Vanier or Overbrook, and that all members of the McArthur Lanes crew live within a 15-minute walk from the lanes, making it a truly local institution!

For more information, visit [mcarthurlanes.com](http://mcarthurlanes.com). —SG

#### Family date nights at all-saints

When Sandy Hill's All Saints Anglican Church went up for sale, **Leanne Moussa** moved into action. She already had entrepreneurial experience, mobilizing community investors to rescue a daycare centre. Using the same business model, she formed a corporation, allsaints, and partnered with Alberta-based developers to purchase the building. After extensive renovations, two new establishments were born: allsaints, which offers multi-purpose venues for conferences, receptions, weddings and other events, and Working Title Kitchen + Café, which serves as a café, restaurant and exclusive caterer to allsaints.

Only a couple kilometres from New Edinburgh, Working Title (located at 330 Laurier Ave. E.) occupies an open, spacious area with stone masonry and brick. It offers counter service from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., and table service after that until 10 p.m. In warm weather, guests can enjoy their meals on a beautiful, all-stone terrace with an outdoor bar.

The culinary team is led by Chef **Jef Charlebois**, an Ottawa native with extensive experience in the city's restaurant scene, including Thyme & Again and Petit Bill's. The menu features snacks, desserts and a variety of dishes meant to be shared by everyone at the table. These are mostly prepared from locally-sourced ingredients and include vegan, vegetarian and gluten-free dishes.

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from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., is Working Title's most popular mealtime. But unique among Ottawa's dining establishments is Movie Night on Fridays. For \$10, children are treated to dinner, a movie and activities in a supervised setting while their parents enjoy "date night." Raising four children while running a business, Leanne understands the need for parents to have some alone time.

Working Title also caters events for allsaints, which has four spaces of different sizes, capable of handling sit-down meals for up to 210 people in a splendid setting that combines beautiful stonework and stained-glass windows. The venue has proven popular, both because of the beauty of the spaces and its central location. "We handled 25 weddings last year," says Leanne. "We also host government meetings, conferences, and private events."

Visit allsaints and Working Title at 330 Laurier Ave. E., or visit their websites: [workingtitleottawa.com](http://workingtitleottawa.com) and [allsaintsottawa.ca](http://allsaintsottawa.ca). —DL

## Update from Metro Beechwood

Metro Beechwood Manager **Shawn Steinburg** is pleased to report that 2019 has been a good year for the store, highlighted by Metro's ongoing partnership with the Ottawa Food Bank (OFB), to which it continues to be a significant donor. Shawn notes in particular that along with many other Metro outlets in Ottawa, the Beechwood store is an enthusiastic participant in the OFB's One More Bite program. Under this program, meat products are flash frozen by partner stores prior to their expiration dates and donated to the OFB to boost the available supply of much-needed protein.

According to OFB statistics for their fiscal year from Oct. 2018–Sept. 2019, Metro Beechwood and its clients made the following contributions to the Food Bank during that period:

Protein ..... 10,150 lbs  
Bread ..... 14,075 lbs  
Red Cage (Community Donations) .... 30,925 lbs

On Jan. 18, the Rideau Street Metro location closed permanently, making way for a new condo development. Posters on the Rideau Street store redirect customers to our Beechwood store. Shawn



Photo by Agatha Rowland

**While no longer an Anglican Church, allsaints event space in Sandy Hill is now a multi-purpose venue for events including weddings.**

is uncertain what impact to expect from the recent closure of Metro Rideau. While he says he would welcome "a small jump" in Beechwood's business, he estimates that a significant proportion of Metro Rideau's clientele was walk-in traffic, including students from the surrounding neighbourhood, most of whom will choose closer options such as the Loblaws on Rideau at Nelson. He remains hopeful, however, that some shoppers loyal to the Metro brand will migrate to Metro Beechwood for their supplies.

Metro Beechwood's regular clientele is extremely fortunate to have Shawn at the store's helm. He has proven to be a highly skilled, hands-on store manager, attentive and responsive to his clients, and unfailingly supportive to his staff team. Most regular shoppers will have noted (and enjoyed) the friendly, congenial atmosphere in the store, an atmosphere Shawn has worked hard to build. He is quick to offer guidance, encouragement and praise to his staff, and even to step in with a floor mop if needed.

Shawn does his best to respond to clients' questions and concerns but notes that broad questions of store policy – for example, the development of more environmentally sustainable practices – are determined at the head office. But he welcomes suggestions and comments from customers, of which he takes careful note and which he brings to the table at his monthly meetings at Metro's Ontario Head Office in Toronto. He also encourages interested clients to submit their ideas and concerns directly to the Metro

Customer Care Line at 1-877-763-7374 or online at [corpo.metro.ca/en/ontario-contact.html](http://corpo.metro.ca/en/ontario-contact.html).

We wish Shawn and the Metro team a very happy and successful New Year. —JH

## Speech therapy close to home

Tucked away in a quiet corner of our neighbourhood is a wonderful resource for children with language difficulties: a dedicated speech pathologist named **Tamara Long**. Tamara runs a private clinic from her Lindenlea home, providing play-based therapy that addresses all sorts of concerns, such as stuttering, speech delays or disordered grammar. If a child isn't meeting milestones, such as making two-word combinations by the age of two, or if a parent is having trouble understanding a significant amount of what their child says by age three, Tamara can help.

For some children, a few months of sessions can help ease a stutter, while others, such as those with social language delays or autism, may work with Tamara for much longer periods. In any case, Tamara loves what she does. "I get so much satisfaction out of seeing a child improve," she says, "and since I treat them through games and play that emphasize the whole person, our work can translate into success across multiple areas of their lives."

Tamara works closely with the adults who spend a lot of time with the child she is treating, including parents, daycare workers, and teachers. This allows for lessons to be reinforced through "homework" between sessions. However, with two





Photo by Alexander McKenzie

Speech therapist Tamara Long runs a private clinic from her Lindenlea home.

children of her own, Tamara is very aware of how busy the after-school period is for families, so she understands when sometimes the homework doesn't happen as often as everyone planned.

Although Tamara works only with English-speaking children, she does have some tips for the many multilingual families in our neighbourhood. She suggests that you speak to your child in the language you are most comfortable using, so that you will pass along your richest language model to them. She also recommends that you choose which language to use and keep it consistent, because it's best if your child can predict which language will come from which adult. However, she emphasizes that you need to establish that choice early, because although your child can adapt, parents usually find it very hard to switch later on.

For more information about Tamara and her work, visit [ottawaspeechtherapy.com](http://ottawaspeechtherapy.com). — SG

### Get comfy at the Clocktower

The Clocktower is a locally-owned restaurant established in Ottawa in 1996. The Beechwood location, which opened in the late 1990s, is the second of six, after the original location on Bank street (also the site of its brewery).

It differs from other bar-restaurants not only because of its craft beer, but because it is solidly family-focused.

"We are a real local pub," says **Manny Garcia**, who has been managing the Beechwood restaurant for the last four years. "It's a place where families can come and feel comfortable."

Most customers are regulars. The servers treat customers like family. "Our servers are great; they know their customers – even their dogs' names," he adds.

The Clocktower is located next to Chartwell's New Edinburgh Square retirement home. Retirees can enter the restaurant directly without going outside – a big plus in winter. It's a pleasant and cozy place to spend time with visiting family and friends.

"One family comes every Friday, picks up mom, and has a family meal, Garcia says. "It's a nice thing to see."

The Clocktower offers classic pub food. Fish and chips is the most popular, along with wings and meat loaf. Their signature craft beer is on special every day from 2–5 p.m. and again after 9 p.m. It also offers a children's menu and a nice selection of vegetarian dishes, including a falafel power bowl.

The establishment is also very community focused. It's part of the Vanier Business Improvement Association, and supports many charity events by offering gift certificates for raffles and other promotions. One of Manny's ideas – since adopted by all six Clocktower locations – is a coatrack on the patio with a sign, "Need one, take one," where people offer coats and

winter gear to those in need. The idea has proved very popular. "I'm really happy with the support from the community," says Manny.

In warmer weather, customers can enjoy their drinks and meal on a patio, where dogs are also welcome. The Clocktower offers treats and water bowls for their four-legged customers. Check out the menu at [clocktower.ca](http://clocktower.ca) or drop by at 422 MacKay St. —DL.

### Occupancy and new bistro this year

In recent months, the new St.

Charles Market (SCM) development has been rapidly taking shape, and 2020 promises to be a breakthrough year for the project. **André Cloutier**, Director of Business Development for project builder The Lake Partnership Inc. (TLPI), reports that first occupancy of the condo units will start in late April, beginning with the lower floors in the new building. When we spoke in early January, only five condo units and two townhomes on Barrette Street remained for sale, and time was running short for

prospective owners to choose finishes.

A centerpiece of SCM's commercial portion is to be an exciting new restaurant. According to André, TLPI has been immersed in discussions of restaurant design with some of Ottawa's top firms and expects to have an architect and design team chosen within the next few weeks. Restaurant construction will begin immediately thereafter. André is optimistic that plans are on-track for a restaurant opening in the

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First occupancy of the condos at St. Charles Market is expected in late April, with a new restaurant to be announced soon.

Photo by Alexander McKenzie

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fourth quarter of this year, but admits that “the big question on everyone’s mind is who will be operating this restaurant?” Alas, that all-important detail is not yet available for publication, but André promises that the *NEN* will have the scoop “as soon as the time is right.”


Passersby may have noticed that ModBox, the marketing and sales arm of the SCM development company, recently moved into the heritage house at 96 Beechwood Ave., former home to a succession of restaurants, beginning with El Meson and ending with Arturo’s. The venerable building is now a sales centre for ModBox projects, including The Grid Lofts in Hintonburg, Kenwood and Churchill in Westboro, Lambton Avenue in Lindenlea, and of course, SCM on Beechwood. *—JH*

**LCBO still coming ... slowly**


At this point, even Minto’s top brass are gun-shy about predicting the timing of the anticipated launch of an LCBO outlet on Minto

Beechwood’s largely vacant commercial floor. The size of LCBO leasing team is reportedly rather meagre in relation to the number of outlets the corporation oversees, so each exchange in the negotiation of the fine print seems to have taken an inordinate amount of time. Indeed, the whole process has all the earmarks of the “how many angels on the head of a pin” debate attributed to medieval philosophers by Renaissance skeptics. In the circumstances, our advice to readers is simply: “Don’t hold your breath!” The saga will be continued, and we hope, successfully concluded in 2020! *—JH*

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# Architects go through design gauntlet in planning new British High Commission at Earnscliffe property

By Jon Willing

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A new three-storey British High Commission building nestled in the lush river-front property of Earnscliffe is challenging architects to complement the existing historic residence with a contemporary office along Ottawa's Confederation Boulevard.

The British government is moving its Canadian diplomatic headquarters from Elgin Street to the Earnscliffe property at 140 Sussex Dr., which the British government purchased in 1930 for the high commissioner's official residence.

The residence, a Gothic Revival stone house dating back to 1855 that was once home to Sir John A. Macdonald and was declared a National Historic Site in 1960, will remain on the land. However, the high commission's development plan calls for the demolition of an unused office building that is shuttered and has no heritage protection.

The high commission's architecture consultants faced the city's urban design review panel on Jan. 10 to hear what experts thought of the concept. The design gauntlet is a chance for project architects to receive compliments and criticisms from their peers, who are assembled by the city to provide objective analysis of proposed building designs in key locations.

HOK Architects' Andrew Butler walked the panel through the renderings, describing the firm's challenge of making sure the new building fulfilled the "obligations" of being along Confederation Boulevard, which is the national ceremonial route on Wellington Street in front of the Parliament Buildings, along Sussex Drive and across to Gatineau's Laurier Street.

The concept so far calls for a white, grey and black building, with architects trying to match the colour scheme of the house. The materials include limestone and white porcelain panels.

The roughly 1,600 square-metre building would be between two and three sto-



Rendering courtesy HOK Architects

**The British High Commission wants to re-locate its Elgin Street chancery to a proposed new building (above) on its Earnscliffe property at 140 Sussex Dr., close to New Edinburgh.**

reys high, with the shorter side facing the residence in an effort not to overwhelm the stately home. The three-storey portion of the building would have its upper floor sitting among the treetops, except for the upper mechanical penthouse that would peak just above them.

Panel members encouraged the architects to put more thought into the mechanical penthouse, noticing that the view from the Ottawa River drew unfortunate attention to a black-coloured cap on the building. It was an observation with which Butler agreed.

Panel member John Stewart suggested the hulking Global Affairs Canada building across Sussex Drive was the "elephant in the room" when it came to blending a new building with the surroundings. Stewart wondered if the brilliant white colour of the building might become a "jarring element" in the landscape, although fellow panel member Heather Rolleston complimented the architects for using "handsome and impressive" materials.

Panel chairman David Leinster flagged the development's impact to the existing trees, urging the architects to give "serious consideration" to the trees that needed to be

chopped down.

A tree conservation report filed with the development application says removal of about two dozen trees is recommended to make way for

the office building. None of the trees is considered rare.

The proposed development would largely comply with the city's official plan and zoning rules for the land, but

the city says the high commission will require minor variances.

The National Capital Commission has also received the development proposal for review since its land borders the Earnscliffe land.

The future of the current high commission building at 80 Elgin St., between Queen and Albert streets, is unknown. The high commission, which moved into the building in 1964, says it will divest itself, but there still isn't a decision on the timeline and prospective buyers. There's simply too much building for the high commission's current needs, prompting the plan to consolidate diplomatic staff at Earnscliffe.

The panel heard 60 people would be working in the new office building.

The final construction cost for the new building is still being determined, the high commission said. The opening is eyed for early 2022

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# Sharpen your blades for a Skating Party on Feb. 9

By Chris Straka, CCC President

Even though Mother Nature did us no favours with her fluctuating temperatures in late December, the intermittent cold days gave **Bruce McLaurin** the opportunity he needed to get skating season underway. Thanks to his daily ice-building efforts in the last two weeks of 2019, skating began earlier in New Edinburgh Park than at many other outdoor rinks in the city.

Every night, while most of the neighbourhood is tucking into bed, volunteers work with hose and shovels to prepare the sheets of ice for the next day's skating. **Steve Grabner** and **Sylvain Bélanger** lead the Fieldhouse's ice building and skating operations. They also manage a paid team of ice attendants who supervise the building, operate a limited concession, maintain the ice surface and provide assistance in the afternoons and evenings.

As long as the weather remains consistently cold, skaters at the New Edinburgh Park Fieldhouse will find the washrooms and changeroom open on Mondays to Fridays from 4 p.m.–9 p.m., on Saturdays from 11 a.m.–9 p.m. and on Sundays from 11 a.m.–6 p.m.

Please join us for a Skating Party at the New Edinburgh Park Fieldhouse ice on Feb. 9 from 3–5 p.m. Come for skating games, socializing, baked goods and warm drinks. Please bring your own mug!

#### New Year's Day Brunch

On Jan. 1, the Crichton Community Council (CCC) hosted its annual New Year's Day Brunch at the Fieldhouse. Thanks to **Edwina Chittilappilly's** leadership, well over 100 neighbours came together to enjoy community fellowship, plentiful homemade food, lively conversation, horse-drawn wagon rides, an entertaining magic show, snow play and ice skating.

Un gros merci to the many people who made this event a success: **Caroline** for organizing, shopping, setting up, cooking, serving and cleaning; **Matt** for putting up posters and shopping; **Cathy** for shopping; **Roxie** for sharing



Photo courtesy Chris Straka

(From left) Volunteers **Edwina Chittilappilly**, **Caroline Matt** and **Debra Conner** helped make the annual New Year's Day brunch a success.

her chafing pans, cooking the beans and organizing the games and prizes; **Heather** at The Scone Witch for donating the scones; **Suneil** for setting up, cooking and cleaning; **Nima** and **Ara** for setting up and cleaning. A big thank-you is also due to the team of new and seasoned volunteers who cooked and cleaned: **Joana, Debra, Joelle, Jen, Shaun, Sam, JP, Lisa, Rob, Calla, Liba, Rachel, Sean** and the other community builders who stepped in to keep the brunch running smoothly. This event would not have been possible without the many individuals who made financial donations at the event and the Civic Events Grant funding received from the City of Ottawa.

Visit [newedinburgh.ca/events](http://newedinburgh.ca/events) to learn more about upcoming events.

#### Art at the Fieldhouse

At the beginning of 2020, the walls of the Fieldhouse were adorned with several paintings by local artists **Sara Alex Mullen** ([saraalexmullen.com](http://saraalexmullen.com)), **Ariel Lyons** ([ariellyons.ca](http://ariellyons.ca)) and **Anik Fortin** ([anikfortin.com](http://anikfortin.com)). Their works have contributed significantly to the building's interior ambiance. If you are an established artist interested in displaying your work, please contact the Fieldhouse Director at [NEFieldhouse@gmail.com](mailto:NEFieldhouse@gmail.com).

#### CCC volunteers

The CCC is seeking an individual with accounting experience who is interested in serving as the CCC's Treasurer. Disposable time and a desire to make a contribution to the community are

the only real prerequisites. A volunteer interested in transitioning into this role will be able to work with our current Treasurer during the remainder of their term. Please email your expressions of interest in supporting the CCC to [CrichtonCommunityCouncil@gmail.com](mailto:CrichtonCommunityCouncil@gmail.com).

#### CCC meetings

The next Crichton Community Council meeting will take place Feb. 11 from 7:30–9 p.m. at the New Edinburgh Park Fieldhouse (203 Stanley Ave.) and is open to everyone. You are welcome to join us, especially if you have energy to contribute to the improvement of your community.

#### Fieldhouse rentals

The New Edinburgh Park Fieldhouse is a great venue for weddings, anniversaries, memorials, graduations, meetings, birthday parties and celebrations of all kinds.

For general information about New Edinburgh Park and the Fieldhouse, visit [newedinburgh.ca/ccc-2/fieldhouse](http://newedinburgh.ca/ccc-2/fieldhouse).

For detailed information about reserving the Fieldhouse, visit [newedinburgh.ca/ccc-2/fieldhouserervations](http://newedinburgh.ca/ccc-2/fieldhouserervations).

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Questions about Fieldhouse rentals? Contact [nfieldhouse@gmail.com](mailto:nfieldhouse@gmail.com).

To contact members of the CCC executive group, contact [crichtoncommunitycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:crichtoncommunitycouncil@gmail.com).

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# City's new R4 zoning proposal covers the entire Burgh



By Gail McEachern

New Edinburgh may be under threat by a new zoning proposal which would permit the construction of eight- to 12-unit apartment buildings in the parts of the neighbourhood which are currently zoned R4. This includes areas both within and outside of the Historic Conservation District.

The City of Ottawa has produced a Discussion Paper on this proposal which would enable and encourage the development of small, affordable and "context sensitive" infill apartment dwellings in and around downtown. What follows is the Executive Summary for the R4 Phase 2 Zoning Review:

"A liveable city needs affordable housing suited to a range of household types, tenures and incomes. The city's R4 family of zones is intended to permit low-rise apartment buildings, which are an essential part of a healthy and diverse housing

mix. However, the existing R4 rules were established decades ago, and are increasingly misaligned with today's realities of lot fabric, land costs and changing demand. Instead of regulating low-rise apartment development, the current zoning typically prevents and discourages it. This has exacerbated an ongoing and increasingly dire shortage of rental apartments, rising rents and hardship for the one in three Ottawa households who rent their homes.

"The R4 Phase 2 Zoning Review will help to improve housing affordability and choice in neighbourhoods in and around the downtown urban core. The proposed zoning changes will:

- Revise the lot width and area standards to permit as-of-right low-rise apartment buildings to be developed without the need for lot consolidation or variances;
- Enable buildings of eight to 12 units within the currently permitted envelope and

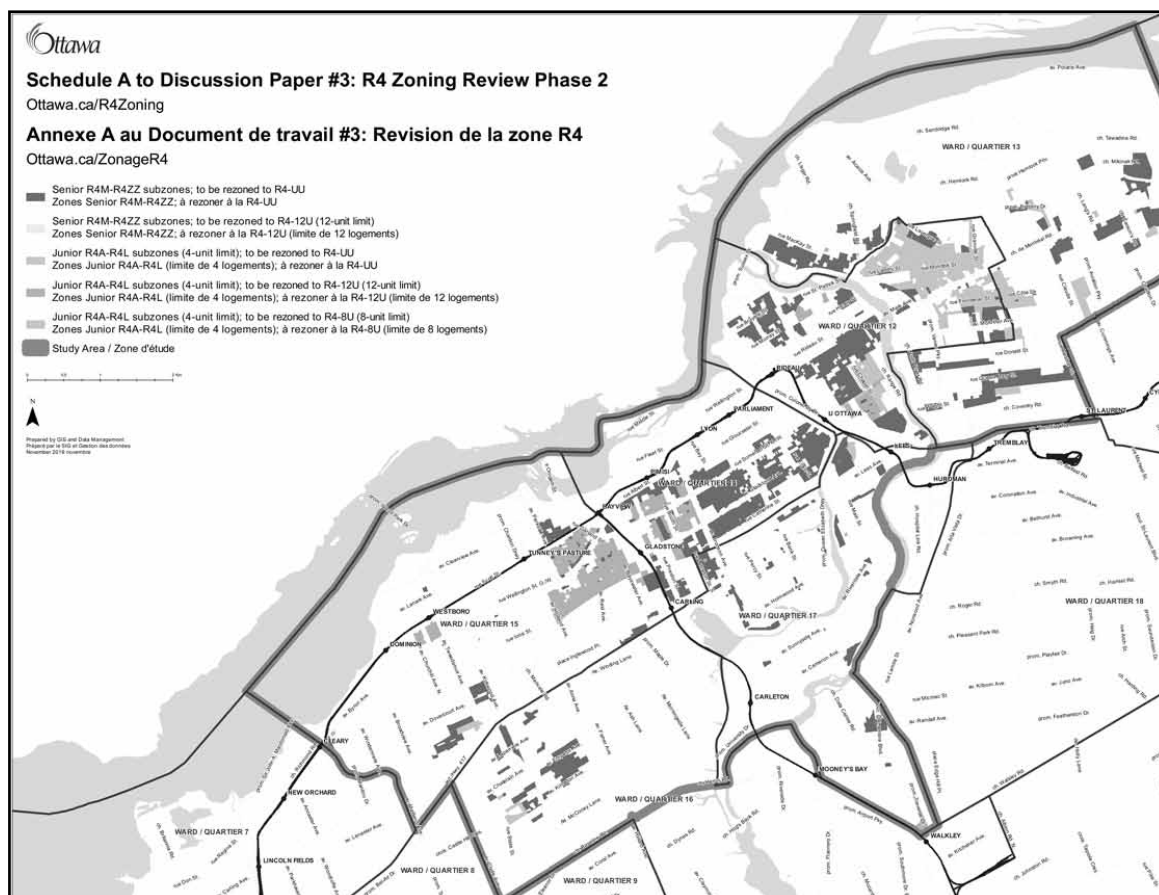
height limits on R4 lots that otherwise would have been restricted to three or four units;

- Introduce basic design standards to the zoning, including requirements for facade articulation and for doors and windows facing the street. This will help to ensure that new buildings are not anonymous and faceless boxes, but instead integrate with and contribute to the public realm;

- Modify current amenity area requirements to focus on intensive, quality greenspace and trees more appropriate to an urban site and context;

- Ensure that surface parking is not permitted to replace, encroach upon or degrade the green spaces, trees, walkways and other functional areas needed to ensure a compatible infill apartment building.

The New Edinburgh Community Alliance's (NECA's) Heritage and Development Committee will be reviewing this proposal and consulting with the City of Ottawa's zoning staff to clarify the impact the proposed changes could potentially have on our community. The Discussion Paper and other materials can be found at: [Ottawa.ca/R4Zoning](http://Ottawa.ca/R4Zoning). The deadline for comments is Feb. 21, 2020.



The City of Ottawa is proposing changes to the R4 family of zones, which would include all of New Edinburgh.

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# For the Birds

By Jane Heintzman



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## American Goldfinch at Macoun Marsh.

In the early 2000s, New Edinburgh was lucky enough to have its own birding store at the corner of Beechwood Avenue and the Vanier Parkway (current home of Rassi Coiffure). Birder's World was owned and operated by Lynn Smyth, a former City Councillor for Ottawa South, and a knowledgeable naturalist. The popular store was replete with birding supplies from seed to feeders, bird houses, bird baths, birding guides, binoculars and much more.

With Lynn's guidance, my own household gradually acquired the basics for backyard birding, and thanks to our location between the Rideau Hall woods and the Rideau River, we succeeded in attracting a variety of species to our garden. By 2005, my interest in the feathered world had deepened to the point that I launched this *NEN* column to inspire others to take note of the abundant bird life in our area.

So began *For the Birds* – now entering its 15th year! Thanks to all who have contributed reports, photos and suggestions over the years: you have been – and continue to be – a mainstay of the column.

The dead of winter (so named for a good reason) is traditionally a slow season for birders, just as it is for restau-

rants, retail stores and almost any activity which requires people to emerge from hibernation. The majority of our local songbirds have departed for southerly winter habitats, and weather conditions for birding expeditions can be challenging at best, and prohibitive at worst. The only good news is that the trees are bare, so it's simpler to spot one of the avian remainders than in warmer seasons of full foliage.

In late December, there was still considerable bird activity

in our area. In walks along the Rockcliffe Parkway past the Pavilion, and deeper into Rockcliffe Park near the Rockeries, we encountered flocks of American robins, black-capped chickadees and dark-eyed juncos. We also noticed wild turkey tracks in the snow along the parkway, some of which came ominously close to what appeared to be foxes' tracks. On one occasion, we came within feet of a trio of male turkeys strutting down Manor Road across several lawns. Their pace accelerated notably when our dogs began to bark in excitement, but they

held their ground and never took flight.

Among the other winter stalwarts in December were pileated-, downy- and hairy woodpeckers, American goldfinches in their drab winter plumage, common ravens, house finches and Northern cardinals. Out on the Rideau River before the final freeze-up, we spotted small groups of common goldeneye and hooded mergansers, seemingly oblivious to the encroaching ice and deepening cold. The handsome hooded merganser, or "hoodie," is traditionally the last to leave in December, and in some years,

can be seen cruising languidly on a pencil-thin stretch of open water between thickening ice floes.

Unquestionably, the highlight to date has been the presence – and in my view "companionship" – of a pair of common ravens. This imposing duo has regularly accompanied me on my daily walks, breaking the wintry silence with their conversational vocalizations. Though I'm not (yet) fluent in raven-speak, I'm sorely tempted to respond to their deep-throated croaks and gurgles. Indeed, on several occasions when they were nowhere to be seen, I actually did call out to them. (Thankfully, there were no people around to observe this head-scratching behaviour!) Miraculously, the pair turned up almost immediately to swoop overhead and croak out a greeting. If only my dogs came as swiftly when I called!

But the most astonishing moment came one afternoon when the ravens appeared in our garden, several kilometres from their usual Rockcliffe Parkway haunt. For about half an hour, they strutted around, pecking at the black-oil sunflower seed strewn on the snow. I guess I've now got "friends in high places."

In our garden, a particularly abundant crop of mountain ash berries proved a magnet for a passing flock of cedar



Pileated Woodpecker.

Photo by Amy-Jane Lawes



White-tailed deer at a bird feeder.

Photo by Amy-Jane Lawes



waxwings, which descended en masse in late December. The flock stuck around only briefly, however, leaving much of the crop untouched. Disappointingly, little else has turned up in our garden to date, apart from a smattering of dark-eyed juncos and black-capped chickadees, an occasional white-breasted nuthatch, a few American goldfinches, American crows, our ever-present crew of pushy house sparrows and, alas, squirrels – hundreds of them, waiting to maraud my feeders before anything feathered can get near.

The ubiquitous house sparrow (actually a member of the finch family) is a paradigm case of avian adaptation, having learned to take every advantage of human habitation, from feeders to eaves-troughs for nesting, shrubs for shelter and even the mortar of brick walls for purposes unknown. I'm not a fan of these drab little brown, gray and white birds, as they're aggressive with other species, and even use their powerful

legendary "Avian Bistro" on Alexander Street where the feeders are numerous and kept fully stocked!)

Now that our feeders are spotlessly clean and filled to the brim, I'm hopeful that some of our regulars – Northern cardinals, American goldfinches, house finches, white-breasted nuthatches, mourning doves, common redpolls and assorted other winter finches – will turn up. Experience suggests that once a few birds have discovered the feeders, the jungle telegraph works fast and efficiently.

#### Reports from our readers

St. Laurent Academy's Mike Leveille reports that the Macoun Marsh has had a variety of avian visitors this winter, notably black-capped chickadees, dark-eyed juncos, American goldfinches, house finches, mourning doves, white-breasted nuthatches and downy woodpeckers. Mike also suspects there is a Cooper's Hawk in the area, waiting in anticipation of a



Common Raven.

Photo by Amy-Jane Lawes



American Goldfinch.

Photo by Amy-Jane Lawes

finch beaks to peck through the beaks of competitors for food or turf.

Notable absentees in our garden this January have been our resident Northern cardinals, a constant presence in past winters, and a morale-booster with their bright plumage in this dark season. I look forward to their return when nesting season begins.

The bleak "birding desert" in our yard at the moment is probably because I removed all the feeders to thoroughly clean and disinfect them – a long-overdue precaution. Regrettably, the process took about a week, at which point potential visitors moved on to more promising locations (likely Philip MacAdam's

songbird meal. On the Rideau River, Mike has spotted many Goldeneyes – both Common and the much rarer Barrow's, distinguished by a clear white crescent in front of the eye.

Throughout December, Phil's Avian Bistro was (as always) busy with a variety of winter visitors, including Northern cardinals (though noticeably fewer), white- and rose-breasted nuthatches, black-capped chickadees, house finches, American goldfinches, downy- and hairy woodpeckers. On Jan. 1, bistro proprietor Philip MacAdam departed for three weeks in Costa Rica, where he no doubt enjoyed the local abundance of egrets, herons,

kingfishers, hummingbirds, pelicans, frigatebirds and hawks.

Across the river in Val-des-Monts, Que., Amy-Jane Lawes has had little to report on the bird front so far, though the first bird of 2020 at her feeders was an American goldfinch, already transitioning to its yellow plumage. A hopeful sign!

Amy's participation in the local Christmas Bird Count in Val-des-Monts yielded a respectable list of 31 species. The highlight was a close encounter with a handsome pileated woodpecker, intent on the pursuit of grubs in its chosen tree trunk. Amy notes ruefully that "the only unusual visitors at my feeders were two white-tailed deer; my squirrel-proof feeders are definitely not deer-proof!"

Our intrepid west coast birding reporter Vicki Metcalfe<sup>o</sup> (a longstanding Burgh resident prior to her departure for Victoria, B.C. several years ago), recently had the adventure of a lifetime on guided birding expeditions in the Ecuadorean rainforest and later in the Galapagos Islands (read Vicki's report on page 27). Back home in Victoria, however, the unaccustomed onset of a January snow and ice event has brought Vicki's birding activities to a temporary halt.



Mourning Dove at Macoun Marsh.

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for eastbound trips.

Surely route 9 deserves the same adjustment as route 12 with a circuit that reaches the downtown core. Why make it harder – with longer travel times and more effort – for the many people taking route 9 who are heading to and from work in the core?

If the intent was to reduce bus traffic in the downtown core west of Elgin Street, then consider the tradeoff in ridership and accessibility for those relying on route 9.

Detrimental route changes are salt in the wound that is unreliable bus service. For at least two years before route 9 was changed, buses would far too often go missing in action downtown, especially during the afternoon commute. OC Transpo has a practice of pulling buses from their scheduled trips to assist with other higher-priority routes as needed. However, this rider never received a reply from

OC Transpo in response to inquiries or complaints about the frequency with which the 9 failed to show up as scheduled.

As in the past, the current weekday morning service still presents some challenges. For example, an 8:08 a.m. bus never turns up then it ranges from 8:14 to 8:23, often closer to the latter. If an 8:08

have been promised that public transit will improve with the launch of the LRT. For those who still rely primarily on the bus service, however, that promise has not come through.

At a time of climate crisis, this is also the moment for the City's leadership to push to excel in public transit performance to reduce com-

*"If an 8:08 a.m. arrival is not feasible, then why schedule an 8:08 a.m. trip?"*

a.m. arrival is not feasible, then why schedule an 8:08 a.m. trip?

Bus drivers are not to blame for the scheduling issues or trip cancellations, as *Ottawa Citizen* readers learned in an open letter by a bus driver last December. The "OC schedules are so tightly drawn up that operators have virtually no time between runs, are constantly playing catch-up and sometimes don't have a minute for a bathroom break," reported the *Citizen*.

The driver "appealed to Mayor Jim Watson to help stop 'the secrecy, obfuscation and outright deceit' and called for a fundamental shift in how OC was run."

For years, OC Transpo users

muting by cars and achieve lower carbon emissions. As with other public services, the transit system should work for everyone – for those with no alternative to taking it and for those who prefer it for a host of valid reasons. A better performing OC Transpo is in everyone's interest.

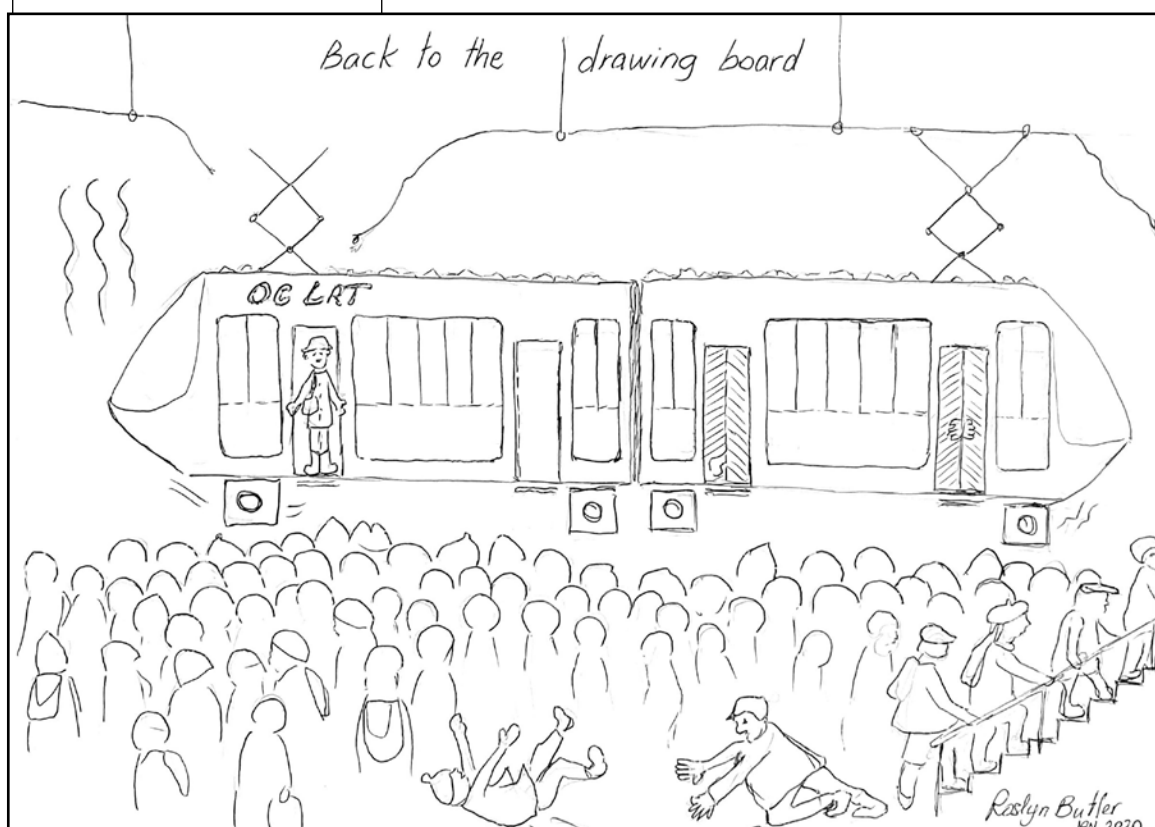
For New Edinburgh, modest improvements to route 9 would help improve people's experience coming and going from our neighbourhood, and they might even attract more riders (back) onto the local bus.

*Sarah Anson-Cartwright is a longtime resident of New Edinburgh, who rides the no. 9, walks and cycles. She works in public affairs.*

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Roslyn Butler's take on the gamut of problems encountered in the early days of Light Rail Transit in Ottawa, from sensitive doors and broken wires, to slippery floors, dirty roofs and wheels that are not round.

Cartoon by Roslyn Butler



# Crichton Gallery closes its doors after five years

By Mary Pratte

As my mother would say: all things, both good and bad, come to an end. And so it is with our beloved little gallery at 299 Crichton St.

After almost five years of beauty, hard work, passion for local art, and friendships made in the artistic community, we will be closing the gallery as of Feb. 9. With so many demands on our time – from artistic commitments, health issues and grandchildren – the Crichton Gallery

team felt the time was right to move on.

Our core artists have been an amazing group of professionals who make art sing, and, who, along with our guest artists, have opened our hearts and minds to all that surrounds us.

We hope someone will want to continue using the space for local artists – it is just a perfect spot to bring people together. We will miss the gallery, the neighbourhood, the art we displayed there, and those of you who have

taken home one (or more) of our beautiful pieces.

We wish you all well, and don't forget: all things come to an end. Carpe Diem!

*The Crichton Gallery team were Mary Pratte (gmpratte@sympatico.ca), Elisabeth Arbuckle (elisabetharbuckle.com), Mary Ann Varley (mavarley.ca), Pat Carbonneau (patcarbonneau@bell.net), Jennifer Anne Kelly (jenniferannekelly.com) and Louise Tanguay (louisetanguay.com).*



Photo by Alexander McKenzie

After close to five years in business, the Crichton Gallery will close its doors on Feb. 9.

## Hope and realism needed as we grow in this new decade

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### Events and spirit

The Beechwood Market goes into its seventh season this coming summer. Proof that local residents are looking for a weekly gathering spot and want to support local businesses, the Beechwood Market paved the way for the Christmas Edition, the Spring Edition and the first-ever Beechwood Night Market at

MacKay United Church.

The Beechwood East Feast (recently renamed Beechfest) became the largest outdoor festival this side of the Rideau River, drawing almost 3,000 people in September 2019. Based around food, music and a bit of drink, it will go into its fifth year in 2020.

The Vanier Snowflake Breakfast is one of the area's biggest fundraisers. The 2019 event raised more than

\$50,000 for the Ottawa Food Bank. The annual Vanier Carnavale always draws a crowd as does the Sugar Festival, both in Richelieu Park. The New Edinburgh Fieldhouse in Stanley Park was hopping on Jan. 1, 2020 with the New Year's Day Brunch, and Manor Park's Rock the Block was complemented by its new summer partner, Pints in the Park.

Providing opportunities for

local residents to connect with their community is key in the evolution of neighbourhoods. With too many examples of events to list, we are certainly an engaged community.

In comparison to Denley's analysis of the Ottawa 2020 plan for the downtown core, I would offer that we are better with both planning and execution. We are particularly talented at monitoring what

makes its way into our little borough. The next decade will see substantial growth and attention. Let's remain hopeful, alert and realistic.

*Chris Penton is the founder and manager of the Beechwood Market. He has served as president of the Vanier Community Association and ran in the Ward 13 2019 by-election.*

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# Candidates ready for provincial by-election; just waiting for premier to choose vote date



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## By Christina Leadlay

Ontario Premier Doug Ford has until Feb. 2 to call a byelection in Ottawa-Vanier (perhaps by the time you are reading this, the date has already been announced!).

Our riding has been without representation at the provincial legislature in Toronto since Ontario Liberal MPP Nathalie Des Rosiers resigned her seat on July 31, 2019 to take a new position as head of Massey College at the University of Toronto. Des Rosiers had been our MPP since Nov. 17, 2016, following the departure of long-time Liberal MPP Madeleine

Meilleur in June 2016.

As of Jan. 24, four political parties in Ontario had selected their candidates for the byelection.

Patrick Mayangi is running for the governing Progressive Conservative party. He was one of 11 candidates who ran in the municipal byelection in Rideau-Rockcliffe ward in April 2019.

Myriam Djilane is the candidate for the official opposition Ontario New Democrats.

And Lucille Collard will carry the Ontario Liberal banner. This party is currently in the process of selecting a new leader, which will take place Mar. 7.

Benjamin Koczowski is the candidate for the Green Party of Ontario, which currently has just one sitting MPP (its leader, Mike Schreiner).

Many Ottawa-Vanier residents have remarked that the Ontario New Democrats were quick off the mark with their election signs in the riding, which have been spotted around the community since early January.

Ours is not the only provincial byelection on the horizon. The east-end riding of Orleans is also preparing for a provincial byelection. Their Liberal MPP Marie-France Lalonde stepped down to run for the federal Liberals this

past fall (she was elected as the Member of Parliament for Orleans on Oct. 21,

2019). Current Ottawa City Councillor Stephen Blais will run as the Liberal candidate in Orleans against the NDP's Manon Parrot and the PC candidate Natalie Montgomery.

According to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, "once the Writs of Election are issued, the campaign period begins and lasts 28 days." Visit [elections.on.ca](https://elections.on.ca) for more details about the upcoming provincial byelection.

## Rideau river levels already high

The Rideau Valley Watershed is already at a relatively high level in early February, and volatile climate conditions (in particular heavy rain) could pose a significant flood risk as the spring "freshet" approaches.

To keep track of watershed conditions in the interim between now and the April edition of the New Edinburgh News, visit the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority's website: [rvca.ca/watershed-conditions](https://rvca.ca/watershed-conditions). You can also visit [newedinburgh.ca](https://newedinburgh.ca), where RVCA Flood Risk bulletins will be posted as they become available. -Jane Heintzman

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# How do we find our way together as neighbours?

**Op-Ed by Rev. Peter Woods, MacKay United Church**

Follow the energy! From music-making to spirituality to community engagement, following the energy has become a familiar way of naming what we seek to do as neighbours.

With the recent films (both feature and documentary) about Fred Rogers (1928–2003), the educational children’s television host of *Mr.*

such a sentiment still holds space in our contemporary discourse. Good news. And it is being revealed in so many practices: deep listening, therapeutic touch, mindfulness, contemplation. Language of soul and spirit have a resonance that carries far beyond the religious traditions of our various faith practices.

As a person who makes my life and work within the United Church of Canada (one of the historic churches

based conversation around kindness. It is a conversation about shared experience and life lessons. How do we find our way together as neighbours? How do I foster kindness in myself and my community? Follow the energy.

As people who have been somewhat shaped by children’s television person-

alities like Mr. Rogers, and perhaps The Friendly Giant, Mr. Dressup and the hosts of Romper Room, too, it’s wonderfully surprising to acknowledge them not as “children’s entertainers,” but also as social prophets in the North American context.

Someone once suggested that the children need to lead

us, as people such as Greta Thunberg are doing. I feel led by Mr. Rogers to re-assess my own ability to be a good neighbour.

I invite us to share in that re-assessment together in so many neighbourly ways in 2020.

*“I feel led by Mr. Rogers to re-assess my own ability to be a good neighbour.”*

*Rogers’ Neighborhood*, there is a fresh “follow the energy” moment around themes of kindness and neighbourliness. “We could all use a little kindness” is the tagline for the film *A Beautiful Day in the Neighbourhood* starring Tom Hanks as Mr. Rogers – quite a perfect little mission statement as we share life together.

I’m struck by the fact that

of New Edinburgh and in our nation), I feel we are living in a time of great blessing that is not contingent on the dispensations of any one faith or even any one denomination. Kindness/gentleness/acceptance/safe space: these are principles shaping so many spiritual practices here in Ottawa and beyond.

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# Music and meditation every Tuesday during Lent

**By NEN Staff**  
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be creative musical guests on occasion, with Lu Frattaroli contributing frequently on percussion (tabla). In addition, Chris Pond (bass) and Sam Westcott (guitar) as well as Tim Jackson (guitar) will be part of upcoming evenings. All of this unfolds on the first Tuesday of each month from 7-8 p.m., from now until June.  
However, during the Lenten season from Feb. 25

until Apr. 7, we are expanding to weekly gatherings on Tuesdays. These evenings are open to all people and there is no admission fee (although participants are welcome to make a donation in support of this community project).  
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# Free, fun events this season at Rockcliffe Park library

By Carolyn Brereton

Join in the fun at the Rockcliffe Park Branch of the Ottawa Public Library, located at 380 Springfield Rd. Programmes are free to attend; pre-registration may be required (see details below). Revenue raised at the Rockcliffe Park Spring Book Sale helps to fund many of these events including Music in the Stacks, author visits and PD Day programmes.

**Feb. 4 – Music in the Stacks: Deep Winter Series** at 7 – 8:15 p.m. Drop-in. Tobie Slippert will perform on viola/violin.

**Feb. 14 – PD Day Program** at 10:30-11:30 a.m. Drop-in. **Reptiles Rock!** Get up close and personal with a dozen or so specially selected animals (snakes, lizards and all their friends). Every animal is pet-quality and hand-tamed, so you get to touch everything. Presentation in English.

**Feb. 19 – Toddler time**

at 10-10:30 a.m. Ages 19 months to 3 years old. Stories, rhymes and songs for toddlers and a parent or caregiver. Drop-in.

**Feb. 24 – Author Visit** at 7– 8 p.m. Drop-in. Anthony (Tony) Keith will read excerpts from his stepfather's book and translator Irene Tomaszewski will provide a few words about the unusual history of *The Voyage of the Yacht, Dal: From Gdynia to Chicago, 1933-34* by André Bohomolec.

Bohomolec was a soldier, sailor, writer, diplomat, artist, and veteran of WWII. This fascinating and exciting reading recounts a true story of a transatlantic crossing, including surviving a hurricane that sank 11 ships.

**Mar. 3 – Music in the Stacks: Deep Winter Series** at 7 – 8:15 p.m. Drop-in. Flautist Justin Thériault will perform.

**Mar. 6 – Japanese Storytelling.** 3 p.m. Drop-

in. Japanese storyteller/comedian Toshiki Mori performs Kamishibai, a form of visual and participatory storytelling that combines the use of hand drawn visuals with the engaging narration of a live presenter. Presentation in English.

**Mar. 17 (March Break) – Legends of Ireland.** 1:30-2:30 p.m. Drop-in. Susan Toman and a friend present "Legends of Ireland – Harp Music and Storytelling." Listen to the music and legends of Ireland on St. Patrick's Day to the sounds of the harp and with Irish storytelling at its best. Presentation in English.

**Mar. 31 Armchair Travel: Polar Bears.** 7-8 p.m. Registration required. Where are the best places to see polar bears in the northern hemisphere? Learn the answer from Carole Gobeil, polar travel specialist. Presentation in English.

**Apr. 3 – PD Day Program**



The Rockcliffe Park library branch, 380 Springfield Rd.

at 10:30-11:30 a.m. Drop-in. **Songs and Stories of Loggers and Lumberjacks.** Louis Mercier presents the stories, sing the songs of the lumberjack in this interactive performance. Bilingual presentation.

**May 15 – PD Day Program** at 10:30-11:30

a.m. Registration required. **Flying Colours Painting Workshop** in English. Artist Jennifer Nicol will guide you on using professional watercolour materials, which always results in beautiful paintings and a great sense of accomplishment.

## So You Think You're Smart!

### A Crossword to Test Your Mental Faculties

by Chris Burke

This is an English-style cryptic crossword. All clues provide the solver with two separate routes to the answer, one of which is a definition and the other is a more roundabout or cryptic approach. Some examples of clues and answers are provided below.

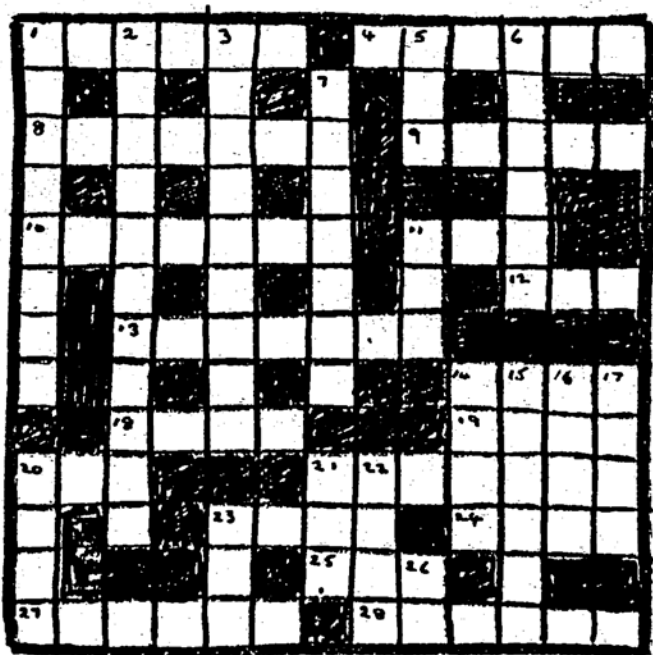
This crossword is concerned with New Edinburgh in two ways. First, many of the clues and answers relate to the area. (Some residents of Rideau Hall are included, for example). Second the first letters of all the words in the Across answers, including both words in 13 Across, can be reassembled to give you the name of a well-known publication in the village.

**Name of publication:** \_\_\_\_\_

The first correctly completed crossword to be received at 7 Avon Lane by February 16 will entitle the winner to dinner for two at the Compiler's.

#### EXAMPLES

**Clue:** A hundred are mad with desire (7); **Answer:** CRAVING; **Logic:** C is the Latin for a hundred, Mad is raving, Hence, craving which fits the definition "with desire"



(The figure in brackets tells you the number of letters in the answer)

**Clue:** Presuming person confuses sty lane (7); **Answer:** STANLEY; **Logic:** "Presuming person" is the definition ("Dr. Livingston I presume) Stanley is an anagram of "sty lane"...you "confuse" the letters

**Clue:** Soft drink is acceptable in the Church of England (4); **Answer:** COKE; **Logic:** Acceptable (OK) in the church of England (CE)

#### ACROSS

1. American warship immersed in sex drive. (6)
4. French curtain falls (6)
8. Beechwood leads to this Socratic conclusion (7)

9. Void makes my pet wild (5)
10. Eastern french glove, with article, is fashionable. (7)
11. Cold back for type of memorial. (3)
12. Drink and eat in confusion. (3)
13. The rain chaotically provides temporary shelter for permanent. (4,3)
14. Charles' fruity lady takes toll without her king. (4)
18. Wild ruse brings addict. (4)
19. Canal sounds spooky. (4)
20. Ban second medal (3)
21. Dampened twenty-third letter consumed Communist. (7)
23. Nobody without end at solar zenith. (4)
24. Pop, a modern art form. (4)
25. When to expect a letter from Athens. (3)

27. A thousand bucks on top of 360 is General rule. (6)
28. Green, for example, is touch-down. (6)

#### DOWN

1. Cry sheer confusion for important new resident. (8)
2. Sounds like we've got a few: McCreery's keeps them in July. (6,5)
3. Recalling New Edinburgh is this of the past. (9)
- 5 and 7. GI's can take mixture for Canal sport (3,7)
6. Wise guy used to be cute (6)
7. (See 5 down)
11. Dead look is us to a T (3)
14. Despair for beginnings of New Edinburgh (4)
15. Mistakes from Her Majesty, the Centre, brief thanks. (6)
16. Deceived, confused, I lead. (4)
17. Raw deal for swan's mate. (4)
20. Cherry, Governor? (4)
21. We contain nothing but sadness. (3)
22. We hear relative is opposed. (4)
23. Neither type of westerly. (3)
26. Like federal administrator. (2)

From the Archives...January 1979

# Climate emergency offers chance for Ottawa to get creative

By Sarah Anson-Cartwright

Cities are at the forefront of climate change. They are where large numbers of people are experiencing the impacts of climate change. Cities are also where a great deal of action and creative efforts are underway to adapt to environmental effects. While Ottawa has been behind on those efforts, 2020 may be the turning point

when our city finally steps up, since declaring a climate emergency last April.

So it was opportune to hear a trio of scholars speak on Jan. 16 about how to consider cities, climate change and sustainability. These academics spoke – from the perspectives of science, anthropology and geography, respectively – at an event hosted by Carleton University as the first panel in a series on Healthy Cities.

The scholars' wide-ranging insights and ideas prompted me to expand how I think of cities and their role in coping with climate change.

Climate change has the potential to make us more vulnerable, said Professor Elisabeth Gilmore, a Canadian at Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts. She noted that we are seeing events driven by climate change. The good news is that, according to Gilmore,

University Professor Zoe Todd has been accused of being a "fish supremacist," she joked. Care for fish, she said, and that will look after the environment: "What's good for fish is good for us."

Todd, a Métis from Alberta said that Indigenous governance is protecting biodiversity: Indigenous people are protecting 80 per cent of species. If we took Algonquin law into account in Ottawa, for example, we would relate

at how to address those vulnerabilities. According to its website, Rebuild by Design "convenes a mix of sectors – including government, business, non-profit and community organizations – to gain a better understanding of how overlapping environmental and human-made vulnerabilities leave cities and regions at risk."

Cities would do well to think of natural systems, rather

*Let's encourage the ideas and approaches that better protect communities and nature.*

cities are making a lot of progress in the adaptation space.

"Cities are laboratories where the conditions on the ground are mandating action," she said. What works in cities is having champions: people who promote actions that need to happen. She acknowledged that sometimes gaps emerge when those people – be they a councillor or a mayor – leave their positions. That is why institutionalizing the commitment to work toward adaptation goals is important.

At the subnational level, governments can be more creative, Gilmore suggested. "Even a little can be a lot" in terms of taking action, she said.

Climate action can take many forms. Carleton

to nature differently, she explained. Notions of domination, extraction, accumulation and control all go against Métis principles, for example. She argued that we need to shift to reciprocity, relationality and care.

Pay attention to where we are and what's around us, as American scholar Anna Tsing advises, said Todd; it will affect us.

While the climate crisis creates shocks for us, there is also an opportunity to rethink our approaches. The myth of perpetual growth and of cities as the engines of growth is one example, said Professor Sheryl-Ann Simpson of Carleton University. She is concerned with the vulnerabilities that we face. She cited Rebuild by Design as offering a framework to look

er than a straight engineering approach to things like dealing with storm water, said Simpson. Consider, for example, bioswales which capture water and then disburse the water slowly, rather than getting rid of the water as storm-water systems do (although bioswales may work better in wet and warmer climates).

As the City of Ottawa starts acting on its climate emergency motion, let's encourage the ideas and approaches that better protect communities and nature, that build resilience in the face of climate-related vulnerabilities and that work toward a low-carbon environment.

*Sarah Anson-Cartwright works in public affairs and is a frequent contributor to the New Edinburgh News.*

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# By-election debate on environment part of committee's plans

By Jane Heintzman

The New Edinburgh Community Alliance's (NECA's) Environment and Climate Change Committee was launched in mid-2019. Its founder and moving spirit is Jorge (George) Sorger, who was joined by other community members, including his daughters Tamara and Carmen Sorger, his granddaughter Adriana Sorger Brock and several other area residents to form the group.

The new committee's first order of business was a collaboration with other community and advocacy groups to organize an all-candidates debate on the environment during the federal election campaign in October 2019. Another ongoing, school-based initiative is a study of lichens along major transportation corridors as a measure of air quality in those locations.

Late last year, Jorge stepped down as committee chair, though he remains an active contributing member. Tamara Sorger has been chosen as chair, and looks forward to setting clear objectives, launching new projects and engaging new members of all ages in a community-based effort to address the most compelling issue of our time.

For the first time, the catastrophic threats of climate

change and environmental degradation have topped the political agenda, and a sense of urgency is now fueling public discussion and debate. The time is right to put pressure on elected representatives to act swiftly and decisively within their respective jurisdictions, and to bring about changes to stanch the relentless advance of climate change, habitat destruction, and species extinction.

Courageous political leadership is desperately needed. For this reason, the Committee's priorities for 2020 include organizing an all-candidates debate on the environment in the upcoming provincial by-election campaign in Ottawa-Vanier (expected this spring) as well as environmental "accountability" sessions with existing representatives Rawlson King and Mona Fortier, at the municipal and federal levels, respectively.

While a global perspective on the climate crisis is critically important to maintaining the impetus for change at a political level, "Acting locally" is still a must for all of us. Here too the Environment Committee hopes to play a role in the year ahead. Opportunities within our own neighbourhood to encourage more environmentally responsible and

sustainable living include:

- promoting environmental best-practices (including phasing out plastic packaging and waste reduction) in our local grocery store and other retail outlets;
- celebrating local businesses that take the lead in "greening" their operations;
- promoting appropriate use of green bins for ALL organic and food waste, and reducing the quantity of garbage for the landfill;
- sharing habit-changing tips on how to reduce our environmental footprint; and
- collaborating with schools to encourage environmental awareness and activism.

The Environment Committee plans to focus on a few specific projects in upcoming meetings, and to engage new members with ideas, fresh energy and a commitment to doing what we can to tackle the present threat to humanity and to the planet. The current plan is to meet on the second Saturday of each month, with special meetings as needed for specific projects. The next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 8 at 4 p.m. at 83 Union St.

Got a green idea? Please join us! Like any other community-based group, we depend on friends and neighbours to support us and help us focus our efforts and achieve our objectives. Join us to share your ideas and expertise! Contact: tamarasorger@yahoo.com.



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# Learn about the women's housing crisis in Ottawa

**By Jessie-Lee Wallace,  
Cornerstone Housing for  
Women**

Our city is experiencing a housing crisis. We need to discuss the issues of homelessness and lack of affordable and supportive housing – especially for women.

For more than 35 years, Cornerstone Housing for Women has run the only emergency shelter in Ottawa uniquely tailored to the needs of women who have experienced homelessness. Every night our shelter is full. The need is great. We also offer four supportive Housing Communities and an outreach program.

With community support we serve 200 women each day, and almost 500 women each year. There is hope. We see women like Anna, Sheena and Sandra recover from trauma and abuse. Every day we see women rebuild their lives with support.

We know from experience, that when you give a woman a safe, permanent home, they can heal and recover. With support and a fixed address, women can access help like counselling, mental health-, drug- and alcohol-recovery, education and work services. That is why Cornerstone continues to invest and build supportive housing with 24-hour



*Photo courtesy of Jessie-Lee Wallace*

**(From left): Longtime volunteer Elizabeth joins a resident at one of Cornerstone Housing's communities.**

or extended staffing. Without a safe place and staff support, a woman may become homeless once again. Proper supportive housing stops the cycle of chronic homelessness. It's about building loving communities where everyone belongs and can contribute.

Cornerstone's newest residence at 373 Princeton Ave. opened in November 2018, thanks to an outpouring of support from a caring community, and three levels of

government.

From start to finish, staff and volunteers often remarked how the Princeton Project felt like it was getting a little extra Divine support, because the campaign and redevelopment went quickly and without any issues. We owe a debt of gratitude to Les Soeurs de l'Institut Jeanne d'Arc (Sisters of the Joan of Arc Institute) for helping us redevelop their former residence. The building is now home to 42 small, but bright and beau-

tiful supportive housing units for women who have been chronically homeless.

As part of Cornerstone's commitment to reconciliation and right relations with Indigenous peoples, 10 per cent of the units at 373 Princeton Ave. are earmarked for Indigenous women. Currently we exceed that, with more than 35 per cent of the residents identifying as Indigenous. Many of the women are also under 30 years of age. Our part-

nership with Minwaashin Lodge helps us to support First Nations, Metis and Inuit women.

Indigenous people in Canada are significantly over-represented among people that have experienced chronic homelessness. Currently, Indigenous people represent 24 per cent of Ottawa's homeless people, but only 2.5 per cent of the city's total population. Due to the ugly legacy of colonization, Indigenous women are at a significantly higher risk of becoming homeless and face additional barriers to accessing and maintaining safe, secure housing. Cornerstone is dedicated to providing safe, secure housing and support specifically tailored to the needs of all women from diverse places, with diverse needs.

Please join us as we celebrate International Women's Day 2020 Week. On March 5, Cornerstone Housing, along with Harmony House and other women's charities, will host a panel discussion entitled "One Thousand Women: The state of housing and homelessness for women in our city" at 6 p.m. at Ashbury College, 362 Mariposa Ave. Tickets are \$10 and will be available on Feb. 1 at [cornerstonewomen.ca](http://cornerstonewomen.ca).

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# Birding adventures in South America



Photo by Vicki Metcalfe

While on the Galapagos Islands, Vicki had a close-up encounter with blue-footed boobies and visited a giant tortoise sanctuary.

grab the worms it is fed by its admirers. Having a moss-backed tanager eat banana from my hand was especially memorable!

When most of the group continued into the Amazon, I went on to join a cruise in the Galapagos. I flew from Quito to Isla Baltra to meet our guide Harry and fellow cruisers. Although the catamaran Ocean Spray had capacity for 16, there were only five of us, with 11 crew plus Harry. Needless to say, the service and the sumptuous seafood meals were wonderful.

We swam with the Galapagos penguins, sea lions and sea turtles. Thankfully, we were not joined in the water by huge, sea-going iguana! Birds are not as plentiful on the Galapagos as in the Andes, but I did see 25 species. We hiked to a

wavy albatross colony and had a close-up encounter with blue- and red-footed boobies. The wildlife, including the birds, have no fear reaction to humans. Harry explained it is because there are no predators to fear; the only large animal is the ubiquitous sea lion which eats only fish. We also visited the giant tortoise sanctuary to watch the enormous creatures lumber around.

Cliché though it may be, my birding adventure in Ecuador and the Galapagos was truly the trip of a lifetime.

Vicki's successful cruise in the Galapagos Islands was organized by Cultural and Natural Heritage Tours, a local Ottawa company owned and operated by Manor Park residents Heather Blenkiron and Marc Patry. Visit [cnhtours.com](http://cnhtours.com).



Photo by Vicki Metcalfe

## By Vicki Metcalfe

*Editor's Note: A former resident of New Edinburgh, Vicki now lives in Victoria, B.C. and is a regular contributor to the For the Birds column.*

When Ed, my birding friend from Portland, Oregon, suggested I join him on a bird photography trip to Ecuador, I jumped at the chance. Later, a fellow birder from Victoria said if I went to Ecuador, I absolutely had to go to the Galapagos. And so I did.

In November 2019, Ed and I flew to Quito, Ecuador, and were taken to the Puenbo Birding Garden hotel, where we met the five others in the group and our leader, Juan Carlos Vindas. A Costa Rican, Juan Carlos leads bird photography trips in Central and South America through his company Neotropic Photo Tours ([neotropicphototours.com](http://neotropicphototours.com)).

After a brief stop in the enormous city of Quito, it was off to the rainforest. Despite expert drivers, the roads were often a challenge and even scary, moreso since we were heading into the rainy season. And it was cold – sometimes bone-chillingly cold. Juan Carlos had arranged stays for the group in several lodges which varied in sophistication. In one spot, we were presented with hot-water bottles after dinner because there was no heat in the rooms. But the food was always plentiful and often excellent.

Juan Carlos is a bird pho-

tographer who goes to extreme lengths to help his clients. Some of the setups were amazing. At one spot, the lodge had set up white tarps vertically in the forest and left lights on all night; at daybreak, we watched from a sheltered vantage point while an incredible number and variety of birds came to feast on the moths that had been attracted by the light. For the hummingbird shots, Juan Carlos hid all the nearby feeders, and arranged a ring of flashes on tripods around a photo of blurred greenery with freshly clipped flowers in front. The photographers synced their cameras to the flashes, and took shot after shot, capturing the birds in action.

Overall on my trip I counted 235 bird species, including 49 species of hummingbird and innumerable brilliantly coloured tanagers. Two hundred and two of these were "life birds" – birding lingo for species I'd never seen before. Juan Carlos' trip tally was 292 species of birds, plus monkeys, kinkajous (tropical rainforest mammals), rabbits, squirrels and Andean deer.

Bird highlights included the amazing hummingbirds and tanagers, but also the saffron-coloured Andean ibis, the toucans with their astonishing beaks, the well-described pearled treerunner and the strange little antpitta (five species) that lives in the deep forest but scurries out to

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## Find your next activity at NECTAR

By Isobel Bisby

At present, the NECTAR Centre at 255 MacKay St. is still available for a variety of community activities. It's a great place to gather for birthday parties, concerts, weddings, fitness and

health classes, meetings – the list goes on! Check out the Facebook page to see what's new. A few of our ongoing activities:

**Mondays** 7:30–8:45 p.m. – New Edinburgh Community Choir. Come and enjoy community singing led by Joe

McDonald. No auditions; all are welcome. \$15 per practice.

**Tuesdays** 1:30–3 p.m. – Ukulele Jam led by Mary Moore. All levels. \$5 per session.

**Wednesdays** 1:15–2:15 p.m. – Mindful Meditation

Circle. A quiet moment in our week to meditate together. \$5 donation requested.

**Thursdays** 2–4 p.m. – For the cold winter months we have kitchen Scrabble and other games. \$5 donation requested.

For details about these

activities and other upcoming classes and activities, please email NECTAR's general manager, Paul Tonkin, at [nectarcentregm@gmail.com](mailto:nectarcentregm@gmail.com) or call 613-745-2742.

## Emerging artists invited to take part in studio tour

By Sara Mullen

Planning for the fifth annual New Edinburgh Artists' Studio Tour (NEST) is underway. NEST 2020 will take place the weekend of September 26–27 from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Last year's tour was a huge success, with some sites tallying more than 650 visitors. The momentum is building towards an even grander tour this year.

New to the tour this time: the emerging artist application option. This is an opportunity for two emerging artists to participate at no cost. Preference will be given to secondary or post-secondary students who live in the surrounding neighbourhoods.

NEST is currently accepting applications for emerging, studio and guest artists – the deadline is March 1, 2020.

This self-guided art studio tour takes place annually on the fourth weekend in September. Approximately 20 to 30 artists who live or work creatively within New Edinburgh open their studios, galleries, or workspaces to the public. These studios are scattered throughout New Edinburgh, which is particularly beautiful in the fall. The tour is designed to be completed on foot.

NEST offers the public a unique opportunity to engage with professional and emerging local artists in the studios where they work. The tour aims to help build a vibrant arts community in New Edinburgh by connecting participating artists with each other and the public. It's a rare occasion for most of the artists to personally and



Artwork by Sara Mullen, *Summer's Last Breath*, 30 x 60"

directly showcase their process and studios to the public. Admission to the studio tour is free and everyone is welcome. Artwork is exhibited and available for sale, and live demonstrations happen

throughout the day at most studio locations. Door prizes are available.

NEST is organized by Sara Mullen ([saraalexmullen.com](mailto:saraalexmullen.com)), Ariel Lyons ([ariellyons.ca](mailto:ariellyons.ca)), Josee Robillard,

Irene Tobis ([vegfwd.ca](mailto:vegfwd.ca)), and Susan Ashbrook ([susanashbrook.com](mailto:susanashbrook.com)).

To learn more and submit an application, please visit [nestudiotour.com](http://nestudiotour.com).

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## Join Elmwood School for an info session and a dark comedy



Photo courtesy Elmwood Theatre

Grade 11 student Maggie Fyfe rehearses for her role in “The Red Shoes” at Elmwood Theatre.

### By Elmwood Communications

Join us Feb. 12 for our Admissions Information Session at Elmwood School, 261 Buena Vista Road. Beginning at 6:30 p.m., prospective parents and students will have the opportunity to meet teachers and school leaders, tour our facilities, participate in hands-on learning activities and speak to current parents and students. Find out more about how we inspire girls to reach their full potential. Register at [elmwood.ca/student-life/info-session-2020](http://elmwood.ca/student-life/info-session-2020).

### Lead Like A Girl

The Lead Like A Girl Conference is the first all-girls leadership conference in Canada’s capital and brings together 250 girls between the ages of 11 and 14 from 20 schools across the region. This year’s focus is on enhancing leadership skills dedicated to environmental sustainability and consciousness. Our goal through this theme is to provide girls with a specialized set of leadership skills and inspire initiatives to better equip them in becoming agents of change within their communities and beyond. If you are a teacher interested in bringing your students to the Lead Like A Girl Conference in 2020 please visit [elmwood.ca/llag2020](http://elmwood.ca/llag2020).

**The Red Shoes – Feb 26–Mar 1**

Elmwood School’s Theatre

team will present *The Red Shoes* by Nancy Harris, based on the fairy tale by Hans Christian Andersen.

When 16-year-old Karen is adopted by a seemingly generous family, she quickly discovers that their benevolence is driven more by their miserly aspirations than their desire to care for an orphaned child. Despite her best efforts to please them, her world becomes unravelled when a strange, shapeshifting shoemaker convinces her to buy a pair of beautiful red shoes. No sooner does she put them on than she finds her feet will not stand still. The magic and mischief that ensues leads Karen on a perilous journey, from which there appears to be no return.

Playwright Nancy Harris’ reimagining of Hans Christian Andersen’s dark fairy tale examines similar themes of temptation and redemption found in the Dane’s original story. But Harris’ Irish manner of storytelling is both boisterous and strangely absurd. *The Red Shoes* is a dark and haunting comedy, in which the magic mirror-on-the-wall invites us to examine closely the inclinations that serve to lure us down the collective rabbit-hole!

Performances of *The Red Shoes* run from Feb. 26–29 at 7 p.m. and from Feb. 29–Mar. 1 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for students and seniors. Elmwood Theatre is located at 261 Buena Vista Rd. Call 613-749-6761 x 221.



The Rideau River in autumn, 2019.

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## FEBRUARY

**Mondays – Thunderbird Sisters workshops** at the NECTAR Centre 255 McKay St. 4–5:45 p.m. The Thunderbird Sisters Collective is a non-profit organization of creative women united in Indigenous culture. Monday workshops feature learning to bead with Patsea, followed by a traditional drumming circle from 5:45–6:45 p.m. All are welcome to the circle. Drums are available but you're welcome to bring your own.

**Feb 1 – Winter Celebration** at Rideau Hall, 1 Sussex Dr. 12:30–4 p.m. Free. [www.gg.ca](http://www.gg.ca). Governor General Julie Payette hosts a Winter Celebration. Take part in skating, snowshoeing, curling and cross-country skiing, and discover how other countries spend the coldest months of the year with traditional foods and activities. Tours of Rideau Hall available. Please bring non-perishable food items for the Ottawa Food Bank and Moisson Outaouais, or winter clothing for the Snowsuit Fund.

**Feb. 4 – Living Well, Leaving Well workshop** at the Beechwood National Memorial Centre: 280 Beechwood Ave. 6:45 p.m. [beechwoodottawa.ca](http://beechwoodottawa.ca). The Canadian Preplanning Council presents an interactive workshop exploring the importance of building and preserving life legacies. Receive a free Living Well Leaving Well Legacy Guide. Learn methods to assist your family in avoiding and alleviating future stress at a time of loss or illness. All welcome. Door prizes and refreshments.

**Feb. 4 – CanGeo Talks** at 50 Sussex Dr. 613-745-4629; [rcgs.org](http://rcgs.org). 7 p.m. \$15. The Royal Canadian Geographical Society hosts a panel of Canada's top adventurers (George Kourounis, Adam Shoalts, and Johnny Issaluk) debating the nation's greatest explorers from Samuel de Champlain and Alexander Mackenzie to Roberta Bondar and James Cameron.

**Feb. 6 – Open House** in the library, Queen Elizabeth Public School, 689 St. Laurent Blvd. 6:30–7:30 p.m. Queen Elizabeth Public School (in the Ottawa Carleton District School Board) hosts an Open House for both its Middle French Immersion and Gr. 7 English and Immersion Programs.

**Feb. 8 – Environment Committee Meeting** at 83 Union St. 4 p.m. Info: [tamarasorger@yahoo.com](mailto:tamarasorger@yahoo.com). The New Edinburgh Community Alliance's Environment & Climate Change committee will meet to discuss a few specific projects and to engage new members with ideas and suggestions on what we can do to save the planet. Please consider joining us to share your ideas and expertise! Details, page 25.

**Feb 8 – RCMP Musical Ride Open House** at the Musical Ride Centre, RCMP Rockcliffe Stables, 1 Sandridge Rd. 10 a.m.–3 p.m. Free. [rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/musical-ride-open-house](http://rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/musical-ride-open-house). The RCMP hosts its annual Musical Ride Open House. Tour the stables and meet the horses and riders of the famous Musical Ride. Also featured: demonstrations from RCMP specialized units, family-friendly activities and displays of police equipment. Organizers encourage visitors to donate non-perishable food items or cash for the Ottawa Food Bank.

**Feb. 9 – Skating Party** at the New Edinburgh Fieldhouse, 203 Stanley Ave. 3–5 p.m. The Crichton Community Council hosts a Skating Party. Come for skating games, socializing, baked goods and warm drinks. Bring your own mug, please!

**Feb. 11 – Crichton Community Council meeting** at the New Edinburgh Fieldhouse, 203 Stanley Ave. 7:30 p.m. Please join members of the Crichton Community Council at our regular meeting. Everyone welcome.

**Feb. 15 – Tapping Maple Trees** at the Sugar Shack, Vanier Museoparc, Des Peres Blancs. 9 a.m.–2 p.m. [museoparc.ca](http://museoparc.ca). Learn to tap your maple trees! Join the Museoparc team and its maple producers in the tapping of our maple trees. Receive a

small guide to tapping and a short training session. Volunteers receive a pancake breakfast and hot soup. Dress warmly and bring your drill if you have one!

**Feb. 17 – Family Day Party** at the Lindenlea Community Centre, 15 Rockcliffe Way. 10 a.m.–4 p.m. [lindenlea.ca](http://lindenlea.ca). Free. The Lindenlea Community Association hosts a Family Day Party featuring skating from 10 a.m.–12 p.m. and a pizza lunch (cash only) followed by crafts and entertainment.


**Feb. 18 – Ottawa Heritage Day** at Jean Pigott Place, Ottawa City Hall, 110 Laurier Ave. W. Free. 11:30 a.m.–2 p.m. [capitalheritage.ca](http://capitalheritage.ca). The Capital Heritage Connexion and City of Ottawa co-present the annual Heritage Day Ceremony and Heritage Exhibitors' Showcase. This year's theme is "2020 Vision: Bringing the Past into the Future." Featuring informational displays and more than 40 exhibitors, including the New Edinburgh Community Alliance!

**Feb. 23 – Resilience and Relationships** at MacKay United Church, 39 Dufferin Rd. 2–3:30 p.m. The MacKay Brainerdy hosts a lecture on "Resilience and Relationships: Tips for Getting Through Tough Times Together." Tickets online: [mackaybrainerdy.ca](http://mackaybrainerdy.ca).

**Feb. 25 – Music and Meditation** at MacKay United Church, 39 Dufferin Rd. 7 p.m. 613-749-8727. [mackayunitedchurch.org](http://mackayunitedchurch.org). All are welcome to "Music and Meditation" every Tuesday evening during Lent: Feb. 25–Apr. 7. Music by Rev. Peter Woods on saxophone and Mitchell Wright on piano.

**Feb. 26 – Mar. 1 – The Red Shoes** at Elmwood Theatre, 261 Buena Vista Rd. 613-749-6761 x 221. 7 p.m. on Feb 26–29; 2 p.m. on Feb. 29 and Mar. 1. \$25; \$20 students and seniors. Elmwood School Theatre presents the play The Red Shoes by Nancy Harris, based on the fairy tale by Hans Christian Andersen. Details, page 29.

**Feb. 26 – Open House** at De La Salle secondary school, 501 St. Patrick St. 6–7 p.m. 613-789-0053 [de-la-salle.cepeo.on.ca](http://de-la-salle.cepeo.on.ca). French pub-



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lic secondary school École Secondaire De La Salle is having an open house for prospective students and families interested in a French-language education from grades 7–12 with an academic and arts focus.

**Feb. 28 – Homespun** at the NECTAR Centre 255 MacKay St. 7:30 p.m. \$10 or pay what you can. [facebook.com/events/858696304588258](https://facebook.com/events/858696304588258). Log Drive Café presents Homespun, a new group of three women – Maura Volante, Diane Fraser and Kate Lock – singing a variety of traditional folk songs from Canada, the British Isles and the U.S., with a focus on the experiences of women.

## MARCH

**Mar. 5 – International Women's Day event** at Ashbury College, 362 Mariposa Ave. 6 p.m. \$10. Tickets: [cornerstonewomen.ca](http://cornerstonewomen.ca).

ca. Cornerstone Housing of Women, Harmony House and other women's charities host a panel discussion on "One Thousand Women: The state of housing and homelessness for women in our city." Details, page 26.

**March 10 – Crichton Community Council meeting** at the New Edinburgh Fieldhouse, 203 Stanley Ave. 7:30 p.m. Please join members of the Crichton Community Council at our regular meeting. All welcome.

## APRIL

**April 25 & 26 – Spring Book Sale** at the Rockcliffe Park Library Branch, 380 Springfield Rd. 613-513-580-2424 x 27623. Now accepting donations for the annual spring book sale in support of the Rockcliffe Park Library branch: gently-used books, vinyl, CDs and DVDs, in English and French.



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## From the Archives...



In the last edition of 1979 the New Edinburgh News initiated the Great New Edinburgh Limerick Contest. The residents responded with gusto, and the winning entries were published in the February 1980 edition. Reprinted here are a selection of those entries.

(Where MacKay rhymes with 'day')

There is an old house on MacKay,  
That's ready to fall any day.  
Give it a new coat of paint,  
And I'm sure that you'll faint  
At the price someone's willing to pay.

(Where MacKay rhymes with 'buy')

There was a big house on MacKay,  
That nobody wanted to buy.  
So they added stained glass,  
Some old bits of brass,  
And the agent did not have to try.

Sheila Wright

All winter long Trudeau and Clark  
Do battle and freeze in the dark  
For the right to greet spring  
In the Burgh, like a king,  
While the loser gets Rockcliffe Park.

Bruce Grant

There once was a man from Kanata  
Who tired of commuting regattas.  
So he came to the Burgh  
Settled down with his herd,  
And sorrows for friends who still gotta.

L.P. Visentin

There once was a man named MacKay,  
Whose house looked like pie in the sky.  
He said, "I know that it's chilly,  
And you may think me silly,  
But it'll do for GGs bye-and-bye."

Each side street he named for a son -  
Alexander, Charles, Thomas and John -  
And one for Queen Vickie,  
Who might have been sticky  
If ding-donged by the lady from Avon.

Union is nice said Lord Stanley,  
If the Countess of Dufferin were handy,  
But smoking a reefer  
With the chaps down on Keefer  
Could hardly be thought of as manly.

Christopher Young

## After 40 years, Burgh limerick contest returns

Inspired by the terrific limericks Burgh residents submitted to the "Great New Edinburgh Limerick Contest" of 1979 (at left), the *NEN* team thought it would be fun to revive this poetic challenge for 2020!

The criteria remain the same: Limericks must be on New Edinburgh subjects. Rhyme and metre must be

correct. All limericks must be original!

Winning entries will be published in the April edition of the *New Edinburgh News*. Local notoriety will be your prize!

Deadline for submissions is March 10, 2020. Send your limericks to [newednews@hotmail.com](mailto:newednews@hotmail.com).



Maple leaves in the fall.

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# Burgh Breezy Bits

DEADLINE: MAR 10

## Welcome!

A warm welcome to the **Emerson** family, who have moved into the corner house on John Street at Thomas Street. Formerly of Rockcliffe Park, the family is enjoying New Edinburgh's village-like character, friendly atmosphere and the delights of the nearby Union Street Café!

## Condolences



Family, friends, neighbours and former colleagues were greatly saddened by the recent death of **Blair Seaborn**, who died on Nov. 11, 2019, aged 95. Blair was a long-time resident of New Edinburgh, where he lived for many decades with his wife **Carol**, who predeceased him in 2011. His long and distinguished public service career encompassed two decades in the foreign service, with postings in The Hague, Paris, Moscow and Saigon, followed by 19 years in senior federal positions with the former Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs; Environment Canada; the International Joint Commission; and the Privy Council Office. Blair was an energetic and active outdoorsman, with a daily routine of exercise that kept him fit well into his late 80s. His lively mind was legendary, and he maintained a life-long interest in music, the arts, world affairs, and perhaps above all, the activities

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of his family. He was loved and respected by all who knew him, and will be greatly missed. We send our condolences to his son **Geoffrey**, his daughter **Virginia**, his much-loved grandchildren **Emma** (Grundy), **Claire** (Currie) and **Adam Seaborn**; and his great-grandchildren, **Fraser** and **Sloane Grundy**.

MacKay Street has lost one of its creative luminaries. **Vicenzo Pagliaro** passed away on Jan. 10, leaving behind his longtime partner **Janet**. Vicenzo's artist's eye and musical flair will be greatly missed.

## Congratulations

**Julia** and **Geoff Heintzman**, and big brother **Artie**, welcomed the safe arrival of baby **Georgia May** on Jan. 20, 2020. **Ginette** and **Peter**

**Agapitos** and **Jane** and **Ralph Heintzman** are delighted by the arrival of their beautiful granddaughter.

## Farewell

The **Taylor-Kavanagh** family of Keefer Street left New Edinburgh in January for a few years, heading out on posting to Bangkok, Thailand. They will miss the 'hood, but hope to keep in touch with friends and neighbours, and to return to New Edinburgh in due course.

## Wanted

The **New Edinburgh Community Choir** invites all to join our lively choir, especially men. Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at 255 MacKay. No auditions, all skill levels are welcome. Contact [nectarcentregm@gmail.com](mailto:nectarcentregm@gmail.com) or call Isobel at 613 304 7919

**Joyce Dubuc** is looking for **David Reed**: "Thank you so much for your donation for school supplies for poor children in Nicaragua (Si Quieres, Pueden Reir). Could you email [admin@mackayunitedchurch.com](mailto:admin@mackayunitedchurch.com)? They will need your mailing address so they can send you a tax receipt."



"Through the Lane" by Martha Markowsky

The Burgh's own **Martha Markowsky** is having a 35-year retrospective of her artwork in Lachine, Que. from Feb. 22-Mar. 29. The exhibition is at the Centre Culturel Guy Descary (l'Entrepot). Viewings are on Saturday and Sunday from 12-5 p.m.



The **Book Fair at Rockcliffe Park Public School** needs volunteers Feb. 22 at 5 p.m. to help unload a large donation of books – approx. 200 boxes. Meet at the Queen Juliana (Big Gym) entrance, 360 Springfield Rd. RSVP: [volunteer@rockcliffeparkps.com](mailto:volunteer@rockcliffeparkps.com).

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Thank you to the generous residents who donated in support of the **Rideau-Rockcliffe Community Resource Centre's** programmes for families in need. The community get-together and fundraiser held at St. Bart's on Dec. 6 was a great success, with over 150 guests. Thanks also to the many individuals and businesses who donated items to the silent auction. The campaign, coordinated by the **Rockcliffe Park Residents Association**, raised over \$30,000, which will support after-school activities, including homework club, sports for at-risk youth, a food bank, job bank, skills upgrading and more at the RRCRC, now located at 815 St. Laurent Blvd. (site of the former Rideau High School).