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It's **summer**  
and it's time for a  
**Fresh Start**



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# the Corridor magazine

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## The deadline for the next issue of The Corridor is July 25.

### In next month's issue

**Imagine a grand boulevard going through an urban park with trees and gardens, surrounded by affordable housing, unique shops and new businesses — all within the area where the downtown Queensway now stands.**

Impossible? Outrageous? Impractical?

*Not Just Bikes*, a popular YouTube channel, recently discussed the demolition of Seoul's elevated highway system, and its replacement with a river and public parkland.

If that sound like something only an Asian country would do, the South Korean capital is not the only city that has made this radical change.

San Francisco's Embarcadero Freeway was demolished with similar positive

results, as was Montreal's Bonaventure Expressway.

Toronto has begun dismantling portions of the Gardiner Expressway.

At least 30 cities around the world are replacing their antiquated, dilapidated concrete eyesores, which begs the question: "Why not Ottawa?"

The advantages of adapting the current elevated expressway are undeniable, including new downtown space to build desperately needed housing, reduced noise and dust pollution, increased pedestrian and cyclist traffic, and an overall increase in property values for adjacent areas.

More about this subject in the August issue of *The Corridor*.



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in our programs and  
in our spaces.*

*Tout le monde est le  
Bienvenu dans nos  
programmes et nos  
espaces.*



**T**he Overbrook Community Association's (OCA) predecessor, the Overbrook Community Council (OCC), produced a newsletter that served "Overbrook-Forbes", the area including what is known today as Castle Heights, residents living east of St. Laurent Blvd, and a place known as "The Avenues" which included the adjoining area south of the Queensway.

That newsletter was called *The Corridor*.

OCC later produced a 12-page newspaper called *Nouvelles Overbrook News* (NON) which, like *The Corridor* was distributed door-to-door and in various public locations. NON was supported with annual grants from the Community Development Fund (CDF) as well as paid advertising.

In late 2019, OCA launched *Connexions*, a 12 to 16 page newspaper, that served just Overbrook and Castle Heights. The COVID pandemic derailed volunteer delivery and gutted private sector advertising.

Surveys indicated that community interest was high, so new CDF grants were obtained to enable Canada Post delivery. Advertisers dwindled to include just elected officials. Volunteers moved or withdrew; the editor resigned when her maternity leave ended, and she took on a new job as chief editor of Canadian Geographic magazine.

Once again, production ceased in 2022 after eight editions.

Jump to the OCA annual general meeting of 2024 where the newly elected President suggested that renewing *Connexions* was a top priority because "everyone wants it

back".

Enter yours truly, with more than 40 years experience in newspapers, magazines, broadcasting and communications in gen-

eral. A few days before the AGM I spotted a weather-worn poster on an electrical post near my home announcing the event and including specifics on the type of board members they needed.

Now retired, I was clamouring for a new project to stave off the boredom, and announced my credentials to the membership, stating "I was eager to take on the challenge".

And I did, for three measly issues, each one getting better than the previous. Days after publishing the December-January 2024/25 edition, I received an email from the President, unceremoniously telling me to "stop production immediately". No advanced notice was offered, no reason was given, and no negotiation was suggested. I was gobsmacked.

I passionately believe in community media. As major newspapers are gobbled up by chain corporation, more reliance is placed on syndicates to report news and far less community news is featured.

Defiantly I established OPUS-online, basically a dollar-store version of *Connexions*. I produced and funded two issues of OPUS-online, February/March and April/May.

A new Board was elected to lead OCA, with most of the Executive Committee resigning. In its place, we have an exciting new made up of



## The Evolution of Print Media in Overbrook.

almost every language, cultural, religious and social group in Overbrook. We are a board the looks like Overbrook.

With that, I rebranded OPUS, becoming *The Corridor*, with a goal to re-integrate it back into the OCA.

The first issue was a special edition, produced as the programme for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Hurdman's Bridge, and launching of the Commemorative Kiosk by the river. There is more about that in this issue.

Please support us by signing up for a free subscription that includes notifications of new issues. A subscription form is on [our website](#).

It's summer and it's time for a Fresh Start.

And welcome to the new Corridor Magazine.

## Letters to the Editor

**W**e are looking forward to receiving your emails with comments, thoughts, ideas, suggestions, critiques, or recommendations — positive or negative — we welcome them all, and we will take your input very seriously.

We welcome new contributors who have a story to tell, particularly those who share in our mission to promote communication and understanding between people of different cultural traditions, languages, faiths and ideologies.

Everyone is welcome! Please take a moment to email us at

Editor@corridor.news

# COMMUNITY NEWS AND CURRENT EVENTS

## The Overbrook Community Association has Elected a New Board of Directors

**A**t its annual general meeting held on Tuesday April 15, with a record-size audience of almost 70 people, the Overbrook Community Association's new Board of Directors was elected.

The new Board includes five men and six women, and at least five of the group are newcomers.

This is also the first time in the OCA's history that the Board of Directors includes a true cross-section of the Overbrook population, representing different cultural traditions, languages, faiths, ideologies, economic backgrounds, and age and social groups.

At its first meeting, a week following the AGM, the board elected its executive committee.

**Steven Boyle** and **Ismael Awaleh** will serve as co-Presidents, and **Pamella Mubeza** and newcomer **Jennifer Moroziuk**, will be OCA's vice-presidents.

Also new to the board are **Anne Martin** who will serve as Recording Secretary, and **Selma Wannes** as the OCA Treasurer.

Newcomer **Noureddine Ilkem** will take on the increasingly important role of IT administrator, and **Shekinah Manning** will be a member at large, with a focus on youth.

Returning to the board is long-time member **David Behn** who will continue his work on advocating for environmental issues, and **David Ferguson** continues in the role of publications administrator and editor.



Pictured clockwise are eight of OCA's ten new board members. They are co-Presidents Steven Boyle and Ismael Awaleh, vice-President Pamella Mubeza, Secretary Anne Martin, Nouradine Ilkem, Shekinah Manning, David Behn, and David Ferguson.

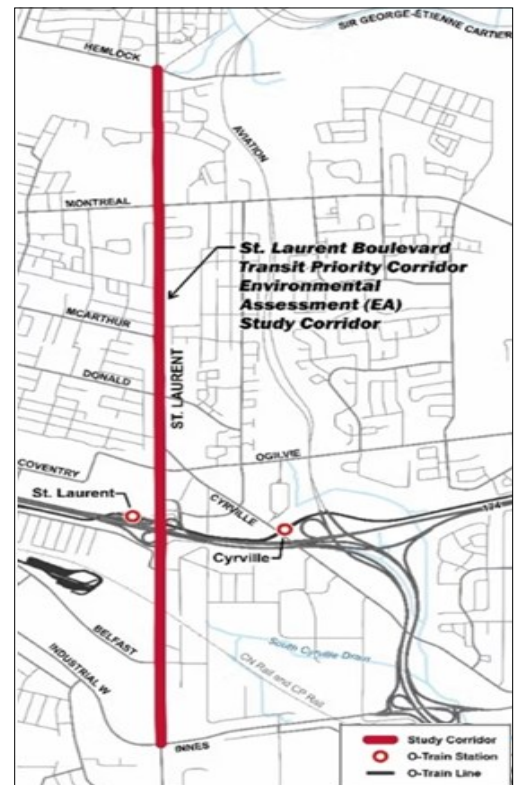
## St. Laurent Boulevard Transit Priority Corridor Environmental Assessment Study

Comments due by July 10

The city has initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) Study for the St-Laurent Boulevard Transit Priority Corridor. The study corridor is St-Laurent Boulevard from Hemlock Road to Innes Road/Industrial Avenue.

The EA study has been investigating options to improve transit service efficiency and travel environment for all walking, cycling, transit, autos and trucks, as appropriate along the corridor.

Recent open houses on the issue were well attended. The online survey will be available until July 10, 2025. For details, please visit [ottawa.ca](http://ottawa.ca).



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## AG Reports on Supportive Housing System

A recently released Auditor General report of the City's supportive housing system has discovered disappointing results.

The report has found that despite investing close to \$47 million over the past three years, the results are not what the city expected. According to Councillor Rawlson King's newsletter, "... the consequences are rippling throughout our entire housing system".

The audit revealed that despite successfully building supportive housing units, the city is operating with fundamental structural problems.

One fundamental problem that appears to often disarm projects like this is, while federal and provincial governments provide capital funding to build facilities, the municipalities are left to cover the operating budget which this year was in excess of \$1.5 million for each 50-unit building.

Staff describe the situation as "reactive" and "crisis-driven", and King says it is "unsustainable and unfair to both residents and taxpayers".

He adds: "The problems are not confined to supportive housing". "Ottawa Community Housing, our social housing provider, increasingly serves tenants who need mental health support, addiction counselling, and life skills assistance—but they receive no additional funding to provide these critical services".

Issues of mental health, substance use, and the impact of aging have contributed to increased personal and community safety concerns, a higher use of emergency services, and the risk of some people falling back into homelessness.

## IN BRIEF

### It's a Park!

The Corridor Magazine is thrilled to announce the arrival of a multi-ton, grassy baby park.

We have officially adopted Presland Park through the city's *Adopt-a-Park* program, and look forward to working to make it the city's best pastoral green space. More about this in next month's issue.

### Gas Line Work

Enbridge Gas will install a new gas main tie-in, including a seven-metre pipe, to the existing station at Belfast and Coventry.

The work is planned to begin July 1 and continue until December 31, 2025. In addition, work is underway between Montreal Road and Center Street until August 30.

### Free Back-to-School Supplies

Until August 1, all residents of the Rideau-Rockcliffe ward can register to receive back-to-school supplies for students from kindergarten to Grade 12.

This offer is open to families with postal codes K1K, K1M and some K1G.

To register, see the ad on page 13.

### Fostering Meaningful Inter-Generational Connections

Chosen Grandma Ottawa (CGO) is a community-driven, volunteer initiative dedicated to fostering meaningful, intergenerational connections between senior women and children.

The program matches children between the ages of five and 14, who lack the attention and support of a grandmother figure, with senior women volunteers ages 55 and older.

Applicants will undergo a rigorous screening and matching process by CGO with the volunteer seniors to promote safe, engaging and fun activities for each child.



Email [chosengrandmaottawa@gmail.com](mailto:chosengrandmaottawa@gmail.com) or visit [Chosen Grandma Ottawa on Facebook](#).



Ottawa Public Health and Ottawa's Overdose Prevention and Response Task Force work to advance Ottawa's Overdose Response Strategy.

Register to receive email alerts, or sign at [StopOverdoseOttawa.ca](https://StopOverdoseOttawa.ca).

A confirmation email will be sent to ensure that any future alerts sent out through the new system are received.

Stop Overdose Ottawa alerts are issued when the Overdose Prevention and Response Task Force becomes aware of toxic drugs circulating in the community, including increased risk of overdose.

## Presland Road Development Application Received

The City of Ottawa has received an Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment application for 240 Presland Road.

The site is located on the south side of Presland Road in Overbrook.

The applicant is proposing to develop a six-storey affordable rental apartment building with 62 units, 32

parking spaces, 76 bicycle parking spaces, two rooftop amenity areas, and a landscaped rear yard amenity area.

More details and the planning applications are now available for review at the City's DevApps [webpage](#).



## Council Unveils its 'Boulevard Gardens' Policy

The City's long-awaited policy on gardening permissions on city-owned "boulevard" land next to their property has been released.

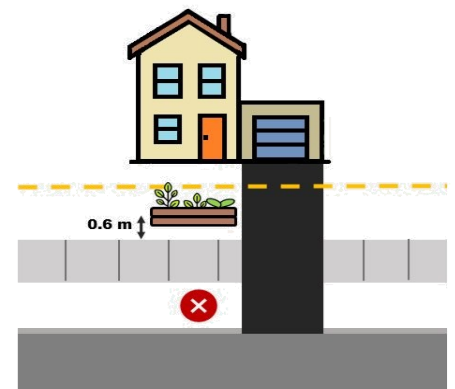
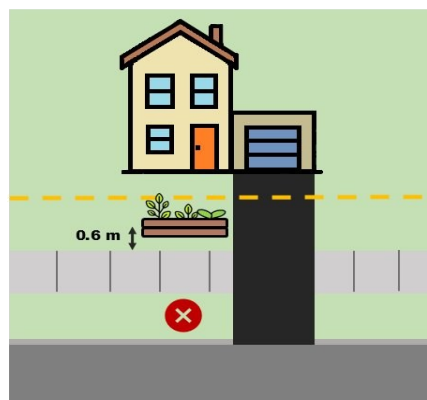
Residents' gardening permissions on boulevard land will not require a special permit, however residents are expected to follow certain safety precautions.

Among the policy's salient points are:

- Owners and tenants can replace the grass in the boulevard abutting residential property with an alternative groundcover that grows to 20 cm. This includes in areas around a municipal tree, fire hydrant or on the slope of a ditch.
- Residents can plant food crops in their boulevard garden.

- Raised garden beds, containers and plant supports are permitted in some areas (details on [ottawa.ca/rightofway](http://ottawa.ca/rightofway))

The link above is also provided to learn more about residential boulevard gardens, the rules to follow, how to identify the boulevard next to your property and special considerations for growing food in this space.



**The illustration above shows the city-owned property line from the yellow dotted line to the sidewalk which may now be used for planting by the adjacent homeowner.**

## New Parking Permit Registration System Launched

The City has instituted an improved process for renewing or applying for on-street parking permits that it hopes will streamline operations and be more convenient for the user.

Accessible through MyServiceOttawa, the user can manage water billing, waste collection needs and now, select on-street parking permits.

Instead of submitting a new application each time a permit is set to expire,



monthly on-street residential passes are now eligible for automatic renewals. The system will

store the necessary information should another parking permit be needed.

The service covers the following parking permits:

- Residential
- Temporary consideration
- Small business ID card
- Guest
- Daycare
- Visitor
- Special events, including funerals
- Volunteer
- Healthcare
- Musician and artist loading
- Replacement permits.

# New Sidewalks and Streetlight Replacements

## Presland Road Gets Long-Awaited Infrastructure

The City has its plans are underway to begin construction of new sidewalks and street lighting infrastructure on Overbrook's Presland Road.

More than 105 metres will be built along the north side of Presland Road to Frances Street and on the south side of both Presland Road and Hardy Avenue from Frances to the existing sidewalk on Bernard Street.

Construction is expected to begin this summer and will be completed by the fall.

This project will complete the neighbourhood's pedestrian network, and will improve pedestrian access to Queen Mary Public School, local

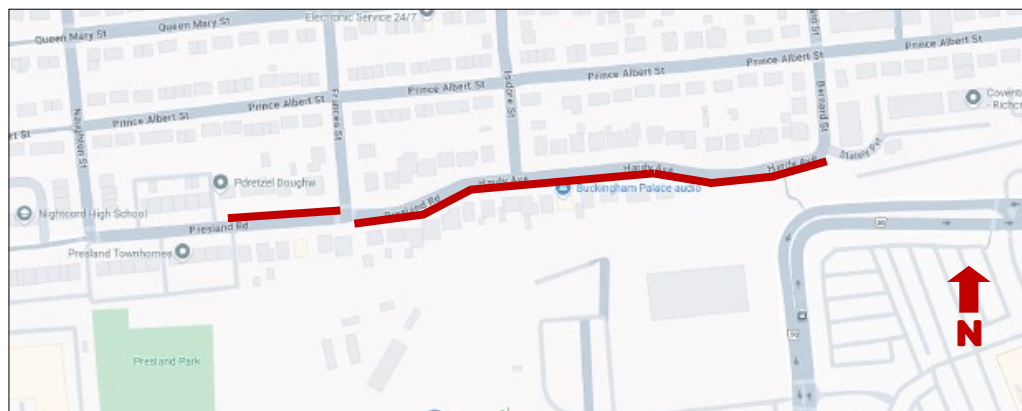
parks, the St. Laurent Shopping Centre and bus stops on St. Laurent Boulevard and Lola Street.

The new sidewalks will narrow the road, which is expected to help in traffic calming efforts.

It will include roadway catch basin

adjustments to improve roadway drainage, and streetlighting repairs and replacements.

The project plans are available online and more details about the sidewalk project are available at [ottawa.ca](https://ottawa.ca).



## Community IT



**Nouredine ILKEM**

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A cursory examination of the OCA's digital presence discovered the need for some fundamental updates.

The website, Overbrook.ca,

had not been substantially updated in nearly three years, and social media activity was limited, creating a communication gap between the OCA and the community it serves.

I am an IT professional who moved to Overbrook in July 2024 and it seemed appropriate that I volunteer to help modernize these tools.

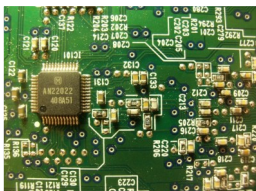
For the website, outdated content will be reviewed and refreshed, essential community information will be brought to the forefront, and the platform will be reorganized to improve navigation and accessibility. The goal is to create a reliable, up-to-date resource of information for everyone.

As well, the social media strategy is being re-evaluated.

Platforms like Facebook continue to serve a core segment of the community, but they no longer capture the full audience.

To engage youth and a broader demographic, platforms like LinkedIn, TikTok, or Discord must be used to offer real-time interaction, event promotion, and community storytelling.

This work is part of a larger effort to ensure OCA's communications are more responsive, inclusive, and future-ready. By strengthening our online presence, we're not just updating technology we're laying the foundation for stronger connections,



better transparency, and a more engaged Overbrook community.

Feel free to comment. My email address is [Nouredine@Overbrook.ca](mailto:Nouredine@Overbrook.ca).

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# After Five Years of Planning, the *Hurdman's Bridge Commemorative Kiosk* is Launched



The map above denotes the approximate location of the Kiosk.

On May 24, more than 300 people braved the cool spring drizzle to assemble at the site of the Hurdman's Bridge Commemorative Kiosk.

Speakers for the afternoon event were Mayor Mark Sutcliffe, Rideau Rockcliffe Councillor Rawlson King

and lead organizers Steven Boyle and Heather Amys.

The afternoon began with a rousing set by the Oto-Wa Taiko Drummers, followed by bagpiper Jonathan Shepherd.

A land acknowledgement ceremony was conducted by Spiritual advisor Albert Dumont and the Thunderbird Circle Drummers.

Steven Boyle provided an historical context to the day, followed by an official proclamation by Ottawa Mayor Mark Sutcliffe.

Five years in the planning, the project marks the 150th anniversary (1875) of the Hurdman's Bridge, "the Bridge that Built Overbrook",



and the first fixed link between Overbrook and Ottawa.

In recognition, an information kiosk within a native garden was built, located along the National Capital Commission's (NCC) multi-use pathway just south of the Adawe Crossing (west end of Donald Street near the small falls).



Spiritual advisor Albert Dumont and OCA Co-president Steven Boyle after the unveiling.

Mr. Dumont spoke about the significance of land acknowledgments and rivers and bridging communities.



Bagpiper Jonathan Shepherd leading the parade to the kiosk for the unveiling.



**OCA Co-President Ismael Awaleh (with shield & spear) and OCA VP Pamella Mubeza (centre) and three performers from Shaza Drums and members of *Burundi We Want*.**

The six kiosk panels present information, pictures and illustrations, in both English and French, on the history of the Rideau River and Overbrook, with a focus on Indigenous and Overbrook history, as well as the natural environment of the river, and planning and protection of the waterway.

This legacy project was funded, in part, by the government of Canada through the Department of Canadian Heritage, and the City of Ottawa, through both heritage and environment programs.

The City also donated a bicycle stand that will be installed at the site.



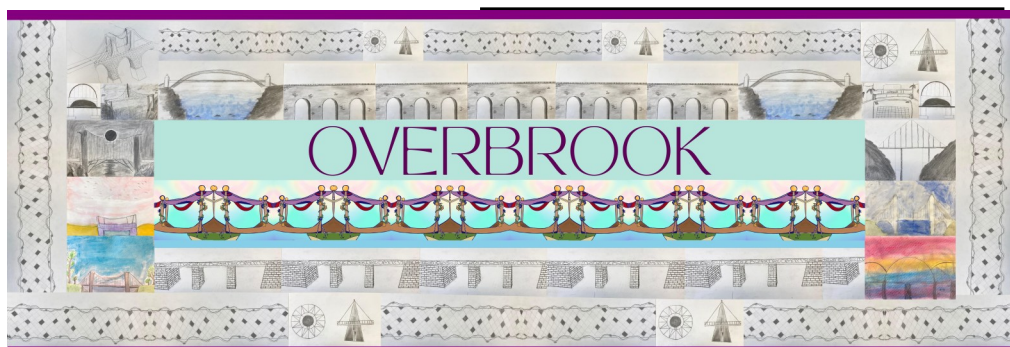
**Steven Boyle, who conceived the 150th Project, proudly stands before the beautiful information kiosk that he helped create over the past five years.**



**The intoxicating Ota-Wa Drummers had the audience on their feet**



**Councillor Stephanie Plante, Event organizer Heather Amys, OCA Co-Presidents Steven Boyle & Awaleh Ismael (holding the proclamation) with Mayor Mark Sutcliff, Councillor Rawlson King.**



**One of two banner created by the talented students at Ottawa Technical High School is on display at the Overbrook Community Centre.**



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## Beat the Heat in Local Splash Pads and Wading Pools



There are wading pools located in:

**Alvin Heights Park, 352 London Terrace**  
From June 23 to August 17

**Optimiste Park, 43 Ste. Cécile Street**  
From July 1 to August 24

**St. Laurent Complex, 525 Côté Street**  
From June 23 to August 17

**St. Paul's Park, 469 Donald Street**  
From June 23 to August 17

**Overbrook Park, 33 Quill Street**  
From June 30 to August 24

\* Wading pools that are open on  
Tuesdays will be open Canada Day  
(July 1) from noon to 5 pm.



At some locations, while the wading pools are being drained, dogs are welcome to splash and play in the remaining water. This usually amounts to about 15 to 30 cm (six to 12 inches) of water.

**St. Paul's Park, 489 Donald Street**  
Mondays from 6 to 6:30 pm

**Overbrook Park, 33 Quill Street**  
Tuesdays from 7 to 7:30 pm

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# Birds, Babies and Bumblebees

**F**or me, May has been a full month of the marvels of birds, babies and bumblebees.

I have always enjoyed greeting our feathered friends returning from their time in the south.

As always, the first arrivals were the Canada Geese and the Red-Winged Blackbirds. Did you know that the male Red-Winged Blackbirds come back almost a month earlier than the females to check out a suitable nesting spot?

My favorite visitor to my backyard feeder this year was the Rose-breasted Grosbeak; he stops for a couple of days each year in our yard, feeds and then heads north to the Boreal Forest to find a mate.

Spring is the time to see new arrivals.

I have a new granddaughter this month, and met several new Overbrookies.

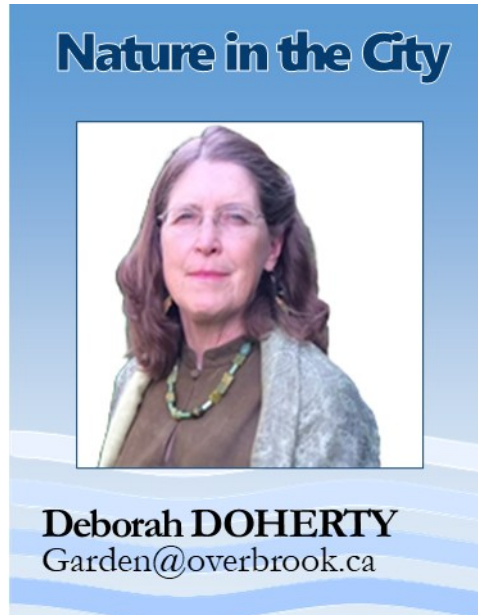
I've been having great fun watching the butterflies and bumblebees emerge in my garden and local



**Despite the heat and wildfire smoke, volunteers continue to work diligently on the Donald Street project.**

wooded parks with my grandson. Children provide us with a wonderful opportunity to stop and smell the flowers!

Lots of babies arriving in our hedges and gardens this time of year too. The Donald Street gardening team were fortunate to greet the new members of the Groundhog family in the wildflower garden at North River Road and Donald Street a few weeks ago.



As fledging birds nest in your yard or on your balcony, please be nature aware and leave these nests until the baby birds have left. This time of year, baby birds are learning to fly, so please supervise your pets closely

to ensure the survival of this next generation.

Also, be watchful for baby rabbits nesting in long grass – their mothers only visit them once a day. Both cats and dogs can be overly curious.

Earlier this month, I had the pleasure of representing *Bird Friendly Ottawa* at Indigo bookstore with Berit Erikson, author of the blog "The Corner Pollinator Garden".

We shared our experiences of creating a backyard habitat for pollinators, birds and wildlife.

We discussed how lawn and ornamental gardens can be transformed into mini-meadows, hedgerows with water features, and even a mini forest.

Berit discussed how increasing insect biodiversity with native plants and trees will support birds in your own yard. I talked about how to

treat windows so birds can see them and how to create catios for our cats so that we can enjoy the beauty of birds, flowers and pollinators in your yard all year round.

We recommended the following books that are available at Indigo books, your local independent bookstore or the Ottawa Public Library.

**1. *Nature's Best Hope*, Douglas Tallamy**

A wonderful book about creating a Bird-Friendly backyard and helping create nature corridors within our cities.

**2. *Birding to Change the World*, Trish O'Kane**

A memoir of a journalist turned environmental activist and ornithologist.

**3. *The Backyard Bird Chronicles*, Amy Tam**

A personal account of three years of backyard birding and sketching during the pandemic. □

**4. *A Garden for the Rusty-Patched Bumblebee*, Lorraine Johnson and Shelia Colla**

Excellent Canadian resource for creating a native plant garden

**5. *Homing: A Quest to Care for Myself and the Earth*, Alice Irene Whittaker**

Local author, Alice Irene Whittaker, takes us on her journey through Environmental activism, motherhood, burn-out, and hope. □

**6. *The Big Book of Nature Activities*, Jacob Rosenberg, Drew Monkman**

An excellent Canadian book with tons of activities to help kids embrace nature and explore the natural world - lots about birds, trees and plants.

**7. *The Feather Thief: Beauty, Obsession and the Natural History Heist of the Century*, Kirk Wallace Johnson**

This true crime novel sheds light on our historical obsession with collecting birds, and feathers. Yet another reason why birds are in decline.

Please drop me a line at [Garden@Overbrook.ca](mailto:Garden@Overbrook.ca) if you'd like to learn more about gardening and birds, or to volunteer with one of our local projects.

I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to the newly elected executive and directors of the Overbrook Community Association. Their dedication to community service is commendable, and I look forward to continuing our collaborative efforts to enhance the quality of life in the community. As part of that commitment, I have a number of community updates to share:

### **St. Paul's Park**

New fitness equipment will be installed at the south end of St. Paul's Park. The training circuit was chosen by the majority of residents who responded to the Engage Ottawa survey this spring. It will include a 10-foot tall stone boulder, parallel bars, a long bench, hurdles, double pull-up bars, step benches and push-up bars, plus a bench for seating, a bicycle parking rack, a wood fibre base and accessible connections to the park pathway. City staff anticipate the work will take place this fall or in spring 2026.

### **Speed Enforcement Cameras**

The City will be installing an automated speed enforcement camera on Donald Street between Barnaby Private and Telford Avenue to ensure motorists are abiding by the speed limit in the school zones at St. Michael School and Ottawa Technical Secondary School. A camera is also coming to McArthur Avenue between Irwin Miller Street and Brant Street in the vicinity of Robert E. Wilson Public School in Ward 12. Construction for both is anticipated to take place this summer and fall.

### **Traffic-calming planters**

The City is seeking volunteers to adopt the two traffic-calming planters on Queen Mary Street east of Vera Street. Care and maintenance would include planting native plants, weeding and watering. In addition, the planters on Lola Street at Queen Mary are also in need of caregivers. Those interested in tending to either location are invited to reach out to



my office to coordinate a maintenance agreement.

### **Integrated Renewal**

Prince Albert and Queen Mary, between Alesther Street and Lola Street, will undergo an integrated renewal of road, sewer and water-main infrastructure. In addition, the aging watermain and sanitary and storm sewers will also require replacement on Vincent Massey Avenue (from Père-Charlebois to Paul-Émile-Lamarche), Père-Charlebois Avenue (from Donald to Vincent Massey), Paul-Émile-Lamarche Avenue (from Donald to Vincent Massey) and Monseigneur Lemieux Avenue (from Père-Charlebois to Paul-Émile-Lamarche). Both renewal projects will include full road reconstruction, including curbs and sidewalks. Project planning is currently underway. The anticipated completion date is 2027.

### **Protected Intersection**

As part of the City of Ottawa's 2022 Road Safety Action Plan, the intersection of Donald Street and the Vanier Parkway has been selected for active transportation safety improvements due to the increasing volume of cyclists and pedestrians since the completion of the Adawe Crossing in 2015. The project includes the design and construction of a protected inter-

section, as well as a multi-use pathway connecting the Parkway with Grant Toole Way. The design work is underway and expected to be completed by the end of 2025. Construction is anticipated to begin in spring or summer 2026.

### **New Sidewalks**

City staff are planning for the construction of new sidewalks in Overbrook 105 metres along the north side of Presland Road to Frances Street and on the south side of both Presland Road and Hardy Avenue from Frances to the existing sidewalk on Bernard Street. Construction is anticipated to start this summer and be completed by this fall. This initiative will complete a missing link in the neighbourhood's pedestrian network, improving walkability to Queen Mary Public School, local parks, the St. Laurent Shopping Centre and bus stops on St. Laurent Boulevard and Lola Street. The new sidewalks will require narrowing the width of the road, which is expected to assist in calming traffic.

Project updates will be shared with the Overbrook Community Association and in my newsletters. As always, you can contact my office by email at [rideaurockcliffeward@ottawa.ca](mailto:rideaurockcliffeward@ottawa.ca) or by phone at 613-580-2483. Please subscribe to my newsletter at [www.rideau-rockcliffe.ca](http://www.rideau-rockcliffe.ca).



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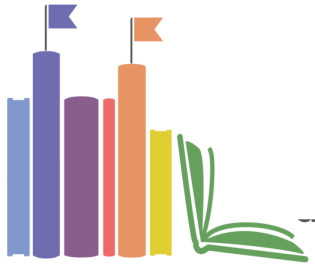


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## A Poem by Diane Schmolka-Stevenson

### My Grandparents' Home

Inside the home where I lived as a  
toddler on Overdale, there were  
high moulded ceilings

petals became angels who took  
flight around iron lights

then dropped behind shadows

when in the beginning of the  
summer past

I began searching once more

for my grandfather between  
banisters rungs

in my dream, the green baize carpet  
became the platform for voyages

each step I took required longer  
legs to stride

with each stride my legs grew down  
into the floor below, until I awoke  
bloodied and bowed. I saw his dead

face

My heart was still

Stunned, I detected no difference  
between content and process

the past or present

his hands raised me up

like an actor working

a character growing into my body.

I was dead, but was emerging back  
to speech

Was I listening to what Granddad  
was not saying when we strolled  
through old Montreal?

Later, totally wired

I knew I had been where  
grandparents

The Hurdman's Bridge  
150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Commemorative Kiosk  
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# Two Mayoral Proclamations Highlight the May 24th Celebrations



At the May 24 celebration of the Launch of the **Hurdman's Bridge Commemorative Kiosk**, Ottawa Mayor Mark Sutcliffe proclaimed May 24th to be "Hurdman's Bridge 150th Anniversary Day in Ottawa."

The Mayor, along with Rideau Rockcliffe Councillor Rawlson King, also present Project Lead and newly-elected co-President of the Overbrook Community Association with a special certificate recognizing his years of dedication not only to the Hurdman's Bridge 150 Project, but also his seemingly tireless dedication to community work.

Congratulations, Steven!

Read more about the May 24th celebrations online at [www.corridor.news](http://www.corridor.news)

## WE NEED HELP.

As a new and rapidly growing community-based publication, we need people, with or without experience, to help us continue to thrive.

The key volunteer positions are:

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- **Advertising Sales Representative** (paid commission)

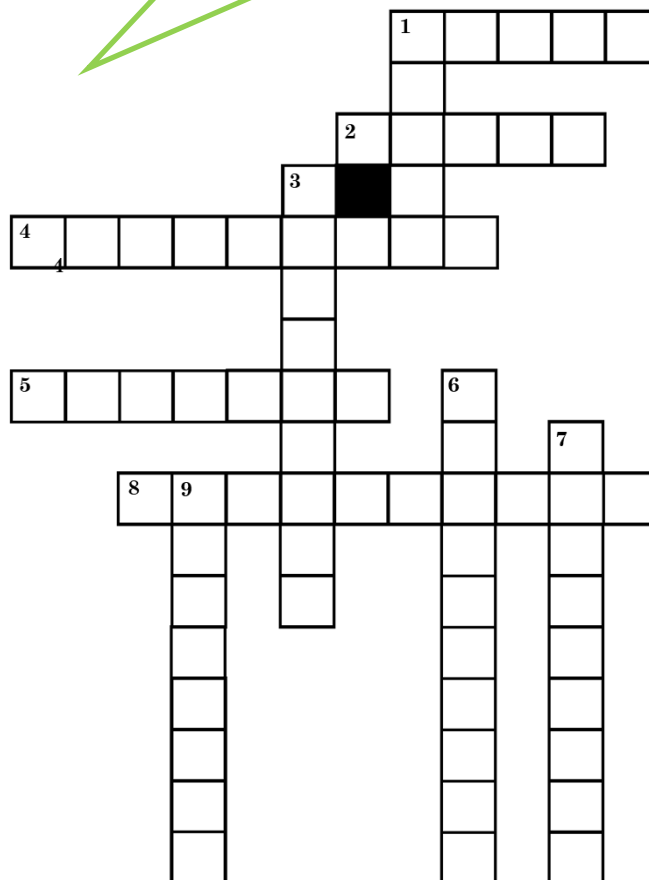
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*Our Community is Everything*

## Do you know these 20 real English words and phrases?

1. Aglet
2. Agraffe
3. Armseye
4. Bannock
5. Box tent
6. Columella nasi
7. Crapulence
8. Dysania
9. Glabell
10. Griffonage
11. Interrobang
12. Minimus
13. Overmorrow
14. Petrichor
15. Phosphenes
16. Tines
17. Tittle
18. Vagitus
19. Vocables
20. Wamble

## WORDPLAY



Using the clues below, write the answers in the assigned boxes. Words can go across or down.

### "NATURAL WORLD"

#### ACROSS

1. Garden cover
2. Orchard fruit
4. Big yellow daisy
5. Halloween gourd
8. Juicy red fruit

#### DOWN

1. Canada's leaf
3. Plant fertilization and seed production by insects and others
6. Building for growing plants
7. Coarse, light green clumps resembling crab's legs
9. Ontario's flower

**All answers on page 17**



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## Ontario Holidays and Observances

**July 1 Canada Day** is the most important national holiday in our country.

On July 1, 1867, the British North America Act created the Dominion



**July 2025**

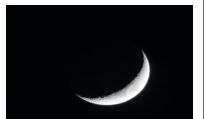
of Canada as a federation of four provinces, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and the Provinces of Canada, later Ontario and Quebec. This event is known as Canadian Confederation.

July 1 became a holiday, known as Dominion Day, in 1879.

After the centennial year in 1967, Dominion Day events became more widespread, and July 1 became popularly known as Canada Day.

**July 6 (Tentative) Ashura** Region-

al customs or Moon sightings may cause a variation of the date for Islamic holidays, which begin at sundown the day before the date specified for the holiday.



**NOTE:** The Islamic calendar is lunar, and the days begin at sunset, so there may be one-day error depending on when the Crescent Moon is first seen.

**July 12 Malala Day** is observed every year to honour our **Malala Yousafzai** who is the youngest Nobel Peace Prize laureate.



## WORDPLAY

## Answers

**Aglet** – the plastic at the end of a shoelace.

**Agraffe** – the metal cage often placed around a champagne cork.

**Armseye** – the hole opening for a sleeve.

**Bannock** – the device used in a shoe store to measure feet.

**Box tent** – the plastic piece placed in the middle of a pizza.

**Columella nasi** – the space between the nostrils.

**Crapulence** – the feeling after overeating or over-drinking.

**Dysania** – the condition of finding it difficult to get going in the morning.

**Glabella** – the space between eyebrows.

**Griffonage** – Illegible handwriting.

**Interrobang** – use of both a question mark and exclamation mark together?!

**Minimus** – your smallest toe or finger.

**Overmorrow** – the day after tomorrow.

**Petrichor** – the smell in the air after a rain.

**Phosphenes** – the light you see when you close your eyes.

**Tines** – the prongs on a fork.

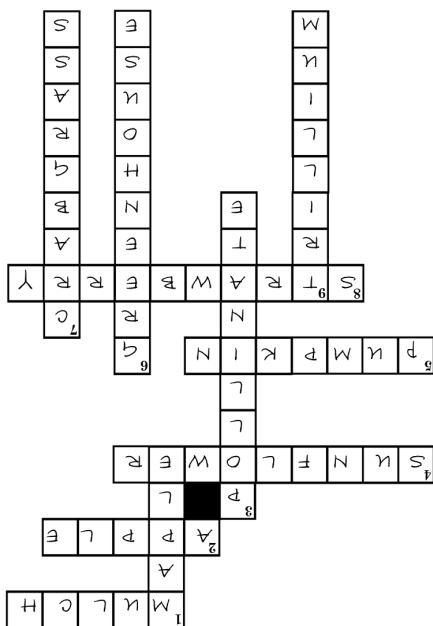
**Tittle** – the dot over the letter “i”.

**Vagitus** – a newborn baby’s cry.

**Vocables** – words in song that have no real meaning, such as “na-na-na” or “la-la-la”.

**Wamble** – the rumble of a stomach.

## CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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There is more information about Para Transpo's new notification services at [octranspo.com](https://octranspo.com).



# An Important Message from Councillor Rawlson King

I am profoundly disappointed with last week's announcement that the Government of Canada is moving forward with the next phase of the Kettle Island Bridge project. Despite more than five decades of community opposition and compelling evidence against this proposal, the federal government continues to pursue what I believe is a fundamentally flawed infrastructure project.

I have consistently opposed this bridge because it fails to serve our community's best interests. Studies show that by 2050, this bridge would divert only 15 percent of truck traffic from King Edward Avenue. This means the vast majority of heavy trucks would continue to rumble through our downtown core, leaving the problem of truck traffic largely unresolved.

On June 25, Ottawa-Vanier-Gloucester MP Mona Fortier released a statement firmly opposing the Eastern Bridge project. She echoed many of our community's concerns, noting that the proposed corridor "does not meet Ottawa's needs" and "does not guarantee the removal of heavy trucks from the King Edward corridor." MP Fortier emphasized that with an estimated cost between \$3 billion and \$4 billion, this project "represents a major investment that does not offer clear or equitable benefits for our region." Based on her conversations with residents and community associations, she has concluded that "this project is not a priority."

Of particular concern is that this project would simply create new traffic problems in east-end neighbourhoods, and residents should not have to bear the burden of increased noise,

pollution, and safety risks. New road capacity almost always generates additional traffic, making congestion worse, not better.

The environmental implications are equally troubling. Constructing this bridge would disrupt sensitive ecosystems along the Ottawa River and undermine Ottawa's climate commitments.



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## PUBLIC CONSULTATION SURVEY: Eastern Bridge Project

For a community that values our natural spaces and environmental stewardship, this move is a step backward. It represents a staggering misallocation of public funds that could be far better allocated for improving local transit, addressing our housing crisis, improving local infrastructure, and tackling urgent social issues like homelessness and the opioid epidemic, all of which directly impact our daily lives.

Despite clear community opposition and questionable benefits, the Federal government is demonstrating a worrying disconnect from local voices. The good news is they are required to conduct public consultation, offering an important opportunity to make our opposition heard.

Both municipal and federal representatives oppose this project, and we have a strong foundation for our advocacy efforts. MP Fortier has committed to continuing to advocate for re-evaluation of the project, calling for "a winning approach for the entire National Capital Region—a modern vision, grounded in up-to-date data, that respects our communities and supports our shared future."

Community participation is crucial. The survey will become part of the official record submitted to the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada.

[Please take the time to complete the survey](#) and clearly express your opposition to this project. Emphasize the concerns our community has raised: minimal benefits for truck traffic, environmental damage, impacts on our neighbourhoods, and the enormous cost.

Together, we can demonstrate the strength of community opposition to this misguided project. Ottawa deserves infrastructure investments that prioritize sustainability, community well-being, and fiscal responsibility, and the Kettle Island Bridge fails on all these fronts.

Rawlson King,  
City Councillor



SOURCE: NATIONAL CAPITAL COMMISSION DENNIS LEUNG/POSTMEDIA

**The three proposals for an interprovincial crossing corridor, one through Kettle Island.**



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SATURDAY JULY 19TH

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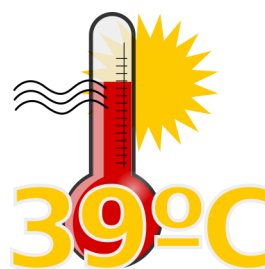
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## Heat Exposure is Serious Stuff

Intensive and prolonged exposure to heat can cause illness and even death, but heat-related illnesses are preventable and if you are beginning to feel negative effects of heat exposure, it is important to know how and where you can cool off.

The Salvation Army operates a 24/7 Outreach Van and staff are equipped to direct or transport individuals who are homeless to places to cool off. Locations of overnight shelters and services for people experiencing homelessness, call 2-1-1.

All residents can access cooling locations, including libraries, community centres, beaches, swimming pools and splash pads, all of which are listed on Ottawa Public Health's (OPH) [interactive Places to Cool Off map](#).



When Environment Canada declares a heat event, the city's Recreation, Cultural and Facility Services will remove some

lanes to accommodate public swimmers during scheduled lane swims.

Individuals who are concerned or impacted by heat can call 3-1-1 for additional options, including assistance for someone who needs transportation to a shelter.

For medical emergencies, such as heat stroke, call 9-1-1, or for non-emergency medical advice, call Health Connect Ontario at 8-1-1.

For a full range of Extreme Heat resources, please visit the Ottawa Public Health [website](#).



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