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Municipal Election 2018

Trustees acclaimed in two of our four school boards

Conseillères choisies par acclamation dans deux des quatre Conseils scolaires

Betsy Mann



Valérie Assoi Conseillère scolaire par acclamation, Conseil des écoles catholiques du Centre-Est, Secteur 6, incluant la Côte-de-Sable, valerie_assoi@yahoo.com

Je me définis comme une bâtisseuse de ponts entre groupes hétérogènes (qui, habituellement, ne se côtoient pas). Par le passé, spécialisée en régulation économique des industries de réseaux (télécommunications); au Canada, maîtrise en Résolution de conflits et vaste expérience en gestion des dynamiques de groupe. Je suis également spécialiste des questions d'équité et d'inclusion. Mes plus de 10 ans d'expérience en développement communautaire font de moi une citoyenne engagée, dévouée à plusieurs organismes. Membre du conseil d'administration du MIFO et de CAWI-IVTF (Initiative : une ville pour toutes les femmes). Mère de deux jeunes adultes (Johanne et Michèle) et d'un adolescent (Ange-Kelly).

Je me suis présentée afin de promouvoir ces quatre aspects :

- 1. L'engagement des parents Mon engagement dans les écoles de mes enfants m'a fait penser à être sur la Table politique du Conseil. Les parents sont une pièce maitresse du système scolaire, mais malheureusement, les parents ne s'impliquent pas beaucoup. Mon but est de leur rappeler leur importance dans le cheminement de leur enfant.
- **2.** La transformation de l'expérience d'apprentissage Je vois l'effet positif de l'innovation et de la créativité sur les jeunes et sur la fierté des parents : j'aimerais que les enfants y aient plus accès
- **3.** Le lien avec la communauté Je vois au quotidien l'effet des partenariats sur le mieux-être de nos quartiers et j'aimerais que les organismes communautaires considèrent les Conseils scolaires comme des partenaires privilégiés.
- 4. Le profil de sortie de l'élève particulièrement, un penseur critique et créatif, un citoyen engagé et éthique.

-Valérie Assoi



Lucille Collard

Conseillère scolaire par acclamation, **CEPEO, Secteur 10**, Rideau-Vanier, Rideau-Rockcliffe, incluant la Côte-de-Sable

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ucille Collard a été élue par accla-Lmation pour un troisième mandat au Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario (CEPEO) représentant les écoles Francojeunesse, Trille des Bois, Mauril Bélanger et De la Salle. Elle est impliquée depuis 12 ans dans le domaine de l'éducation. Elle est d'abord élue à titre de présidente de conseil d'école pendant quatre ans et se présente ensuite aux élections municipales comme conseillère scolaire et est élue en 2010 et réélue en 2014. Elle occupe le poste de vice-présidente depuis trois ans au CEPEO. Lucille utilise son rôle de conseillère scolaire pour demeurer engagée et être présente dans sa communauté. Cet engagement lui permet également de travailler étroitement et efficacement avec les autres élus du quartier afin de faire avancer les dossiers d'intérêt commun. Parmi les priorités auxquelles elle œuvre il y a ceux qui concernent directement les écoles, c'està-dire de s'assurer que les écoles sont des milieux inclusifs où la diversité est non seulement accueillie mais célébrée, que les méthodes d'apprentissage permettent aux élèves de faire croître leurs forces et développer des compétences et que les espaces physiques soient accueillants et répondent aux besoins de la croissance. Du côté communautaire, Lucille est présente auprès des organismes du quartier, est à l'écoute des concitoyens et contribue à bâtir des liens car elle croit aux bénéfices mutuels que peut engendrer une plus grande collaboration. Mère de quatre enfants et avocate au gouvernement fédéral, Lucille est active et occupée. Elle doit cette capacité de pouvoir s'investir autant à ses compétences d'organisation mais surtout aux membres de sa famille qui sont d'une grande compréhension et qui lui apportent un soutien d'où elle puise sa motivation. Elle dit souvent que sans sa mère qui habite avec eux, elle ne pourrait jamais en faire autant.

See pages 8, 12 and 16 for a roundup of other candidates whose names will be on our municipal election ballots on October 22



Neighbourhood newbies

Colin Kusz (above) and Sandra Cadena and her son Andy (below) at the Cadena Spanish Café are new faces on Somerset East. See pages 14 and 19.



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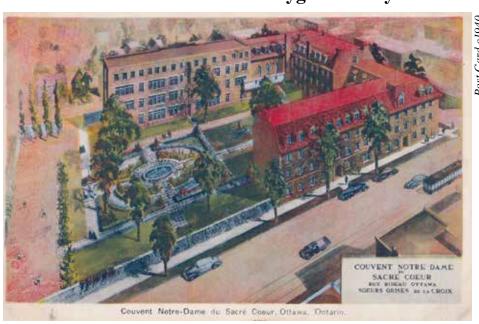
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From Ken Clavette's Album of Bygone Sandy Hill



Rideau Street Chapel — Couvent Notre-Dame-du-Sacré-Coeur

s we approach our municipal election this is a good time to look to the past and our A failings in dealing with heritage which Sandy Hill has much experienced. Maybe the past will help us chart a better future. A prime example is the loss of the Rideau Street Convent, or as it was officially known, the Couvent Notre-Dame-du-Sacré-Coeur. It was operated by the Sisters of Charity who opened a school for girls on the site in 1869, over the years adding to it until the convent occupied the block on Rideau Street between Waller and Cumberland. One gets an idea from this stylized Post Card image of the historic building and gardens that once graced Ottawa's main street how special it was. In 1972 Glenview Realty, who had purchased the site from the Sisters, announced plans to demolish the building. Mary Roaf, president of Action Sandy Hill, helped lead an unsuccessful fight to save the structure including organizing a public demonstration on April 29, placing a makeshift plaque on the building commemorating the Convent's national significance. While the building was not saved, an 11th-hour agreement resulted in the dismantling and restoration of the 1888 chapel designed by the architect-priest Canon Georges Bouillon. It is now a room in the National Gallery of Canada. I have often wondered, as the city has struggled for the past 46 years with the look and feel of Rideau Street, how different it would be today if the heritage buildings had been saved and the street tied to the Byward market. Looking to the future maybe our political leadership should look to the past mistakes and not repeat them. One should always look forward

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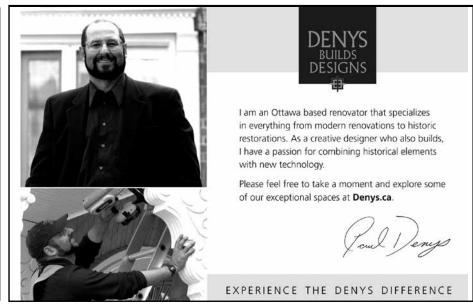
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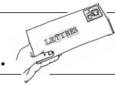
Denice and David Willis, Range Rd. And now, our greatest need is for volunteer writers willing to take on assignments from time to time. May include interviewing, taking photos. If you have a journalist gene (even

better, experience), please get in touch.





Our readers draw and write ...



Courrier des lecteurs



The Laurier House veranda is a neighbourhood highlight. When the summer awnings are up, it's even better. — **Phil Caron**, Chapel St.

Inequity in Bylaw enforcement should be an election issue

It has occurred to me that there has been a growing problem with garbage (and resulting rats) in Sandy Hill and that I needed to get to understand bylaw enforcement issues that relate to it. Well I have found out that the City has two very different approaches when it comes to the enforcement of garbage and parking bylaws, and that is very unjust in its implementation. My proposal for the incoming council is to address this issue immediately.

We need to level the playing field. From now on parking infractions will only be enforced when a resident places a call to the City so we should do away with random daily enforcement. Once there has been a complaint the bylaw officer will then call the owner of the vehicle and notify them that they are in violation and request they take action. They will give them a reasonable amount of time

to move the vehicle, say a day or two, before an officer will go and check. For each complaint the bylaw officers will be given 3 hours to respond. Finally after a number of complaints for the same vehicle are received the owner will be given a notice and if there is no improvement the bylaw office may consider issuing a ticket.

I know this may sound a bit odd, but all bylaw infractions should be given the same treatment by the City and as current policy stands, vehicle infractions are treated far more harshly than garbage and that is just unfair. So if the above rules apply to garbage it is only fair that parking bylaw officers work under the same rules that their colleagues in the garbage do, don't you think?

Remember to vote on October 22, 2018.

Ken Clavette Henderson Ave.

What is Save Sandy Hill?

Larry Newman

T's the Action Sandy Hill (ASH) committee that started a petition now sporting 3000 signatures and counting.

This is the petition:

I want my elected officials and the City of Ottawa to take immediate action to protect the historic neighbourhood of Sandy Hill and to actively support its revitalization as a healthy, viable and attractive place to live, work and play.

Save Sandy Hill (SSH) is charged with publicizing Sandy Hill—addressing the good and the not so good, especially calling the City to account. It's all on the net as part of the ASH site.

Like many in Sandy Hill, ASH had been frustrated by poor development for many years. Demolition by neglect continues to be a problem. Many properties are unkempt and some are abandoned. Illegal front yard parking is ignored by the City. Garbage litters many lawns and streets. We've raised thousands of dollars, taken bunkhouse builders to the OMB several times and always lost!

In April 2017, ASH organized an open meeting and invited the City to explain the latest changes in its R4 zoning study. The place was packed. Many anticipated relief from the ugly development trends that ASH highlighted. However, when the planners revealed that the zoning study would facilitate the building of small apartment buildings in Sandy Hill, the crowd reacted negatively and noisily.

Taking the energy from that reaction, ASH Director Ralph Blaine proposed a public relations campaign to show the City just how passionate our residents were and what the City government needed to do about it. Save Sandy Hill soon began to attract committed volunteers.

One of the first things on the agenda was to create a Save Sandy Hill web page as part of the ASH web site. It shows ASH's view of the character of our neighbourhood: its assets as well as its liabilities. On the ASH website you can find links to the petition and to a gallery of photos showing both before and after pictures of poor infill

housing, disgusting garbage storage and, of course, bunkhouses.

There are also videos featuring Sandy Hill residents. Ann Lazear, a resident for 80 years, reminisces about her experiences here and her love for the beauty of Sandy Hill. François Bregha talks of our history—tales of former figures of national importance who once lived in Sandy Hill. Mohamed Ali Abdo, owner of Safi's Fine Foods on Somerset and Blackburn also tells of his affection for Sandy Hill.

SSH has sent press releases for events in Sandy Hill, posted blogs, started a Facebook page and the hashtag, #iamsandyhill and created templates for us to send letters to the mayor and councillors.

Recently, we crafted a pledge and sent it to everyone running for mayor or city councillor. All were asked to sign the pledge and return it to ASH.

I recognize the importance of healthy, beautiful and sustainable neighbourhoods that make everyone in Ottawa proud. I pledge to work with community associations and organizations, City staff, and Council to develop the tools and processes necessary to Plan, Preserve, and Enforce! That means:

- I promise to promote human-scale development in Ottawa's neighbourhoods that serves the priorities of the people who live there (as defined by them); is compatible with their existing architectural and cultural heritage; and only permits growth and renewal in keeping with the above.
- I promise to revive, protect, and sustain the diverse architectural and cultural heritage of Ottawa's neighbourhoods.
- I promise to dedicate adequate resources for enforcing property standards and bylaws

Sandy Hill has a distinguished history and heritage. And we're in trouble.

If we are to turn the current situation around, ASH realized that it needs to lead an attack on the policies that are responsible for our current state. We know, like Ralph, that Sandy Hillers are frustrated too.

Please sign the petition, and send a letter to your councillor and mayoral candidates. We've got to fix this problem.

Larry Newman is Chairman of Save Sandy Hill.



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What happens when City rules work at crosspurposes



François Bregha

ow long can one keep a dumpster on one's front lawn for garbage disposal? Neighbours of 84 Russell Ave., a newish low-rise apartment building that has featured a large dumpster by its front door for over a year may well have puzzled over this question. The answer seems to be 13 months and counting!

84 Russell is a large four-storey, twelveunit addition to an existing house that opened in September 2017. At the time, the City deemed the building ready for occupancy as it met the requirements of the Ontario Building Code, but construction was not complete as an addition at the back where garbage is to be stored was not finished and no landscaping had been done. The holdup was a grading concern at the back of the property (where there is a steep slope) that was flagged late in the project. This meant that the building remains technically a construction site, even though it is inhabited, and can therefore have a temporary dumpster on the property. Given that there is to be more construction at the back and that the sideyard is narrow, the only place to put the dumpster was at the front of the building. Unfortunately, there is no authority under the Ontario Building Code to require garbage facilities to be in place by the time of occupancy.

To be clear, the dumpster has been used over the last year for household garbage (and recyclables), not construction waste.

The dumpster at 84 Russell, now occupied, has been in the front yard for 13 months. The good news is there is a crane in the backyard now too.

It is open to rodents and does not conform to the City's property standards bylaw. But the bylaw apparently does not apply to "active" construction sites.

In April of this year, the City reported that the owner was in the process of obtaining a new site plan and would move the dumpster to the rear when construction was complete. In September, the dumpster was still in front of the building.

It is true that the City is withholding security funds from the developer that it will return only once all construction has been completed and the site plan control agreement signed off. Given the length of time that has elapsed, these funds clearly do not provide much incentive to expedite the work.

In late September, there was heavy equipment in the building's backyard and it looked as though the grading and landscaping were finally going to take place.

Neighbours who have lived with garbage storage on the street for a year will be forgiven if they don't hold their breath: a couple of doors over, a new building at the corner of Russell and Osgoode has just opened its doors. It too features a dumpster by its front door.

There is an election later this month. Readers may want to ask candidates what they would do to close this obvious loophole to the City's property standards byaw.

Cumberland Street closure (at Wilbrod) coming in 2019

John Verbaas

the onstruction work for implementation of the City's Combined Sewage Storage Tunnel (CSST) is going to result in a lengthy closure of Cumberland Street (between Wilbrod and Stewart) in 2019. In late 2018/early 2019 the underground tunnelling machine for this project will make its way southward from Lowertown under Cumberland Street into Sandy Hill. then curve westward under the lawn of Tabaret Hall and then along Laurier under the canal. In the middle of Cumberland Street between Wilbrod and Stewart a three metre diameter, 5-6 story deep access shaft will be drilled out to connect to the tunnel. This is roughly the mid-point of this east-west CSST tunnel and will be used to occasionally access the tunnel for maintenance purposes. The construction period for this access shaft will go on for many months and during this period all north-south vehicular movement on this block of Cumberland will be cut off. Pedestrian and cycling connectivity through the block will be maintained.

A lot of traffic uses this block of Cumberland today so there will be some displacement of traffic to adjacent streets. Area residents/UofO employees will be forced to use alternative routes for some of their comings and goings. Fortunately some of the other detours currently in this area due to the LRT construction/bus detours should be reversed prior to this CSST construction project. For example, the current detours that should be unwound first include the prohibited northbound right turn from Laurier to Cumberland during the afternoon peaks and the no eastbound right turn from Nicholas to Laurier.

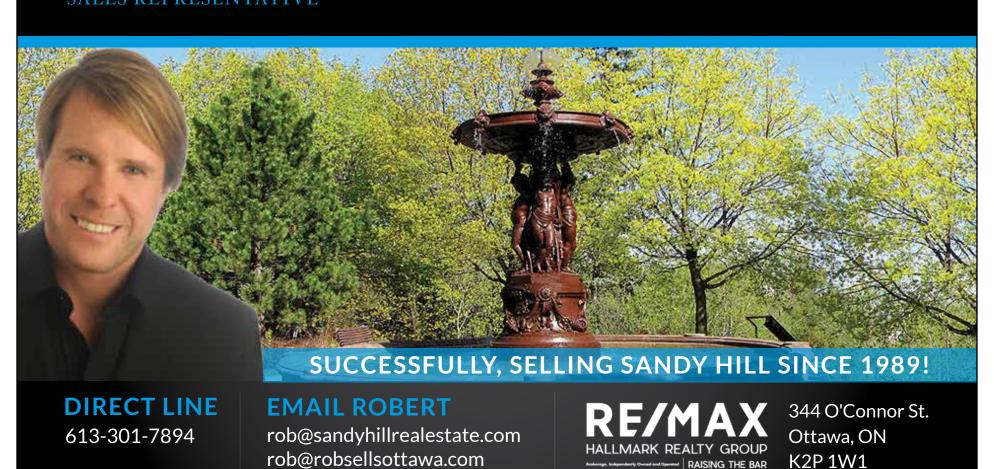
Whenever a street is significantly affected by construction an opportunity is created to change the design of the street for its reinstatement. Some consultations have started with the City and nearby residents about possible options for this single block of Cumberland. These involve narrowing the distance between the curbs of the street and implementing a raised cycle track in the southbound direction together with an on-street bike lane in the northbound direction (this section of Cumberland is part of the main east-west bikeway route). Other opportunities to also be explored are slight additions to the sidewalk width and designing in some more space for greenery. The evolution of the streets in Sandy Hill is gradually moving forward.



Cumberland will cease to be our best path to the market by car when the tunnelling machine arrives.

ROBERT CURPHEY SELLS OTTAWA

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Tim O'Loan (Truth and Reconciliation advisor), Chris Farley Ratcliffe (Planned Parenthood) and Richard Sharpe (613/819 Black Hub) explained what Doug Ford's cuts in public education are likely to mean for Ontario children.

Public school curriculum progress stalled in Ontario

Jane Waterston

"Twenty years of advancement is stalled in Ontario," reported Tim O'Loan to a room of concerned parents and educators at Lady Evelyn School on September 13.

He and two other speakers formed a panel of concern about the Indigenous curriculum, the health curriculum, and the anti-racism initiative in Ottawa public schools in the wake of last spring's provincial election. The evening, organized by trustees Erica Braunovan, Shawn Menard and Chris Ellis, was not a municipal campaign event but an occasion for frank conversation with board staff and parent

An advisor to Senator Murray Sinclair of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, O'Loan confirmed that Ontario's Ministry of Education is dialing curriculum back to 1998—to the days before the Commission's calls to action #62 and #63 set a path to reconciliation for Ontario educators. In November 2017, ministry officials had started implementing curriculum revisions and improving resources for teachers in collaboration with First Nations, Métis and Inuit partners.

Chris Farley Ratcliffe, interim executive director of Planned Parenthood, confirmed that the health and physical education curriculum is again, to his dismay, relying on 1998 materials and standards. The controversial, now rejected, 2015 health curriculum had started to address concerns about the language used in conversations about body parts and growth, the development of gender identity and expression, the importance of consent (not just abstinence), and sex and technology. The assumption, he said, that parents have the time, capacity and knowledge to educate their children about these matters comes from a place of privilege.

Richard Sharpe, charismatic co-founder of the 613/819 Black Hub that confronts institutional anti-black racism, stressed the importance of race-based, standardized data about student performance and experience in our schools if they are to become peacefully inclusive and diverse. Racism exists in Ottawa schools, and black children are generally faring worse than their parents did 25 years ago. Drop-out and incarceration rates are climbing, hopes and expectations are tanking. A UN review in 2015 on the state of blacks in Canada found them on par with Indigenous populations. That is especially insidious, he said, because society's attitude to our black population is, in comparison, normalized, i.e. very hard to change and unlikely to shift without concerted, data-based, effort.

Sharpe despairs that there is now a delay of thre to five years in getting racebased data on attendance, performance and outcomes for children in our schools, so we do not fully see what is happening to black students and a generation is going to lose out. What he sees now, based on his own son's experience in OCDSB schools, is a notable absence of black role models other than janitors, and lots of encouragement to excel in sports but little else.

OCDSB superintendent Dorothy Baker provided additional details on the state of the Indigenous curriculum here in Ottawa. New materials for grades 4-8 (Phase 1) covering social studies, geography, Canada and World studies, are written and being implemented. Phase 2 is postponed. Nonetheless Baker says, "We are going ahead to continue our response to the calls to action."

As for the Board's commitment to inclusion and equity, Baker said it is still planning to go ahead with gathering identitybased data, although the standards are not yet determined and there has been no word about funding for the program.

Parents in the room worried about the province's "snitch line" for anonymous complaints and how children's questions about sexuality will be handled by teachers without guidance from a curriculum.

A note of hope came from the first speaker, Tim O'Loan. The provincial government he said "has ceased everything But he remains confident that youth will change how we are doing things.





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Au cours de l'été, nous avons beaucoup entendu parler de la diversité du tissu multiculturel canadien dans la communauté et dans les médias. Je crois depuis longtemps qu'à Ottawa-Vanier, comme dans le reste du Canada, la diversité fait notre force et je ne manque jamais une occasion de célébrer la diversité culturelle de nos communautés.

Cependant, au cours des derniers mois, j'ai remarqué un changement lorsque je rencontre les gens dans la communauté lors d'activités culturelles. J'entends que certains individus sont inquiétés par la rhétorique dangereuse avancée par certains membres de l'opposition. Ils craignent que le Canada devienne un endroit moins accueillant.

Je suis complètement en désaccord avec ceux et celles qui tentent de répandre la peur et de diviser nos communautés. Les différentes expériences de vie et perspectives des peuples et groupes qui habitent notre communauté sont une richesse incroyable qui nous permet de grandir et d'affronter des défis ensemble. Comme l'a dit le premier ministre Justin Trudeau récemment : «Compassion, acceptation et confiance; diversité et inclusion. C'est grâce à ces qualités que le Canada est fort et libre. seulement en principe, mais en pratique.»

Je tiens à prendre l'occasion, dans ce bulletin, de remercier tous celles et ceux qui contribuent à faire d'Ottawa-Vanier une circonscription dynamique et vivante.

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Over the summer, there has been a lot of conversations in our community and in the media about Canada's diverse multicultural fabric. I have long believed that in Ottawa-Vanier, like in Canada, diversity is our strength, and I take every opportunity to brag about our communities' diverse cultural background.

However, over the past few months, I have noticed a change when I meet people in the community and at cultural activities. I hear that individuals are concerned about the dangerous rhetoric coming from members of the opposition. They are concerned that Canada will no longer be a welcoming place.

I completely disagree with those who are trying to spread fear, and divide our community. The different life experiences and perspectives of the peoples and groups that live in our community are a tremendous asset that helps us build our community up and face life's challenges together. As Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said recently: "Compassion, acceptance and trust; diversity and inclusion—these are the things that have made Canada strong and free. Not just in principle but in practice. "

I wanted to take the opportunity in this newsletter, to thank everyone in our riding who contributes to our thriving and dynamic riding.

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Chers résidents et résidentes d'Ottawa-Vanier

Nous avons eu un été inhabituel à l'Assemblée législative de l'Ontario. Le gouvernement a rappelé l'assemblée à siéger en sessions d'urgence pour débattre son projet de loi visant à réduire le nombre de conseillers à Toronto de 47 à 25, et ce, en pleine période électorale. Le gouvernement a aussi introduit la clause « nonobstant » qui empêche une contestation judiciaire pour la violation de droits garantis par la Charte. J'ai très clairement exprimé mes inquiétudes à ce sujet. Il ne s'agit pas seulement des droits des résidents de Toronto mais de la protection de tous nos droits et libertés. Je vous invite à consulter les articles que j'ai rédigés en visitant mon site web.

Je reconnais que plusieurs d'entre vous sont aussi incertains de ce qui se passera suite à la légalisation du cannabis le 17 octobre. Le gouvernement n'a pas encore annoncé ce qu'il entend faire pour la réglementation des détaillants privés qui seront invités à vendre le produit à compter du mois d'avril 2019. Sur ceci ou n'importe quel autre sujet, j'apprécie toujours recevoir vos commentaires. S'il vous plaît contactez mon bureau pour nous faire part de vos inquiétudes, suggestions et questions.

Bientôt, nous aurons aussi des tables rondes sur les questions du logement et sur les besoins des aînés. Nous allons aussi recommencer notre conseil jeunesse pour 2018-2019. Si vous êtes intéressé à participer à l'une ou l'autre de ces activités, contactez mon bureau en écrivant à ndesrosiers.mpp.co@liberal.ola. org ou en téléphonant au 613-744-4484.



Dear constituents

We have had a very unusual summer at the Legislative Assembly of Ontario. The government has called the Assembly on emergency sittings in order to debate its bill to reduce the size of the Toronto City Council from 47 seats to 25 in the middle of the municipal election campaign. The government now wants to use the notwithstanding clause in the Charter to prevent any court challenge to this intervention and prevent the application of the Charter of Rights and of the Human Rights Code to their new legislation. I have been very outspoken about this. I do not believe that this is a case to use the notwithstanding clause because this trivializes Charter rights. It is not only about the City of Toronto, but about the protection of all of our rights and freedoms. Please visit my website if you would like to read some articles that I have published on this subject.

I also recognize that there is still a lot of uncertainty about what will happen with the legalization of cannabis on October 17th. The government has not provided much clarity on its intentions to allow private retailers to enter the market as of April 2019. I will keep you posted as we hear more. On these or any other topics, I am always interested in hearing what you have to say, please contact my office with your concerns and questions.

Very soon, I will be hosting some round table discussions on housing and on the needs of seniors. We will also be restarting our Constituency Youth Council for the 2018-2019 season. If one of these opportunities interests you, please communicate with my office by writing to ndesrosiers.mpp.co@liberal.ola. org, or by calling 613-744-4484.

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Adventures in transforming a church...

Leanne Moussa

ou may have noticed the 14-foot gaping hole on the front lawn of allsaints this summer. Don't worry, this is not our effort to build a new Diefenbunker or an epic escape room in Sandy Hill... rather, it was a necessary evil to deal with century-old plumbing, install some brand new washroom facilities, and get our kitchen and bars up and running.

With any luck, by the time you are reading this,

allsaints will have opened its newly renovated café... appropriately named Working Title. This is a big step for allsaints and all our investors who purchased the heritage building nearly three years ago. The name signifies a work-in-progress, as allsaints continues to evolve and reshape Laurier Avenue along with it.

Come check us out through our new entrance at the corner of Laurier and Chapel under the Bell Tower, where we will offer great coffee, food with locally sourced ingredients, and house-made take-out meals.

With a state of the art commercial kitchen, and some serious culinary talent thanks to Sandy Hill's own Chef Kyle Mortimer-Proulx, we are now able to provide exclusive in-house catering for all of our events, while also opening what is sure to be one of Ottawa's hippest new cafés.

If all goes according to plan, by next summer we will be able to landscape and add a patio along Laurier Avenue to our amenities. Personally, I cannot wait to sit outside, surrounded by the historic stone-



A big dig-sewer-related-happened on the Laurier Ave. East lawn at allsaints in early September.

walls, enjoying a latté or craft beer and some house-made treats as my children play on the lawn. I have kept this image in my mind's eye as the challenges of managing a century-old building have unfolded. And there have been many challenges

From basic heating and cooling, to running gas lines and repairing water lines, to repairing the roof and repointing some of the old stone, to manually bleeding the steam boiler every couple of days, and figuring out what to do with a baptismal font, it seems there is no end to learning for me on this project. But bit by bit, we are bringing modern systems to an old structure. The result is a beautiful facility to host conferences, meetings, parties, or just enjoy. We couldn't have done any of this without the talented building trades and carpenters who have worked on this project over the last few months.

After two and a half years of work, this renovation finally has some systems in place that will allow us to start to shape our vision. We hope the new Working Title - Kitchen and Café will become an important part of the fabric of Sandy Hill.





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The former embassy, at it looked in July of this year. Note the dangling hydro wires.

Good news for 38 Blackburn Avenue?

François Bregha

For several months, Sandy Hill residents have expressed concern about the unkempt state of the former Niger embassy at 38 Blackburn Ave. that has sat vacant for about a year. Over the course of the summer, growing weeds and bushes testified to the lack of exterior maintenance. The fact that electricity service had also been cut off implied that there was no maintenance inside either.

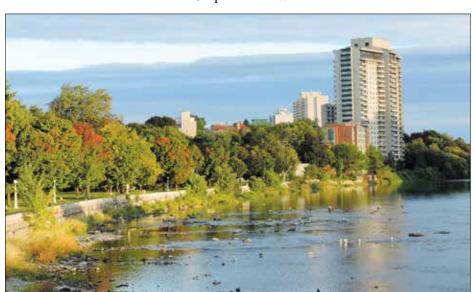
Well, there may be good news at last. The City has added this property to its Vacant Buildings List and a Property Standards Officer issued orders to clean up the property. The front yard was mowed in late August. Now that the property is on the list, it will be monitored quarterly for any violations to the Property Standards

The house is on a block that is being considered for inclusion in a new Heritage Conservation District. The values that this District is meant to protect will be compromised if owners let their properties literally go to seed.

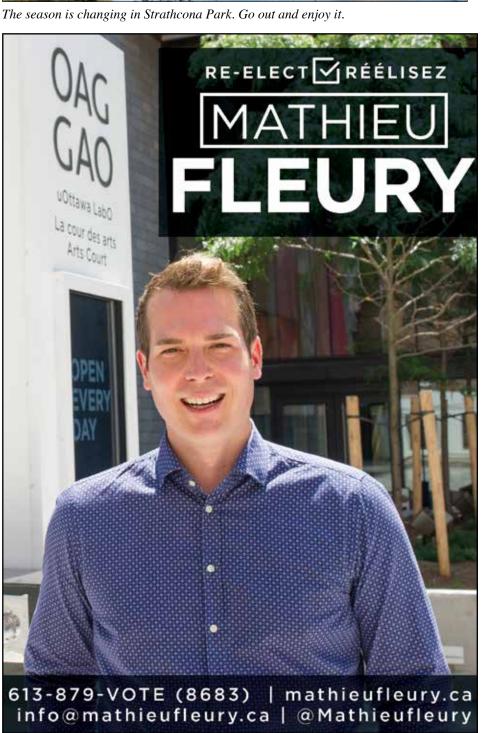
This problem, alas, is not exclusive to Sandy Hill: there are 27 properties currently on the City's Vacant Heritage Buildings List, including five in Sandy Hill (70 Nicholas, 197 and 201 Wilbrod, 231 Cobourg and 38 Blackburn).



Important late 19th and early 20th century buildings in the northeast part of Sandy Hill provided the setting for a Heritage Walking Tour on Sunday, September 23. Sandy Hill resident Judy Deegan provided a knowledgeable historical and architectural description of homes and buildings throughout the area that were once favoured by lumber barons, mining magnates and politicians. More than 30 participated in the tour which is one of many throughout Ottawa organized by Heritage Ottawa. The tour started at the Laurier House at the corner of Laurier and Chapel. -Bob Whitelaw







Who will I vote for?

Rideau-Vanier Ward candidates give answers

IMAGE posed five questions to candidates seeking election as Councillor for Ward 12-Rideau Vanier. Candidates could respond to each question in the language of their choice. Three candidates responded; Mathieu Fleury answered two questions in French. (Since the fourth candidate on the City's list, Salar Changiz, did not provide contact information, we could not send him our questions.)

Those who are working to be our Councillor for the next term at City Hall are:



Mathieu Fleury

Age: 33

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Occupation: Ward 12 Councillor

Place of residence: Ottawa (just outside Ward 12) Languages spoken: French and English

Thierry Ian Harris: Age: 38

Occupation: Business Owner/Stakeholder Relations at Cartouche Média (a short film and documentary production company founded with my wife)

Residence: Lowertown (St. Andrew Street) Languages spoken: French, English, Italian



Matt Lowe

Occupation: Logistics Director, small business owner Place of residence: Vanier, near the proposed Salvation

Languages spoken: English, working knowledge of German, learning French

Would you support our current mayor's 2% municipal tax increase? Why or why not?

Matt Lowe:

NO to the 2%. We give enough here. We will also have 300 to 360,000 between now and December from the hotel tax alone. Leave us alone Watson!

Thierry Harris:

Ottawa already pays some of the highest taxes per capita in the country. Which begs the question, how efficient are we really at managing this money considering we are struggling with providing even basic services, like bylaw enforcement.

However, constraining ourselves to an arbitrary 2% cap has often been the excuse to prevent spending on important items. Many road projects were left unfinished. In terms of traffic calming, dozens of intersections are still waiting for improvements. We only have the money to do a few each year.

Public transit has also taken a hit. We increased fares to make up for the lack of money and unsurprisingly it resulted in falling ridership. Statistics by the Federation of Citizens' Associations FCA, (an organization of which I am a former board member) show that transit ridership went down from 103.5 million rides in 2011 to 96.5 million in 2017. I also see a correlation between the tax cap and the general deterioration of OC Transpo bus service. These problems are not solely due to the tax cap, but it's made a big impact. We are also spending less per person on city social services today than we were in 2012 (from \$222 in 2012 down to around \$200). I believe we need to re-examine if this approach is the best way to deliver value for taxpayers.

I would support an increase, up to 2.5 percent. I know some would disagree and I understand. But, before we raise taxes, we should do a full review, in an open and transparent way, on how we spend taxpayer money.

The bottom line is, if a tax increase results in streets that are safe, sidewalks and roads that are accessible, and bylaws that are being enforced, I think people will ac-

Regardless, we should be looking at putting in place better mechanisms to alleviate the impact of higher property taxes on our pocketbooks. For example, I would expand the Low-Income Seniors and Disabled Persons Tax Deferral Program

which allows people to defer paying taxes until they sell their homes. I would also want to see us focus on exploring innovative sources of revenues for the city, beyond taxes.

Over the past eight years, our current councillor voted in favour of every City budget, maintaining the cap. His stance has generally been timid when it comes to fighting for our money. One example is the 10 million dollar surplus "surprise" last year, of which not one penny was spent in our ward. I would fight much harder for tax dollars to be spent in Ward 12. Coming from a business background, I've negotiated my fair share of deals which would be an asset on council. I would certainly be a more vocal advocate and would not hesitate to challenge the mayor when it comes to our money.

Mathieu Fleury:

Residents expect their property taxes to be predictable. Council needs to set a percentage that is predictable for residents. To ensure our city is affordable, we need to leverage innovation to better utilize the \$3.4B budget to offer equal or better services to residents. We must also prioritize our infrastructure investments. The current 2% could work, but I am not opposed to a small increase that is dedicated to special projects such as meeting key infrastructure needs.

How would you address the "bunkhouse" issue? (Until recently, zoning limited the number of apartments in one building but allowed an unlimited number of bedrooms in each apartment.)

Thierry Harris:

First, the city should put in place a landlord licensing strategy. This is something that was introduced years ago in the UK and it's been successful. Landlord licensing would provide many benefits, but, in the case of bunkhouses, we could force landlords to put in place a maintenance plan (for trash management, noise, cleanliness, etc.) and stricter standards. These standards could include a limit on the number of rooms allowed and a mandatory minimum amount of shared living space. There would be strict limits as to the number of licenses given out, regular inspections and steep penalties for infractions (such as heavy fines and a loss of the license for repeat offenders). As it stands now, bunkhouse landlords sometimes get away with skirting the rules. Licensing would also help protect tenants from negligent landlords.

In concert with this approach we must also tackle the underlying need these bunkhouses serve. There is currently a severe shortage of affordable housing for students. The enrolment at uOttawa nearly doubled in the past 10 years and this has put a strain on our community. The university must assume a certain responsibility for providing this essential need. I believe more money could be invested in developing quality, affordable student accommodations. Decentralizing these accommodations across the city and the Gatineau area, coupled with providing incentives such as free public transportation to help offset costs might be an effective strategy. At the same time, it's important to retain the vibrant diversity of Sandy Hill, to which students contribute greatly. I will add that not all bunkhouses create problems. But there are too many dysfunctional bunkhouses affecting the cohesion of the neighbourhood and quality of life of residents. Not enough has been done to tackle this problem over the years and Sandy Hill residents are exhausted. In my view, that was a failure on both the City and councillor's part. If elected I would see my role as much more proactive. It's time for a new approach.

Mathieu Fleury:

The good news is the end of bunkhouses has happened with the passing of the first phase of the R4 zoning review, limiting the number of bedrooms per unit to a maximum of four with a complete set of strategies including requiring all new buildings to manage garbage within the main building. In, mid-2017, we put in place the ultimate tool to stop bunkhouses by passing an interim control bylaw (ICB). The ICB is now extended for a second year to ensure all components of the R4 issues are completely resolved as part of the phase II review. We have very poor examples of the bunkhouse situation due to investors maximizing the legal envelope of a building and meeting the minimum requirements for spaces internal to the building. Most of this has been driven by those who target student renters. Our goal, led by the Town and Gown committee (which I chair), is to protect the character of Sandy Hill and improve the quality of life for families, seniors and young adults. We have worked diligently to ensure proper regulations are in place to align with this objective. I am proud of the result of the work we have done since 2010. Those efforts include, removal of the right of conversions, the Infill I and Infill II review, the Uptown Rideau CDP, the two new Heritage Conservation Districts (now seven areas in Sandy Hill), the site plan review process now applying to all new buildings in our community, and the newly completed phase I of the R4 zoning review. Zoning regulations can be complicated and can be painful if not appropriate. The City, with my leadership, has dedicated over the last eight years, eight area-specific zoning reviews to ensure proper zoning regulations We will continue to ensure proper implementation of zoning regulations by the City by working with the community to ensure protection of our heritage and continuing to be responsive and adapt to evolving development pressures, by supporting diverse, affordable and desirable developments when it's appropriate.

Matt Lowe:

The bunk house is a matter of special bylaw development. It is developers trying to skirt regulations for some extra cash at the community's expense. I am a NO to bunkhouses.

La gestion des déchets présente un problème dans notre quartier. Quelles mesures proposeriez-vous pour mieux gérer la situation?

Mathieu Fleury:

La gestion des déchets est un réel problème dans plusieurs milieux urbains, surtout lorsque le bâtiment ne tient pas compte des mesures de design responsable. Dans la Côte-de-Sable, le problème prend racine sous deux volets. La première étant la responsabilité des propriétaires d'offrir des bacs et des espaces appropriés pour la gestion des déchets et surtout d'être présent quotidiennement pour gérer les enjeux de propreté et la gestion des débris incluant l'entretien régulier de la propriété. Le deuxième élément sont les règlements municipaux et les renforcements de ceux-ci. Nous avons sur ce point mis en place un projet pilote dans la Côte-de-Sable afin d'améliorer la qualité de vie pour tous les résidents. Ce projet comprend une modification à la ré-

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glementation municipale afin de s'assurer que tous les bacs (sauf un bac vert par propriété) soient invisibles de la rue. L'objectif était d'augmenter la responsabilisation de chacun ainsi que d'amener des changements réels pour notre communauté. La ville d'Ottawa est à faire des suivis spécifiques pour chaque plainte en appliquant la nouvelle réglementation afin d'aboutir à une résolution. Nous avons aussi mise en place un groupe tactique à la ville afin de gérer les enjeux de rats, y compris un meilleur service de prises de plaintes via le 311. Nous allons continuer à nous assurer que ce projet soit un réel succès et un exemple pour les autres communautés d'Ottawa. La ville se doit d'utiliser tous les outils possibles afin de protéger la qualité de vie du quartier et ce, spécifiquement avec la gestion des ordures. Nous voulons également poursuivre nos initiatives, sous la bannière du comité mixte Université et ville (Town and Gown). D'ordre général, pour la ville, nous devons réduire le montant d'ordures qui se rend au dépotoir. Avant de développer un plan complet, il faut s'assurer d'obtenir le pouvoir ultime de la province de l'Ontario et de fournir à la ville le contrôle sur tous les déchets y compris toutes les cibles pour le recyclage et le compostage. La ville doit élaborer une stratégie d'avenir pour la gestion des ordures. Plusieurs grandes villes à travers le monde ainsi qu'au Canada poursuivent le progrès en maximisant l'utilisation de technologies modernes, et il n'y a aucune raison pour laquelle notre ville ne puisse faire de même.

Garbage is a problem in our neighbourhood. What would you propose to better manage the situation?

We need a better recycle system like Gatineau's multi-purpose one-bin solu-

Sorry guys but I do not support weekly pick ups. As citizens of a community we need to manage our individual trash habits better.

Thierry Harris:

I support Clive Doucet's plan for weekly garbage pick-up for the summer months. We also need a city-wide campaign to encourage residents to recycle and use green bins to keep trash out of landfills. We must take a hands-on approach to educate and engage people. We should have a program geared towards first-time home owners, for example. I would also work to put in place incentives, such a reward system, for frequent recyclers. We also need to significantly increase the amount

of public recycling bins and green bins and work with property owners to help reduce waste. Landlord licensing could be used as a tool to monitor property waste. On top on that, we really need better statistics. We should be tracking and measuring our impact now so we can start working towards long-term sustainability. In the future, I see us moving towards a pay-as-you-throw-away system. It shouldn't be free to pollute. Ottawa is currently trailing other municipalities when it comes to the environment. We need a change in mentality. Being green should be a way of life for the Nation's Capital.

When considering redevelopment proposals in Sandy Hill, what place do you think heritage considerations should have in the approval process?

Matt Lowe:

Heritage places should be protected and any improvements or changes to the property, of course, need to be approved.

I think we should look at how we handle the current Heritage conservation programs for improvements to inspections and standards.

Thierry Harris:

Our community is facing enormous pressures. The plethora of spot zonings, unimaginative developments and the shameful neglect of the historic character of our neighbourhood has left us in a challenging position. It's more important than ever to have a capable, community-focused councillor in charge. I fought many battles surrounding heritage and development over the years, both during my time as VP of the Lowertown Community Association and in my personal life. Some might recall I had my own battles with development in 2014. These experiences helped shape my policies. That is not to say I am anti-development. I support growth, but I favour a more human-scale and sustainable approach.

Sandy Hill is one of the most beautiful and historically significant neighbourhoods in Canada. Heritage properties are part of what makes it a special place. Initiatives like Prime Ministers' Row, Heritage Walks and Open Doors Ottawa give us a glimpse into Sandy Hill's glorious past and I believe it's important to preserve it for future generations.

It's not just a matter of voting "yes" or "no" on a certain building proposal; it's about doing what it takes, before it even gets to the planning committee, to ensure we are protecting our heritage. For every development proposal, we should ask

ourselves: Does it fit in with the heritage character of the community? Does it negatively impact adjacent properties? Has the developer consulted with the community before the application was filed? Was any of the feedback taken into consideration? What added-value does this development bring our community?

In the face of certain, more predatory developers, we need to be proactive. For example, I would explore financial avenues such as grants and donations from private foundations to help restore our heritage properties.

The City and planning department are thinking in very short-sighted four-year terms. We need to start thinking in 100year terms. We have a big opportunity preserving the heritage of our Nation's

Quand on considère des propositions de redéveloppement dans la Côtede-Sable, quelle place pensez-vous qu'on devrait accorder aux critères liés au patrimoine lors du processus d'approbation?

Mathieu Fleury:

Ceci est une priorité fondamentale dans le contexte d'une révision de zonage. Le patrimoine bâti est une priorité pour plusieurs communautés matures d'Ottawa. La Côte-de-Sable possède plusieurs dizaines de propriétés qui sont individuellement protégées afin de s'assurer de leur entretien et bien évidemment de leur maintien puisqu'elles contribuent à l'importante histoire de notre communauté. La ville vient de compléter la mise en œuvre de deux districts de conservation du patrimoine pour la Côte-de-Sable (1- de l'avenue Russell au chemin Range entre l'avenue Laurier et la rue Osgoode; 2- de la rue Besserer à l'avenue Daly, entre la rue Charlotte et à l'est de la rue Wurtemburg). Dans notre quartier nous avons maintenant sept districts qui ont comme objectif de protéger le caractère patrimonial de la Côte-de-Sable. On ressent l'énergie en faveur de la protection du patrimoine grâce à l'initiative de l'Allée des premiers ministres et on reconnaît l'importance de ne pas laisser détériorer les bâtiments qui ont un niveau de valeur patrimoniale. Nous allons continuer à nous assurer que l'Université d'Ottawa agit de façon prudente et qu'elle respecte l'histoire de notre communauté à l'égard de ses propriétés sur le campus. Et nous allons nous assurer que les ambassades, elles aussi, entretiennent bien leur bâtiment afin d'assurer leur préservation. Finalement, nous avons mis en place les standards appropriés pour protéger le caractère du quartier (exemple, briques rouges) afin que notre quartier ainsi que toutes les zones matures de la ville aient une révision globale à travers le rapport sur l'aménagement intercalaire. La ville s'assure que l'analyse du caractère d'une rue présentée par le demandeur soit exacte. Nous allons continuer de nous assurer que la ville d'Ottawa soit proactive en identifiant les propriétés d'intérêt patrimonial.

Some have suggested that all rental properties should be licensed. What is your position on this issue?

Thierry Harris:

I fully support it. On one hand, it's a key solution, specific to the bunkhouse problem. On the other, it helps protect all low- and moderate-income people from negligent landlords. The critical point will be getting it passed at council. The power and influence of the development industry is mighty in this town. But this is where my experience will come into play. I can hold my own with both communityminded activists and business-oriented developers.

There really is a lot at stake for this election—the choices we make will impact our future for a long time to come. And I hope voters can see I have the passion to fight for our community and deliver results.

Mathieu Fleury:

I agree; the goal of the license would be to have a direct contact with building owners who rent units (applied to owners who do not live on the property) to ensure the license requirements include tighter restrictions regarding property standards, property maintenance and waste management. It should also ensure requirements such as a waste management plan, a yearly walkthrough the property, and no outstanding Notice of Violation prior to renewal of the license. These measures would ensure better-quality accommodations for renters and clearer, tighter compliance resolution for violations.

Matt Lowe:

Oh yes, I do think they should. We were talking about this before. If a restaurant has to be inspected then housing should be inspected and licensed the same. Each apartment should have an up-to-date inspection sticker to show they are compliant with bylaw and health standards of living. This will help reduce the amount of slum lords around Vanier and the rest of the wards in Ottawa. (We had dead rats in the walls this summer and almost no action.)

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Sandy Hill and the Great War

François Bregha

ovember 11, 2018 marks the hundredth anniversary of the Armistice that ended the War to end all wars. Although far from the battlefields, many Sandy Hill residents were profoundly affected by this war. Memorials in several Sandy Hill churches and the University of Ottawa list the names of the men who served and died. At the former All Saints Anglican church, the names of 19 parishioners who sacrificed their lives are recorded on a memorial plaque. Similar plaques can be found at St Joseph's (353 parishioners enlisted, 31 died), St Alban's (85 enlisted and 8 deaths) and St. Paul's-Eastern (a combined 187 enlisted and 22 fatalities for the St. Paul's Presbyterian and Eastern Methodist churches).

Not all were Sandy Hill residents, of course, but many of them were: they listed their addresses on Besserer, Henderson, Waller, Rideau, Nicholas, Cumberland, King Edward, Somerset, and more. The dead included the sons of prominent local residents, such as John McGee, the recently-retired clerk of the Privy Council (185 Daly Ave.) who lost two sons at the front and had a third wounded, and James Woods, a leading businessman and philanthropist (323 Chapel St.) who lost a son at the Battle of the Somme. But most of those who died came from ordinary families. Thanks to their medical examination at enlistment, we have some idea of what they looked like. We also know where their next of kin lived (usually parents or wife), whether they had children, their previous employment, if any. they were shipped to England and then France, their regiment and service record, their pay, where and when they died and where they are buried (or remembered for those whose body was never found).

But in most cases, we do not know who they really had been, whether they had led happy lives, whether they had left a girl-friend behind or what they had aspired to become had the War not intervened. We can only guess at what they lived through while at the front and how the news of their death affected their loved ones back home.

Those who did not serve were also affected by the War. Fuel shortages forced the St. Paul's Presbyterian and the Eastern Methodist churches to hold joint services during the cold season (the two churches would later merge). The career of architect Francis Sullivan, who lived at 346 Somerset E., took a turn for the worse when commissions dried up because of

the War. Broke, he had to give up his house. In 1917, he designed a few military hospitals but left Ottawa the following year, never to return. James Woods' business, however, thrived as he supplied tents and other military supplies to the Canadian army, including its first gas masks.

The War also gave rise to extraordinary philanthropic efforts. Lillian Freiman (née Bilsky), who grew up in Sandy Hill before moving to Somerset St. W., led sewing circles for the Red Cross in her living room, raised funds for displaced refugees and helped found the Great War Veterans' Association of Canada (that later became the Canadian Legion). After the war, she raised funds for veterans' organizations, headed Canada's first Poppy Day campaign and went on to become affectionately known as the "Poppy Lady." Almanda Marchand, one of whose sons was captured in combat, founded the Fédération des femmes canadiennes françaises to aid the war effort and organized volunteers to prepare care packages to be sent to the front. Mme Marchand stored these in the attic of her house at 240 Charlotte St.

Sir Robert Borden was Canada's prime minister through the War, living on Wurtemburg Street just north of Rideau Street. In the summer of 1917, he agonized over the deep divisions between French and English created by the conscription crisis, and sought to create a union government with the Opposition Liberals led by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who of course lived at 335 Laurier Ave. E. When Laurier refused (he opposed conscription), Borden considered resigning and asking the Governor General to name another Sandy Hill resident and member of the Supreme Court as interim prime minister, the Hon. Lyman Duff, (Duff lived at 30 Goulburn Ave. at the time). Conservative colleagues talked Borden out of resigning and he won the general election in the fall. Sandy Hill may have been far from the front but decisions on who would lead our country through one of its darkest hours involved three of our well-known residents.

On November 11, let us remember the contribution of all Sandy Hillers who served their country a hundred years ago.

Terry Byrne's short biographical capsules of each of St Joseph's parishioners who died at war can be seen in the church's vestibule. More information is available online at the Library and Archives Canada website. You can read more Sandy Hill stories at history.ash-acs.ca.

George Elliott Clarke returns to open 38th Ottawa Antiquarian Book Fair



George Elliott Clarke. Photo TVO

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The thirty-eighth edition of the Ottawa Antiquarian Book Fair will take place on Sunday, October 28, 2018. The Fair, a popular annual event of the Ottawa cultural scene, features exhibits of rare and interesting books, prints, maps and ephemera from the inventories of Ontario and Quebec dealers. The Fair is a great opportunity to see and purchase an array of material in one location, Tudor Hall, 3750 North Bowesville Rd. (near Hunt Club and Riverside Drive). Book Fair hours are 10:30-5:00 and there is plenty of free parking.

This year's Book Fair will build on a new departure in the show's format. For the second year running, the Fair will be opened with a reading by past parliamentary poet laureate (2016-2017) George Elliott Clarke. Last year's reading of the poem *Jean Chretien* was a resounding success with the crowd assembled for the Fair opening. There will also be a poet-

in-residence display table within the fair, alongside bookseller exhibits. During the course of the day there will be short seminars, one on book restoration by Kyla Ubbink and another on contemporary poetry by Mr. Clarke. The show will also host a reading in the early afternoon by Hugh Stewart from his new book, Canoe Trails and Shop Tales. Hugh is well-known throughout the region, as a leader of canoe expeditions for the past fifty years and as the director of Headwater Canoes, a craft manufacturer of classic wooden canoes. He will join our poet in residence as canoeist in residence and will be available to sign copies of his book throughout the day at the authors' table.

Mark your calendar for this special day: October 28, 10:30-5:00, Tudor Hall, 3750 North Bowesville Rd. (near Hunt Club and Riverside Drive).

Additional information available from Liam, McGahern Books, 613-230-2275, or Mordy, Benjamin Books, 613-232-7495. Benjamin Books has been a part of the Sandy Hill community for about 30 years and is located on Osgoode St.



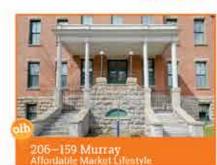
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Who will I vote for?

Candidates for Mayor give answers

IMAGE posed the same questions to the mayoralty candidates as to the candidates for councillor (see p. 8) but asked them to answer only one question of their choice.



Hamid Alakozai

When considering redevelopment proposals in Sandy Hill, what place do you think heritage considerations should have in the approval process?

I believe in partnership and consultation with different communities about the City's action plan because, if the City of Ottawa has the most advanced and "concreted" plan, and, if the residents of that area don't like it or have issues with the plan, then the outcome of project will be considered as a failure. Therefore, I will

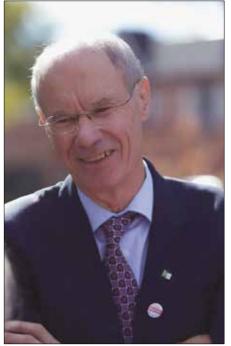


Ahmed Bouragba

Age: 48, Occupation: OCDSB teacher Residence: Sandy Hill Languages spoken: French, English, Arabic and Russian

Would you support our current mayor's 2% municipal tax increase?

Absolutely not, we are double taxed, one by the City and one by MPAC (Municipal Property Assessment); they add the value every year so it increases the taxes automatically. The other reason is that the city is getting enough money, but the major problem is the lack of wise and serious governance. I will re-structure many city departments, which will support a reduction of the property taxes by up to 4% with a significant increase of adequate services for the residents.



Clive Doucet

Some have suggested that all rental properties should be licensed. What is your position on this issue?

Landlord licensing is a practical, legal way for both landlords and tenants to protect themselves and I will support landlord licensing in Ottawa.



Joey Drouin

Age: 40, Residence: Westboro Occupation: Co-Founder Reefertilizer (Cannabis Fertilizer Company)

Would you support our current mayor's 2% municipal tax increase?

In an ideal world the property tax would increase in line with the rate of inflation. Unfortunately large cities have been overburdened by an increasing infrastructure gap – and ultimately, a regressive property tax system is an inadequate way for cities of our size to fund themselves and the costs associated with fixing our crumbling infrastructure. In the long-term, the National Capital Region should be working towards solving these issues by working towards a one-city governance model that would eventually allow for a more progressive tax system.



Craig MacAulay

Age: 66. Residence: Bells Corners. Occupation: retired OCDSB teacher/free bike-taxi pilot/blogger.

Would you support our current mayor's 2% municipal tax increase?

I do not support the incumbent mayor's 2% smoke-and-mirrors tax promise. We need honest squeaky-clean politicians who are not beholden to the developers in order to regain the trust that has been lost.

Many incumbents (including the mayor) flaunt the rules about using taxpayer funds and taxpayer-funded employees to campaign. They should stop using their million-dollar "office budgets" as gigantic slush funds to indulge themselves, reward their friends, promote their lucrative political careers and show their disdain for the taxpayer.

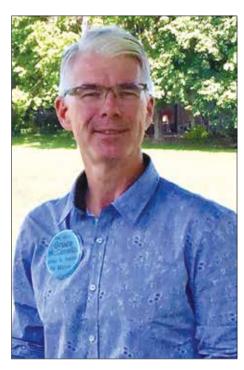
Municipal politicians should stop taking money from the 1%. I call on Mayor Watson (and all other candidates) to reveal the sources of their campaign donations over \$100 before the election. This is important information that the voter needs before deciding who deserves a vote.

We need to elect independent councillors to clean up the corruption and waste at City Hall and make the wisest decisions for the common good. Council should limit car-dependent developer-friendly suburban sprawl and spend less on building new infrastructure to serve it.

We need a council that is working for the entire community, not just for the 1%. We need a plan for the future of our children, not higher short-term profits for the developers and other insiders.

Tax increases should be determined on the basis of need, not a fixed and arbitrary percentage like the current 2% cap. The City should be doing more to maximize alternative revenue streams before resorting to tax increases. Stop the tax giveaways and other incentives that too frequently get extended to developers.

How about a "mansion tax" for homes valued over \$3 million that makes the wealthiest in Ottawa pay a little bit more?

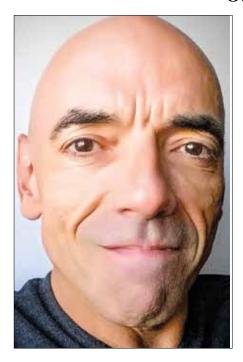


Bruce McConville

Age: 56, Residence: Vanier Occupation: self-employed, owner of McConville's Garage, Vanier.

When considering redevelopment proposals in Sandy Hill, what place do you think heritage considerations should have in the approval process?

Heritage issues should be of primary concern when it comes to development proposals and issues within Sandy Hill. This community is full of built heritage gems that signify Ottawa's historical roots throughout our growth before and after becoming the Nation's Capital. Once lost, this heritage is lost for all time and it must be preserved and cherished as such. We have plenty of space to build and redevelop properties throughout our ward and our city without infringement upon our sacred treasures which are becoming less abundant through bad development and lack of respect for what is already there. Certainly, there are exceptions to every rule and sometimes compromise can help achieve better win-win results. What is vitally important is to have Sandy Hill residents' community input and inclusion on all planning proposals within your greater neighbourhood. I protest the dictatorial style and the dismissive role that our city council takes in relation to our planning act regulations that are supposed to protect neighbourhoods like Sandy Hill. It seems that this document is viewed as no better than toilet tissue to be discarded whenever big interests plow their ill-advised planning projects through council with the support of our mayor, who is adept at convincing duly elected councillors to trade their votes, and constituents' voices, in favour of organizations that pay no heed to our built heritage. I intend to foster the creation of a new deal with developers which includes a template and full public disclosure and input before any new building proposals are submitted. It is imperative that we achieve consensus first, rather than a wasteful use of tax dollars and resources after the fact, in fighting appeals that ultimately favour big money and interests that can outspend our community voices. A case in point is the Salvation Army's attempted imposition upon our ward with their ill-advised, archaic mega-shelter project. I have stopped it and aim to kill it whilst having Ottawa finally adopt Housing First (long overdue and supported by upper tier governments) so that we can start the process of ending homelessness and protect our vulnerable community.



Michael Pastien

Age: 63. Residence: ByWard Market Occupation: developing dentistry ethics policy, Elections Canada and Government reform, and assisting with forensic fraud investigation cases.

Would you support our current mayor's 2% municipal tax increase?

Ottawa taxes are amongst the lowest in North America. Our city debt is likely swelling at around \$3 billion. I recommend an average property tax increase of 2.5% and perhaps higher in areas outside of the Ottawa core, and especially (high end) new development regions. Communities that clearly desire such amenities as paved roadsides and cycling lanes should generally be the ones paying for them. I'd like a provisional return of commercial property vacancy tax rebates, and feel there is way too much red tape for entrepreneurial business startups to thrive in the capital.



Moises Schachtler

Age: 23. Occupation: unemployed Residence: Overbrook Languages spoken: English

Garbage is a problem in our neighbourhood. What would you propose to better manage the situation?

We pay the homeless to get educated. Some of the time, picking up this garbage would be an appropriate job for the homeless to get started while getting an education and being paid fairly for it.

Bernard Couchman and Ryan Lythall did not respond.



Jim Watson

Would you support our current mayor's 2% municipal tax increase?

When I was first elected as Mayor in 2010, taxes had risen by 14% over the last three years. Our economy was struggling as 25,000 jobs were being cut in the federal public service. This was clearly an unsustainable rate of increase during tough economic times.

I am proud that we have brought fiscal discipline to the city starting in 2010—with municipal tax increases capped at 2.5% from 2010 - 2014 and under 2% from 2014 - 2018.

I think that residents benefit from a stable, predictable and affordable tax increase. The lowest possible increase helps seniors on fixed incomes stay in their homes longer and helps first-time buyers who are having to budget for a whole new set of expenses.

My position on keeping Ottawa affordable for municipal taxpayers has always been clear and transparent. I have always said that as a city, we need to be watching the bottom line and only taxing for what we need.

Over the course of my campaign, I will be releasing details of my tax goal for the next four years, and I believe that this tax goal will allow us to live within our means while recognizing our rapid growth as a city.

Pandemonium (Photo below) Some of the challenges we look to City Hall to help us fix. Student fun at Somerset East and Russell on September 29, in advance of the Panda football game.





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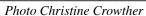
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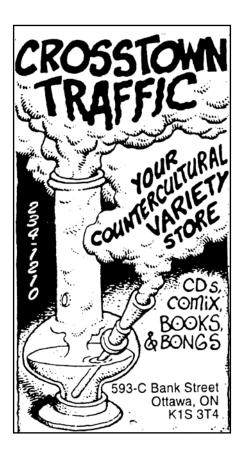
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The Free Store at the University of Ottawa welcomed students back to school with a pop-up event in the big tent on September 4. Tonnes of donated items were available to anyone who needed them. By noon most of the housewares had gone, but plenty of clothes and school supplies such as gently used binders still remained. The Free Store is moving this fall to a new space at 100 Thomas More Private. The store continues to be open for donations and "shopping" from Tuesday to Thursday; check Facebook or Instagram for their latest hours.



Sandy Hill residents set-up early on Saturday, September 15 for the annual community garage sale promoted by Action Sandy Hill. Maggie Dawson of Range Road, left, discusses her special garage day treasures (some sourced from folk in the nearby Balmoral apartment building) with Cathy Major, right. The warm weather and clear skies helped with the success of the garage sale for participants and visitors to the community.



Meet the new neighbours

Safe in **Sandy Hill**

Colin Kusz

My partner and I arrived in Ottawa two months ago, and we consider ourselves very lucky to have found a home here in Sandy Hill.

I am from Calgary, Alberta and my partner is from Auckland, New Zealand. In the past three years we haven't lived a very typical life. We met online and started living together from day one when I left Calgary for an overseas experience just after graduating

from university. In New Zealand, we lived remotely in the hills of the Marlborough Sounds; we then migrated to the adrenaline capital of the world, Queenstown, which is nestled in a mountain range called The Remarkables. From there, we "wwoofed" with a young family as au pairs (live-in caregivers in exchange for food and accommodation) and somewhere along the way we travelled Southeast Asia for two months. Finally, I returned home to Canada after 18 months abroad, this time with my kiwi partner in hand (kiwi is to New Zealander as canuck is to Canadian).

Calgary was the same as always, and got old quickly. After 10 months, we were eager to hit the road again. Over the course of the next three months, we lived in a van as we traveled the US down the Pacific coast and east through the Southern states. Then up we came through the Atlantic states and into the Midwest before getting to Canada through the Port Huron/Sarnia border crossing. We hit the first Tim Hortons in Sarnia for the best comfort food I could have asked for. All I can remember while eating my turkey bacon club was "we are finally safe again." The United States provided us with a list of memories we will always remember, but it also gave us unprecedented stress levels that we are trying to forget.

When we began house hunting in Ottawa, we had three factors in mind—safety was the priority—then came an accessible location, and of course, it had to be affordable. We looked at four places in total. The first was a dump in Centretown, the next was our beautiful Sandy Hill apartment, and the other two were in Vanier. Not knowing what any neighbourhood was like, we had to learn through experience.

The houses in Vanier didn't appeal to us, and that made Sandy Hill an easy choice. After living here for two months, we know we made the right decision. The first thing we noticed was the number of bicycles left outside at night, still to be there in the morning. In Calgary, I never saw families walking around past 10 p.m. like I do here. I never saw young females walking around alone into the wee hours of the night-that sure says something about how safe Sandy Hill is, and Ottawa as a whole.

We are proud to be Sandy Hill residents every day of the week, except for Monday. On Mondays, while we eat dinner, people come sifting through our garbage and bombard us with questions about what they can take, while we are trying to have a nice dinner together at the front window. Other than this, Sandy Hill has been safe, pleasant, and has even made us become more active; we bought bicycles before we bought a dinner table or a couch. Oh, and thank you to all the residents who leave furniture on their lawn for others to have—we sure love our new orange chair.



Toby Collins

'm 18 years old and enrolled in the Nursing Program at Ottawa University. Since I am from Hamilton, the move to university was not only a large step academically but physically as well, and in the days ahead of my departure I was both nervous and excited.

What would university be like? All I got from people was that it was a lot harder than high school on your brain and your liver. I expected to be either overwhelmed by the workload or struggling to put the functional in functional alcoholism by the end of the week.

None of my expectations were fulfilled. In fact, upon meeting my roommate Jarrett (an awesome

lad), going to the first few lectures, and taking a trip to Gatineau (10 minutes by bus from my residence, God Bless Quebec), I realized that the differences between university and high school were more subjective than I thought they were

going to be. Yes, there is more to learn, but if you chose your program well and are managing your time well, it's not impossible. Moderation already seems like one of the most important aspects to university life.

The amount of free time is also almost overwhelming, and it's hard to continue to be productive consistently. I have a gym membership which I'm trying to use as much as I can, as well as looking over the notes and slides from my classes. One of the worst things I've heard from people recounting their university experience is the late-night, day-before-exam study sessions. I'm hoping to avoid that but I'm sure no one goes into university expecting to be up at 3 a.m. trying to study Social Contract Theory in between mental breakdowns. University is not what I expected, but hardly in a bad way. So far it's been great and I'm looking forward to the years to come!



Here comes Hallowe'en! Blackburn Ave.

Twenty-five (!) years at Bettye Hyde Co-op

Cindy Mitchell

Then I first saw the ad in the Ottawa Citizen for the Director's position at a historic Ottawa co-operative school in Sandy Hill I couldn't believe my luck. My husband and I had just moved to Ottawa for his federal government job and I didn't know where I was going to fit in. While exploring our new city, Sandy Hill was one of the neighbourhoods that impressed us with its beautiful homes and eclectic mix.

Having been the director of two other co-operative schools back in Winnipeg I knew from the moment I stepped into the century-old All Saints for my interview that this was exactly where I wanted to start the next chapter of my professional and personal life. What an amazing 25 years it has been.

All our dearest and closest friends have raised their children starting at Bettye Hyde, and our 23-year-old son Deni is also a proud grad. The support received through the years from our dedicated parent volunteers has allowed me to continue the legacy of Bettye Hyde herself. After 75 years Bettye Hyde Co-operative remains a place for children and their families to meet, share and care for each other and develop lifelong connections and friendships.

I had the privilege of celebrating the school's 60th anniversary with one of its founders, Polly Hill, and Bettye Hyde,

who was the school's first paid employee. Diane Stacey was my first co-worker, one in a line of wonderful women (including our Backburn Ave. neighbour Lynn Murphy) who have kept the school vibrant and welcoming. Rosemary Bayne was the church secretary and she and I became fast friends. Soon after I arrived, the minister Joan Riding planted a tree in memory of her father and to shade our children. The support we received from the church usually funnelled through one of my first volunteer presidents, Jane Waterston, who always advocated on our behalf and shared our space with her Sunday school children.

When it was time to leave the church basement I was worried I was losing a community, but in fact the move just expanded it. The people who stepped up to find us a new space were alumni and neighbours—people who cared about maintaining the mixed use of our neighbourhood and its historic homes.

Leanne Moussa, Masood Quereshi, Alexander Armstrong, Randy Innes, Dean Pallen and Frithjof Lutscher put in countless hours to secure and develop our beautiful new home. The house at 43 Blackburn had belonged to one of Bettye Hyde's best friends, Betty Ellis, who asked Bettye to be godmother to one of her children. I believe this is just another sign that this all was meant to be.

The neighbours of Bettye Hyde who chipped in five years ago to secure the beautiful "Carriage House" saved the day.

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Left — Cindy then. "Well, that was a good hire!" says Karen Junke who helped interview Cindy Mitchell in 1993. There are literally hundreds of people who believe in the original vision of our co-operative school that I would like to thank. From "my" first board, with Gisèle Forsey, Mary Moncrieff, Brian Murphy and Martha Scott, Jane Waterston, Anne Meehan and Claire MacDonald, to Baxter Williams who returned to his role as treasurer after 20 years to ensure our new business model was viable.

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In many ways the last 25 years have flown by, but when I stop and think, there are hundreds of faces, smiles and laughter, rich and meaningful conversations, bittersweet good-byes, children frozen in time, lives changed, so many important pieces that bring me to a place of immeasurable gratitude. From the bottom of my heart I am so glad to have had the opportunity to spend the majority of my days with the children and their families in Sandy Hill.



 ${\it Cindy now. Still working \ co-operatively \ with \ many-colleagues, \ children, \ community.}$

The Bettye Hyde team, in the Carriage House, includes l-r Cindy Mitchell, Janet Leblanc, Lisa Lajoie, Sue Bailie, Keisha Oliver-Perryman, Liz Hurtubize, Sharlene Allard and Lana St. Jean

Who will I vote for?

Candidates for School Board Trustees



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Cindy Desclouds-Simpson

Candidate for OCSB Zone 10

With 40 years experience in education, Cindy Desclouds-Simpson seeks the position of Trustee with the Ottawa Catholic School Board. As a Catholic teacher for 21 years, a Catholic Principal for 13 years and the Executive Director of Youville Centre (a non-profit accredited mental health centre, accredited high school and a child development centre for adolescent mothers and their children) for six years,

Cindy brings a wealth of experience and knowledge in Catholic instruction/community, curriculum, special education and child and youth mental health to this position. She has proven leadership, communication, managerial, financial and public accountability acumen. Participation in community networks and committees such as United Way Ottawa, the Child and Youth Mental Health Network of Ottawa, and the Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Steering Committee of Ottawa, have given Cindy an informed glimpse into the challenges faced by many children and youth in the Ottawa area. With a proven career commitment to children and youth, it is not surprising that Cindy's campaign slogan "Make all children and youth count" demonstrates her commitment to all children and youth, despite race, gender identification, ethnicity, socio-economic status, academic, social or personal challenges, receiving equitable access to Catholic education curriculum and resources so that all might have the opportunity to reach their full potential. A vote for Cindy is a vote for all children and youth in your community!

Thérèse Maloney-Cousineau, incumbent in OCSB Zone 10 did not respond to IMAGE's email.



Co-operative Early Learning Centre

You are invited to sign up for one or both of these parenting workshops in Sandy Hill this fall!

Leader: **Joanne Boyd** from *Connect with Kids*.

Oct.16th 7 to 9 p.m.

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KIDS, PARENTS AND POWER STRUGGLES

Understand power struggles and turn them into learning opportunities. Become your child's mentor and coach to stay emotionally connected for life. Suitable for parents / caregivers of children aged 12 months to 12 years.

Both workshops will be held at **Bettye Hyde Cooperative E.L.C., 43 Blackburn Avenue** \$10/person - Register by contacting Cindy at **bettyehydeottawa@gmail.com**

On the Rideau River, September 2018



Tornado season opener

On August 1 about 5:40 pm, cell telephones, radios and televisions were interrupted with a warning signal throughout Ottawa and the Sandy Hill area that the potential of a tornado was imminent due to the approach of a severe thunderstorm. The picture was taken as the storm clouds passed over Sandy Hill and moved east over the Rideau.



Photo Bob Whitelaw

School Board elections

IMAGE asked candidates to introduce themselves in a text describing their experience and the projects they want to accomplish on the board.



Lyra Evans

Candidate for OCDSB Zone 9

Lyra Evans is an activist, an openly LG-BTQ person, and an advocate for progressive change. Lyra came out as trans in addition to struggling with homelessness during high school, a difficult experience for her that highlighted for her the difference between a policy of inclusion and a truly inclusive environment. Since leaving the OCDSB, Lyra has organized around LGBTQ and homelessness issues. She has been recognized for her work with several awards, including a Feminist Emmy (Amnesty) in 2016 and the Social Justice and Community Empowerment Award (Youth Line) in 2018. Lyra has also given sex-education classes through Planned Parenthood, and taken part in sex-ed performances in high schools all over Ottawa with Insight Theatre. Lyra hopes to bring progressive change to the OCDSB through fair funding of schools, equity, and by fighting to preserve comprehensive sex-education.

Lyra was a student in the OCDSB for 12 years. During this time, she witnessed the direct impact of economic inequality on education. Lyra attended a school with over a dozen cramped portables during her elementary years, and later one of the most prestigious high schools in Ontario, with over 150 years of alumni to draw upon for extra funding. While guest speakers, field trips, and well-stocked libraries may seem unessential, they have an immeasurable impact on a student's experience of school. However, some schools don't have the same capacity to fundraise to afford these opportunities for their students. Lyra believes that a student's quality of education should not depend on their catchment area, and will advocate that the board reallocate more of its budget to fairly fund low-income schools.

We all want the OCDSB to be a place where every student has the chance to reach their potential. However, marginalized students have been shown to feel less welcome in school, face higher rates of suspension and detention, and are less likely to graduate than their peers. To combat this, Lyra will encourage the OCDSB to collect better data on racialized, disabled, and LGBTQ students to determine what the board can do to help them succeed.

This fall, Ontario is reverting to a version of the 1998 sex-education curriculum. Students will now be taught from a curriculum that no longer covers consent, sexting, cyberbullying, same-sex relationships, and gender identity. In addition to repealing the 2015 curriculum, the provincial government has rescinded efforts to incorporate Indigenous content into social science curriculums. Education is a central part of the Truth and Reconciliation process, and Ontario needs to do more to acknowledge the culture and heritage of our Indigenous people. Lyra will use her position to support teachers who continue to teach the updated 2015 sexed curriculum, and to lobby the province to bring back comprehensive sex-ed and Truth and Reconciliation.

Lyra's history as a student of the OCDSB, a sex-educator, and a community organizer make her ideally suited to represent and defend the needs of students.



Rose LaBrèche

Candidate for OCDSB Zone 9

I decided to run for a trustee position in 2018 because I care about the future of children and youth. Because I care about cultivating a culture of achievement, inclusivity, and opportunity. Because I care about the mental health and physical well-being of students. And because I think we can do better for students in Ottawa.

I believe in equal access to quality education as all youth deserve a chance to develop their skills with modern technology. We should aim high: to create an engaging environment to promote self-assured, intelligent, and well-prepared students for what comes after school. We need to give them the means to succeed outside of a classroom setting. I want them to have access to the support they need such as quality infrastructure, a safe learning environment, mental health support, and an outlet for creativity and suppressed energy.

I believe that supporting and promoting a strong sense of community while understanding and responding to the needs of residents is how solutions are best reached in the face of challenge. I will advocate for public education that meets the needs of all students and families in the OCDSB no matter the age, ethnicity, or socioeconomic standing. Having been a public servant for over a decade, I understand the need for wideranging engagement in decision making and will work hard to serve the residents of the community. I will work tirelessly to ensure that our community's children receive a high-caliber, current education—and that staff have the necessary resources and support to provide this.

Our schools and youth need us now, more than ever. They need resolutions reached with proper consultation, strong decision making in challenging circumstances, and someone who is willing to work with the community to build trust. Someone with experience. I can offer that and more. I have been an active member in the Ottawa area with youth groups through initiatives such as Grow Smart Girls and empowering students to find confidence through sport, namely rugby. From my experience in high level sport over the past 20 years, I understand the need for relationship building to achieve goals, a champion for difficult issues, and the positive impact that a healthy lifestyle can have on mental and physical wellbeing.

I will engage with the community to ensure that views from parents, students, and other stakeholders are heard. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss any school board issues—it would be my pleasure to speak with you. voteroselabreche@outlook.com Yours in education.

Rose LaBrèche

Rose LaBrèche is a public servant and international rugby match official who represented Canada at the 2016 Summer Olympics.





Lemon Teeth, 2016-18, 60 x 90 cm. Courtesy of Adrienne Scott.



Detail from Shallows, 2017-18, 45 x 30 cm. Courtesy Adrienne Scott.

Gallery Scene/Seen

Adrienne Scott's Magpie Landscapes: exercise in code reading

Maureen Korp

drienne Scott's exhibition, "Magpie Landscapes," now on the walls of Karsh-Masson Gallery at City Hall, is an exercise in code reading. The artist has hung 23 ink-jet prints in the gallery. Each print is labelled with an Arabic number. All of the rest of the usual art label format—title, date, size, medium—is omitted. The exhibition visitor must look at the picture, and look again.

What do our eyes see? Bits and pieces of detritus, vegetal bits, displayed against or arising from fields of blurry, gestural colours. Some bits are highly textured. Others slide off into incoherent muddles of colour....Look again....A second or third look might suggest metaphorical possibilities. If the numbers are no more than simple identifiers, e.g. "1," "7," "9," what else is going on here?

Amidst the visual confusions, there is a good lot to be seen. In print "3," for example, contradictory spheres are in mo-

tion. A white disc moves atop a brown disc caught with a tint of purple. Gestural lines of blue suggest the crook of a finger. Could it be, "come wiz me..."?

Number "5," on the other hand, centres poetically a twisted, dried leaf against a field of dark lines. Have we here a papyrus leaf? Could this be a reference to ancient Egyptian documents? The "paper" of hieroglyphs?

Not far away, print "9" displays a trinity of yellow—three rough yellow ovoids linked together in a suspension against grey. Another story being told.

Look for codes, look for signs and symbols. Print "8" hangs an outline of gold against a stand of dark vertical forms. Did some Irish monk see something similar and conjure a possible illuminated manuscript border while walking through the woods? Monastery libraries show us their world as having been one of encoded sacred texts.

Each of the artist's 23 ink-jet prints is a composition made possible only with to-day's digital photographic technology.

That feature of the artist's work is both strength and liability. The artist has used an image scanner to create the prints. Some of the imagery is well balanced, the compositions displaying a sensible use of "depth of field," of focus—prints"10" and "12," for example. Other prints, however, appear flawed. Their blurred foregrounds hinder the viewer's interpretation of scene—prints"4" and "19" are of this sort.

The exhibition is accompanied by an attractive gallery publication reproducing 12 of the 23 prints of the exhibition. An essay by Laura Demers, "To Forage One's Pockets: The Elusive World of Adrienne Scott," discusses in interpretive detail the artist's use of an image scanner to create the exhibition's "landscapes." As Demers observes, in these "landscapes," Adrienne Scott intentionally uses contemporary technology "to befog" and render "unpredictable" the viewer's point-of-view.

No artist's statement provided. Adrienne Scott is a 2016 graduate of the University of Ottawa BFA program. Today she lives and works in Toronto.

Please know, dear reader, the gallery does provide viewers with a "cheat sheet"—a laminated listing by number of titles for all the prints displayed. They are, as noted above: print 3. Hubcap, 2018; 5. Shallows, 2017-18; 9. Lemon Teeth, 2016-18; 8. Illuminated Letter, 2017; 10. Conkers, 2016; and, 12. Posture, 2016.

Ignore the titles. Be brave. Use your own eyes to "see" the picture. Almost certainly, that is what the artist hopes the viewer will do.

Exhibition continues to Oct. 31. **Artist talk**: Sun,, October 21, 2:00 p.m.

New and continuing exhibitions, for you to visit

City Hall Art Gallery, Cheryl Pagurek, "Fragile". October 11 to November 27

Carleton U. Art Gallery,
Alootook Ipellie, "Walking Both Sides of an Invisible Border".
Curated by Sandra Dyck, Heather Igliorte and Christine Lalonde.
September 17 to December 9

"On Wildness": nature and surrealist sculpture at Ottawa School of Art

n exhibition of natural history and surrealist sculpture by Ellen Jewett is on display at The Ottawa School of Art Byward Market Campus. "On Wildness" runs from October 11 to November 18, at the School of Art's Gallery located In the Byward Market.

Jewett, from Markham, showed both an aptitude for creating three dimensional art and a fascination with the natural world from a young age. What followed was a childhood rich in exploration of local woods and creeks, a home crawling with pets and many household items permanently scarred from the overly enthusiastic application of art supplies.

"The natural world has always been the

surface on which humans have etched the foundations of culture, sustenance, and identity. For me plants and non-human animals are a continual source of fascination, engagement and deep aesthetic appreciation. At first glance my work explores the more modern prosaic concept of nature as a source of serene nostalgia. However on closer inspection this is balanced with the more visceral experience of 'wildness' as remarkably alien and indifferent. To know wildness is to know the boundaries of your own comprehension."

Ellen set out on her own path as a career artist while still in high school, spending long summer weekends travelling to exhibitions. In 2007 Ellen completed her post-secondary honours degrees in Anthropology and Fine Art at McMaster University. She illustrated for the University's teaching hospital and pioneered a children's class in stop motion animation in addition to continuing to develop her own sculptural work. By the time she graduated, heracademic and artistic interests in the biologi-

cal where intrinsically interwoven. While working as a professional artist she has continued to study art and science respectively, most recently, through the Haliburton School of the Arts and the University of Guelph. She has also accumulated certifications and apprenticeships in other areas of personal intrigue, including applied animal behaviour modification and crisis counselling.

Today Ellen's work is achieving a vibrant internet presence making notable appearances on Colossal, Reddit, Bored Panda, Ecology Global Network, American Crafters and many other sites.

"Each of my sculptures is constructed using an additive technique of working air drying polymer and cold porcelain over a metal armature. The texture is built in layers from inside to out by an accumulation of innumerable tiny components. Each detail, down to the finest filigree, is sculpted by hand, no tools are used. The colouring is a mixture of acrylic, raw pigments and clear polymer."



Imposter, by Ellen Jewett

Vernissage and reception will be at the OSA Main Gallery in the ByWard Market, 35 George St., on Thursday October 11, from 5:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. Admission is free.

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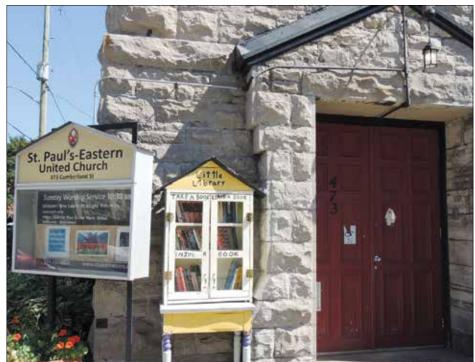


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Photo Christine Aubry



For the love of books!

Christine Aubry

Little Free Libraries

As increasing numbers of people are giving up the good old-fashioned paperback in favour of e-readers, there is an international movement to keep alive the love for "real" books. Little Free Libraries, et en français, les boîtes Croquelivres, have been popping up around the world, including here in Sandy Hill.

There are formal non-profit organizations where one can register the location of their library, purchase a kit and receive advice (www.littlefreelibrary.org, www. croquelivres.ca) but all one really needs is a weatherproof box and a few books. One organization surveyed users about the benefits of having these libraries; 90% said they made their neighbourhood feel like a friendlier place. So how friendly is Sandy Hill?

I stopped by the Little Free Library just outside the doors of St Paul's Eastern United Church on Cumberland and had the good luck of being able to chat with a few avid readers who benefit from the collection. They find there is a good variety, some preferring fiction, others philosophy and politics. They were clearly grateful for any opportunity to find a free book, including a table at the local dropin Centre 454. Finding a good book not only nourishes the brain, it nourishes the soul. Margaret said how she felt when she recently came across a Little Free Library in Overbrook: "I was having a bad day, and then I found that little treasure, so I left a note of gratitude."

Croque-livres

Les écoles se sont aussi lancées dans le mouvement de partage de livres. Ici dans la Côte-de-Sable, les deux pavillons de l'Ecole élémentaire Francojeunesse ont des boîtes Croque-livres. Malheureusement, lors de mes visites au début de l'année scolaire, la boîte du pavillon Wilbrod se trouvait prisonnière derrière un grillage de construction, et celle du pavillon Osgoode tristement vide. Si vous avez les livres pour enfants en français qui ne servent plus, venez les déposer—cela fera certainement des heureux.



The Barely Bruised Book Club

Since this past July 1, there is one more place in Sandy Hill to find a great read at little to no cost – the Barely Bruised Book Club at 330 Wilbrod Ave. across from Ecole élémentaire Francojeunesse.

I met with owner Scott MacKillop one evening so he could show me the shop, I discovered not only a jewel of a book store but a fascinating individual. Scott moved to Ottawa from Edmonton to be closer to family. Until now, he had operated the Barely Bruised Bookclub online only, finding and shipping books to clients as far away as Australia, Ireland, Israel and Nunavut.

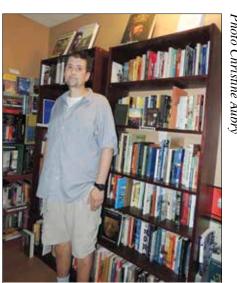
Scott's passion and expertise is tracking down hard-to-find books. "If it's out there, I can find it," he says, and he does not charge for the time he spends finding the book. He scours every book sale, yard sale, estate sale and auction. His busiest hunt days are weekends, so he has a few employees who can hold down the fort.

There is a vast selection in the home-based store, filling several rooms from floor to ceiling. But that is only a fraction of Scott's collection. The rest of his more than 80,000 titles (no, that's not a typo!) are housed in his sister's basement in Chelsea, some in multiple copies.

The store is divided into thematic sections, including poetry, esoterica, politics and Canadiana. But the section he is most proud to show me is the Indigenous bookshelves—the largest in the city, he claims, and a tribute to his own heritage.

I was especially impressed by the large number of signed books, including well known Canadians like David Suzuki and Jean Chretien. And all of these books are indeed "barely bruised," many seemingly brand new.

Books and reading are Scott's passion— "I have not watched TV in 22 years" and he wants to share this love of reading. There are boxes on the sidewalk filled with free books and all children's books are free. When I suggested he could ask for donations for the children's books he seemed almost offended "no, never, I would never take money, they are always



Scott McKillop in his Barely Bruised bookshop on Wilbrd St. at Friel — used books were sold at that corner in the past..

free!" He even donated enough books to fill the bookcase in the neighbouring coffee shop, Happy Goat.

As they say, what comes around goes around, so I was not surprised when he told me that some neighbours recently brought him more than 15 boxes of books.

Scott loves this sense of community. There is always free tea and coffee and readers are welcome to sit on the comfy couch or around the kitchen table as they browse. The atmosphere is certainly inviting, with the walls covered with works from local artists (5 artists for now but Scott hopes for more), one of whom painted a mural in the kitchen. The space hosts poetry readings twice a month, and Scott is thinking of other gatherings.

If you can't get up the winding staircase, or if you are searching for something in particular, you can join the club on Facebook and send Scott a message. Although he invites everyone to "join the club" you can always purchase items without being a member. You can also bring him your books, as he buys, trades and consigns. For every \$10 spent you get \$2 off, unless you are a student, then you get \$3 off. *Bonne lecture!*

Photo Christine Aubry





News from Viscount Alexander School

Michael Barnes

A new school year begins

180 students, a similar number to last year, are attending Viscount Alexander Public School, ranging from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 6. Together with our teachers, support staff, custodians, visiting professional staff, volunteers, parents and school council members, our goal is to make

the education of these young people a memorable and enriching experience. We hope that Viscount provides the base for their educational progress and encourages their participation in both their school and community.

New staff join the Viscount team

It's a pleasure to welcome two new staff members to our school. They are Christina Brind'Amour who will teach Early French Immersion and Core French, and Ayn Burmeister who joins us as an Educational Assistant. Farhana Rita has returned to her role as Early Childhood Educator.

Walking School Bus

The Walking School Bus is up and running again in Strathcona Heights. The program encourages and enables students to walk to school with an adult "driver" in charge. Fresh air and a little exercise is a good way to start the school day. Continuing as driver is Sylvie, helped by Grade 6 junior leaders.

After school programs

Viscount offers an extended day program (EDP), and the Sandy Hill Community Centre also provides French and English after-school programs. These enjoyable programs provide a variety of activities for our students to participate in at the end of the school day.

Healthy snacks for all

Thanks to the Sandy Hill Community Health Centre (SHCHC), all Viscount Students are offered healthy snacks. Veggie Monday and Fruity Friday offer nutritious snacks that are prepared by our volunteers. The platters are delivered to the classrooms and the fun begins. This twice-a-week program has been ongoing for several years, with several thousands

of wholesome snacks served over the course of a year. Sincere thanks to the SHCHC and our volunteers for their commitment that makes this much-loved part of student life at Viscount possible.

Coming soon, a new play structure

The Kindergarten yard has been refurbished and a new play structure is set to be installed in September or early October.

Welcome Games

By the time this edition goes to print, Viscount students will have experienced the Welcome Games. It's an annual event where students are placed in groups with younger and older members. Each teacher runs a different game that everyone can later use on the playground during recess. It's a lot of fun, usually involves rubber chickens, and students enjoy new games to play on the yard.

To Learn More About Viscount

If you are interested in learning more about Viscount and the educational experience it offers, please call the office at 613-239-2213. Thank you.



Sandwiches at La Cadena Spanish Café

Cadena Spanish Cafe 323 Somerset E.

Friendly service and very reasonable prices combine with fresh and attractive food to make this new cafe an enjoyable destination for lunch or language lessons. There's an interesting assortment of sandwiches (\$4.95-\$6.50) with fillings like egg and avocado or Spanish ham with roasted red peppers, served on big, tender rolls. There's a selection of grilled cheese sandwiches with interesting additions like pear, prosciutto or caramelized onions. We also really enjoyed a wedge of Spanish omelette with a side salad for the unbeatable price of \$5.50. Recently Cadena has also begun offering some seriously good sweets like rum balls and individual chocolate cakes. Check out the cafe's website for details on getting Spanish lessons to go with those sweets and a good cup of coffee! (cadenaspanishcafe.

Jackson 10 Daly Ave.

A recent dinner at the cafe in the new Ottawa Art Gallery was amazing. For \$9.00 I had a broccoli and carrot-topped blended bean dish. (I know they had a much more sophisticated epicurean name for it, but I've forgotten it). I came very close to licking the plate but thought better of it. I ended with a decaf soy latte that was smooth and lovely. The food was presented in a very artisanal/architectural manner, on a slate plate. The space is light and airy, with soaring high ceilings and comfy chairs, and they were playing Edith Piaf on the stereo. The chef (who was very eager to please) told me that they're planning to specialize in gluten-free and vegan dishes—I was so thrilled to hear that! At this point they only have three dishes on their menu (the other two were \$13.00), because they're building up their repertoire. I'm really looking forward to trying out the other two dishes next. Very happy to spread the word to keep an ecofriendly, artistic eatery like this in business, so close to home and work. Give it a try! (Submitted by Sharon L. O'Sullivan)

Lollo 60 George St.

It's good to see a new possibility for lunch or a light supper in the Byward Market. Lollo offers large and rather splendid salads, ranging in price from \$12.00-\$15.00. Order at the counter, then take a seat and enjoy your mountain of greens when they come, garnished with all kinds of treasures. I loved the antipasto salad, which had salami, olives, artichokes, cherry tomatoes and bocconcini on a bed of greens.

Olé Bolé

11 Marie-Curie Private.

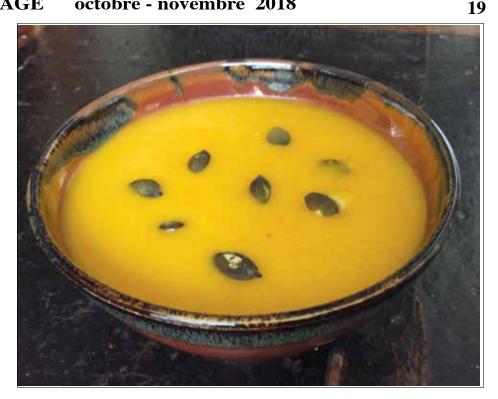
More healthy lunch in large bowls can be found at the latest food truck to occupy the space that was pioneered by Stone Soup on the Ottawa U. campus. For \$9.00-\$12.00 Olé Bolé will make you a bowl filled with rice or noodles, fresh chopped vegetables, tasty proteins like Korean beef, pulled pork or grilled tofu, and a zippy sauce. Drop by to pick up the Thai Caramba or the Incredibol from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekdays.

Nacho Cartel 151 Laurier Ave. East.

Settled in a new location at the back (south) side of the parking lot next to St. Joseph's Church, the small truck with big dreams is serving up tacos and nachos, along with a new menu item, empanadas, for a few more weeks. Drop by for lunch on weekdays from 11:00 to 3:00 or on Saturdays from 1:30 to 6:30.

Norca Restaurant & Bar 30 Daly Ave.

The restaurant on the second floor of the new Le Germain Hotel at the corner of Daly and Waller is a pleasant and stylish space with comfy chairs, a coppercovered bar and a small but interesting menu of artfully presented plates. The potato puree with sautéed wild mushrooms and grainy toast is a very satisfying treat at \$12.00, and the salad of mixed greens and artichoke morsels in a creamy dressing, topped with beautiful humpback shrimp and shavings of sharp cheddar



Don't just carve that pumpkin!

Dodi Newman

This fall, eat a pumpkin—such a versatile, delicious superfood: low in fat, rich in fibre, and stuffed like few other veggies with essential vitamins, antioxidants and minerals. Browsing the net will yield hundreds of recipes. Think creamy pumpkin-coconut-curry soup with fresh coriander leaves scattered on top; Fettucine "Alfredo" with a sauce of pumpkin purée, milk, freshly ground nutmeg and shredded parmesan; pumpkin and sage fritters; or Locro—a delicious South American one-dish meal.

If a whole pumpkin is too much, substituting a dry winter squash will work in just about any recipe, and canned pumpkin purée, while not quite as good as fresh, is a lot less work. Look for a 100% pure pumpkin product, such as E. D. Smith's.

To get you started, here is a somewhat off-the-beaten-path pumpkin and pear soup, based on a sauce recipe in "The French Culinary Institute's Salute to Healthy Eating." Hokkaido Pumpkin, AKA Red Kuri Squash (available at Market Organics on 126 York Street) is best for this soup though not essential. I love its rich orange colour, its super-creamy texture and nutty taste; but best of all, there is no need to peel it—just remove the seeds, cut in chunks and roast or boil it, then purée it, skin and all—no more wounded fingers!

Hokkaido Pumpkin and Pear Soup Serves 4

2 tablespoon olive oil

1/2 cup minced onion

12 ounces seeded Hokkaido pumpkin, cut in small chunks

12 ounces peeled, cored and chopped Barlett pears

2 tablespoons fresh ginger, minced

1 cup chicken broth, preferably homemade

1 1/2 cups water

1/2 cup cooked long-grain rice

Salt and pepper to taste

Pumpkin seed oil or roasted pumpkin seeds for garnish, optional

Heat the oil over low heat, add the onions and cook slowly until they are soft, about 7 minutes—do not let them brown. Stir in the pumpkin and cook for 3 minutes.

Add the pears and ginger, cook for 5 minutes, stirring now and then. Add the water, rice, salt and pepper. Raise the heat and bring all to a simmer. Cover and simmer for 30 minutes. Remove from heat, let cool for a few minutes.

Transfer the soup to a blender or food processor and process until smooth. Serve hot and garnish, if desired, with pumpkin seed oil or roasted pumpkin seeds.



The Olé Bolé food truck on the university campus at the west end of Somerset. Healthy food in large bowls.

(\$16.00), was light, pretty and delicious. The soundproofing in this room is amazing; it looks directly down on the busy traffic of Waller St. and would be a most entertaining place to bring a truck-loving boy, but it's quiet enough for a business discussion or to recharge before a busy afternoon.

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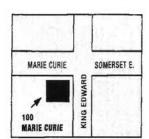
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SANDY HILL SCENE: Art in the Park, August 11, 2018



Volunteers Niňa Patry, Don Caldwell Maggie Henderson-Davis



Sandy Hill (Conservation Coop) resident Ian Fraser was convinced by a friend to show-case his work at Art in the Park for the first time this year. Ian is not only a sculptor but an experienced yoga teacher, teaching three times a week at the Rideau Sports Centre just across from Strathcona Park.

SANDY HILL SCENE: Welcome back! Community BBQ, September 22, 2018



Photos Bob Forbes









SANDY HILL SCENE: Community Yard Sale, September 15, 2018 Photos Kathleen Kelly



Vivienne Bartlett



Anne Roland and Alphonse Morissette



Scott Williams, Megan Reilkoff with Orly and Esmé.



James and Cristine Elrick serving Michael Dorgan



Susan Minis and Cynthia Nuzzi (also promoting One World Film Festival)



TURTLES!

In early June a mother snapping turtle dug a hole in the grass at 99 Range Road and laid her eggs. Snapping turtle eggs normally incubate for around 90 days. These eggs are expected to hatch during mid-September to early October when the young turtles will find their way back to the Rideau River. Residents at 99 Range Road saw the nest and immediately put up a caution barrier and lawn care worker have been sensitive to the site. A similar hole was dug last year by a snapping turtle about three metres away from the current site. Snapping turtles return to the site of their birth to lay eggs and generally in dry areas about the high water mark of their habitat.



One of the new Range Road turtles starts the exit from the nest towards the river. The head of a second appears from the nest hole. More than two dozen others emerged from the same nest and were helped to the river bank.

Below— Jane Olivier, Range Road resident, was part of the turtle transport committee of neighbours who helped ensure the new turtles were moved safely across the 99 Range Road parking lot and the Rideau River bike path before being placed on the river bank to find their own way to the water.



Turtles report and photos by Bob Whitelaw





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Let's talk real estate

Lynda Cox



Is there a downside to multiple offer situations? Yes there is...

Only one offer can be accepted. If four offers were submitted then three buyers are disappointed and must keep looking. Some buyers have completed two to five pre-offer building inspections, at approximately \$575 a pop, on different properties before having a successful bid. In the end, once the successful bid is announced the losing buyers kick themselves for not going just that little bit higher. If only they had known. Blind auctions are like that. You never know what someone will pay. This process can be very discouraging and some buyers quit for a while before starting the house hunt again. Some buyers even vow never to be involved in a bidding war again.

Some buyers get caught up in the moment; especially if they have lost out before they can get reckless and offer too much. How can you tell if it's too much? The answer is...you can't. Remember, a home is worth whatever a willing buyer wants to pay. So what happens when a buyer does pay over asking price with no conditions, and the bank appraisal, completed later, comes in at less than the price they paid? This can be very tricky. If the numbers don't agree with the bank appraisal then the buyers are on the hook for the difference. Yes; the buyers will only get a mortgage based on the appraised value and can be left having to come up with the cash themselves to make up that difference.

You can see why buyers in this position must be very confident of their financial situation. They often have more than the 20% down payment in savings or have an inheritance to lean on.

If you pay too much but you plan to live in the house for a very long time

then it's not a problem. The downside can happen if you have to move after a short time, before your home has had time to increase in value beyond what you paid for it. Then, unless the market has gone up a great deal more than the normal 5% - 6% you could take quite a loss. Hence, buyers in bidding wars are usually banking on the notion that this is their "forever" home. They will have time to pay off the excess they paid.

I have found that there can be an upside to losing out in a multiple offer situation. Losing buyers tend to get smarter. They might push the price point a little higher than their last bid. They will make sure their lender has all the pertinent information to give them more than just a rate lock. They will prepare their personal letter and get a great photo taken to add to their offer.

Finally, in my experience, most buyers eventually find the "right" home and are happy that they lost the others.

Sandy Hill update

Since the June-July IMAGE, there have been three bidding wars in the residential sector: 101 Templeton, 39 Robinson and 226 Goulburn, with payments ranging from \$900 to \$40,500 over the asking price. There have been six in the condo sector: two at 200 Rideau, 230 Fountain Place, 200 Besserer, two at 20 Daly with payments ranging from \$100 - \$15,000 over asking price.

Total Sales: residential 26, condominium 64 with one conditional sale

At present there are 16 active residential and 30 condominium with 3 conditional

Most properties that are still on the market in Sept/Oct are usually leftovers due to overpricing so anything new on the market, properly priced, should get lots of attention.



FOR ADULTS / POUR LES ADULTES

Make a Will Learn how having a will and powers of attorney can help you and your family. This session is informational only and does not include legal advice. Presented by the Ontario Bar Association. Wednesday, Nov. 21, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Go Workshop (Strategy Game) / Atelier de Go (jeu de stratégie)

Learn to play Go, the ancient strategy game. Designed for beginners and intermediate players. 2 - 5 pm, Saturdays, Oct. 13 and Nov. 10. Apprenez le Go, jeu de stratégie ancien. Conçu pour les débutants et les joueurs de niveau intermédiaire. 14 h à 17 h, les samedis 13 octobre et 10 novembre.

Make Your Story Pop (Writing Workshop) No matter the length or type of story you're writing, this workshop is sure to help it stand out. Presented by published author, Marie Bilodeau. Registration required. Thursday, October 18, 2:00 - 3:30

Rengo Event / Un après-midi de Rengo The Ottawa Go Club presents an afternoon of Rengo, a game format where a game of Go is played between teams of two players. Saturday, December 1, 1:00 – 5:30 p.m. Le club de Go d'Ottawa organise un apres-midi de Rengo, un format où une partie de Go est jouée par des équipes de 2 joueurs. Le samedi 1 décembre, de 13 h à 17 h 30.

Morning Book Club Monthly on Thursday mornings at 10:15 am -12:00. Drop-in.

Rideau Branch Library Programs Programmes à la succursale Rideau de la bibliothèque

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Evening Book Club Monthly on Monday evenings, 7 – 8:30 pm. Drop-in. Nov. 5: I Shall Not Hate: A Gaza Doctor's Journey by I. Abuelaish Dec. 3: In the Garden of Beasts by E. Larsen

Pen and Paper Writers Group

Every Tuesday night at 6:30 pm. Dropin. Get feedback on your writing (any genre) and ideas from the group. Hear the work of other writers and offer your feedback. Discuss issues about writing and publishing. Share your triumphs, trials and tribulations with a supportive, informal group.

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Upcoming special services and events:

October 7 World-Wide Communion & Thanksgiving

October 13, Group Hiking Event. Meet at 9:30, bring your lunch. October 21, Guest Preacher, Carol Scott from Emmanuel United

October 28, Café-Style Service: Student leadership

November 4, Anniversary Service: Joe Ramsay, musician/songwriter/ retired Minister

November 11, Remembrance Day

Refugee Sponsorship: We are partnering with Everyone's Sister. To get involved in sponsoring Farah, contact Wendy at everyonessister@gmail.com

Men's Breakfast: 8:30 a.m. on 3rd Sunday of the month at Father & Sons Restaurant.

Evergreens: Join us if you're free for lunch on the third Tuesday of each month—11:30 am at Perkins Family Restaurant, 1130 St. Laurent Blvd. Contact Heather in the church office (leave message) if you have questions.

Bible/Book Study/Prayer Group: Weekly discussion and prayer group. Wednesdays, 10:30 am to noon. No meetings in July and August.

Sandy Hill Seniors' Network Monthly Meeting: First Wednesdays of the month 12-2 community. For details, contact Helen Smith at 613-565-6328, helengsmith@bell.net.

Discussion Group: Weekly on Thursdays 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. in church hall. Contact Rev. Laurie

Choir practice: Thursdays at 7:30 pm. New singers welcome; special call for bass singers. To join, contact Paul, Music Director.

Refugee Sponsorship: Partnering with "Everyone's Sister" to privately sponsor a young Syrian woman. Contact Wendy

Odawa Food Bank: Odawa Native Friendship Centre operates a food cupboard out of the church building to serve many in the Aboriginal/Inuit community in Ottawa. Please drop off donations at the church. Contact Odawa for food bank service schedule at 613-722-3811. odawa.on.ca/.

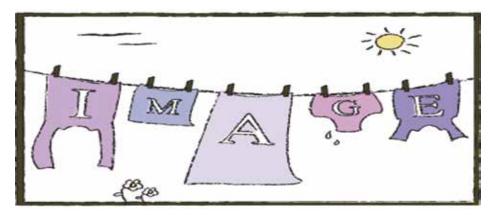
Open Table Outreach and Support for Students: Monthly community meals and gatherings., offered with other churches .facebook.com/theopentable/

Space Rental: Multi-purpose spaces are available for rent throughout the week. Wellmaintained, affordable and wheelchair accessible. Good for personal and group events such as meetings, marriages, funerals, memorials, anniversaries, graduation, dance classes, musical & theatrical performances, practice venue for the performance arts, etc. Contact the church office.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD BULLETIN BOARD

Municipal elections

Ward 12 Rideau-Vanier All Candidates Forum: Thurs., Oct. 4 at the Sandy Hill Community Centre. A partner event between Sandy Hill, Lowertown and Vanier community associations and our various health/resource centres. Meet and greet 6:30 to 7 p.m., forum 7 to 9:30 p.m. For information www.ash-acs.ca/event/candidates-forum-rideau-vanier-ward/..

Townhall discussion on Climate Change; Oct. 8, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. All Candidates Rideau Vanier Ward 12, 300 McArthur (Unitarian Universalist Fellowship hall) Moderated by journalist Mike de Souza. Participating: Mathieu Fleury, Thierry Harris, Matt Lowe

Election time. Ottawa culture counts. Monday Oct. 22, Ottawans elect our 2019-2022 Mayor, City Councillors and School Board trustees.



Governor General Julie Payette's coat of arms (see "Oboefest" event notice).

Advance polls start October 4th. Let's take the value of culture into account as we vote! The arts provide both important economic and social benefits to our City, yet our local artists and arts organizations are under-resourced. ottawaculture.ca/

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"Oboefest" opens the Thirteen Strings' concert season, Fri. Oct. 12 at Dominion-Chalmers Church (355 Cooper St.) at 7:30 p.m. Guest soloist Anna Peterson performs the Alessandro Marcello Oboe Concerto in D minor. Julie Payette, Canada's 29th Governor General, has used the opening to the second movement of Marcello's Oboe Concerto on her Coat of Arms (see repro-

duction, left). The chosen melody symbolizes her passion and love for music, especially from the Baroque period. Tickets available at Leading Note, Books on Beechwood, Compact Music and at www.thirteenstrings.ca.

St. Joseph's Parish Harvest Family Fair Sunday, Oct. 14, 12:00 - 5:00 p.m. St. Joseph's Parish Hall 174 Wilbrod St.

Renotour 2018. Sun, Oct. 14, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Renovation trends from seven innovative Renomark renovators; info at renotour.ca. See ad p. 7. Passport \$10, 100% of proceeds support: Habitat for Humanity.

National Association of Federal Retirees, Ottawa Branch fall members' meeting, Oct. 15 will focus on Better Understanding Your Finances in Retirement. A free half-day event at the Ottawa Convention and Event Centre, near the baseball stadium. To learn more (Ottawa Branch and the national association) call 613-737-2199 or email info@nafrottawa.com or check nafrottawa.com/

Ottawa Story Tellers Curses: Destiny or Delusion? Just in time for Halloween, Colette Laplante and Cecilia Blanchfield bring you stories that will make you knock wood and clutch your rabbit's foot. For thousands of years, people in every culture have believed in the Evil Eye, and taken measures to protect themselves. So, are curses real, or just creepy coincidences? You be the judge. Thurs. Oct. 18, 2018 at 7:30 p.m., Arts Court Theatre, 2 Daly Ave.

Elmwood School open house Sat., Oct. 20 at 9 a.m. RSVP at info.elmwood.ca/OPEN or call (613)744-7783.

"Something New Edinburgh" fourth annual local craft show with community, artists, and one-of-a-kind craftsmanship at Memorial Hall (39 Dufferin Road) on Sat., Nov. 3 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Admission free. Shop handmade

wares; over \$1200 in door prizes from community businesses, Angry Dragonz food truck is parked right outside.

The Ottawa Canadian Film Festival will take place on Sat., Nov. 3 at Arts Court Theatre. Tickets online or at the door. For information, OCanFilmFest.ca.or follow us on social media. Three screenings, 2 p.m., 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.

ONE & ONLY Arts and Crafts Fair Sat., Nov. 17, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sandy Hill Community Centre, 250 Somerset St. East. Free admission and refreshments. Over 30 vendors with unique and affordable products.

Vente d'art et d'artisanat «ONE & ONLY» Samedi 17 novembre, de 10 h à 16 h, au Centre communautaire de la Côte-de-Sable, 250, rue Somerset Est. Entrée gratuite, rafraichissements offerts. Plus de 30 vendeurs de produits originaux et abordables. www.ash-acs.ca/event/sandy-hills-one-only-arts-crafts-fair/

Fall Fair at First Unitarian Congregation, Nov. 17, 9:30 - 2:30. Biggest church bazaar in town! Great deals on gently used clothing, books, jewellery, electronics and other treasures. Fabulous silent auction; two food venues; knitted items, baking and jams. 30 Cleary Ave. Email FallFair2018@firstunitarianottawa.ca

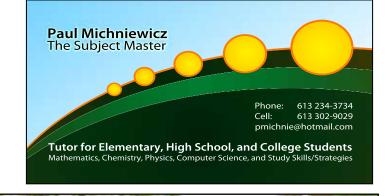
Bettye Hyde *Trivia Night*. The 12th annual Trivia Night is Sat. Nov. 17 at 7:30 p.m. at Bate Hall in *allsaints* event space. Tickets \$25 bhtrivianight2018.eventbrite.ca. Beyond the trivia, questions and debates, it brings the community together. Silent auction items are already rolling in! We have a "Time Out" spa package, beautiful paintings, "Lunch with an Economist or Two" and we are only getting started. Proceeds from the evening will be used for new a six-seater stroller and some tricycles for the yard. Please contact us if you have any questions: bhtrivianight@gmail.com



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A troop of student volunteers in branded shirts turned out to host the community BBQ on September 22. They were welcomed/ assisted/ encouraged by neighbourhood stalwart Rob Forbes (far left), volunteer extraordinaire Cathy Major (second from right) and the coordinator of Sandy Hill block captains Jan Finlay (back row, in floppy hat). Yes, Jan, we see you there!

Beautiful day, smashing BBQ

Community and students celebrate la rentrée

On September 22, uOttawa and Action Sandy Hill jointly hosted a mid-day BBQ at the Sandy Hill Community Centre. Hamburgers and hot dogs were cooked and served by uOttawa students. Approximately 325 people were served.

Father and Sons restaurant generously donated 160 Angus beef hamburger patties. Music, tattoos and soccer were provided by the University. The Ottawa Public Library signed up new members as did ASH. Goodwill offerings were accepted for the St. Joe's Supper Table, which is receiving \$380.00 as a result.

People sat and ate their hamburgers and hot dogs in the warm sunshine while talking to neighbours and making new acquaintances.

-Catherine Major

More BBQ photos, page 20.



*** le 22 octobre - October 22 ***

Votez pour le CHANGEMENT

Thierry Harris s'engage à défendre les droits de notre communauté et préserver le patrimoine historique de la Côte-de-Sable.

- Entrepreneur et propriétaire d'une entreprise locale
- Ancien réalisateur à Radio-Canada
- Ancien VP Association Communautaire de la Basse-Ville
- Ex-membre du CA Fédération des associations civiques (FAC)

Vote for CHANGE

Thierry Harris is committed to defending our community's rights and preserving Sandy Hill's historic district.

- Entrepreneur and local business owner
- Former CBC producer
- Former VP Lowertown Community Association
- Past Board Member Federation of Citizens' Associations (FCA)

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