



What's Trending?

City unveils draft ByWard Market Public Realm Plan

A [draft](#) of the ByWard Market Public Realm Plan has been prepared and recently circulated for public review. For more information about the material presented at the last public open house, you may consult this [link](#) or Ottawa.ca/DesignByWard.

Once comments have been reviewed, refinements to the draft will be made and the final ByWard Market Public Realm Plan will be prepared. The Project Team is targeting fall 2020 to present the final plan to the Finance and Economic Development Committee and, subsequently, to City Council. The project webpage will be updated with the Committee date, once confirmed.

Many people have been involved in the planning process for the ByWard Market Public Realm Plan. Thank you for your continued interest and engagement with this project.



Kanata South Link Project

Construction continues on the [Kanata South Link](#) project, a project that will improve safety and traffic flow based on growing demands in the southwest areas of the city, including Kanata, Stittsville and Rideau-Goulbourn.

Construction crews continue to work on three new roundabouts at along Old Richmond Road: Hope Side Road, Stonehaven Drive and West Hunt Club Road. Roundabouts are designed for vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists use, allowing continuous movement of traffic while maximizing safety and minimizing traffic delays. A roundabout is a circular intersection, with flashing beacons for pedestrian crossings.

For up to date progress on the Kanata South Link Project, sign up for the [e-newsletter](#).



Rideau Street and William Street Renewal

Construction on [Rideau Street](#) is progressing well, with crews busy completing granular work, fire hydrant relocations, landscaping, cycle track curbs and traffic, streetlighting and utility work. Watermain work is also ongoing by RTG on Rideau Street near Sussex Drive.

Work on William Street is planned to begin in September 2020. Most of the work on Rideau and William streets will be completed this year, with some potential work in 2021. Subscribe to the [Rideau Street and William Street Renewal newsletter](#) to stay up to date!



Montreal Road Revitalization

Construction is progressing well with approximately 700 metres of underground watermain successfully installed along Montreal Road between North River Road and Marier Avenue. Crews are now setting up temporary water services east of Marier Avenue towards St. Laurent Boulevard and starting the reconstruction of the Montreal Road/Vanier Parkway intersection. Over the next month until late August, there will be continued watermain and underground utility installation, placement of curbs and sidewalk between North River Road and the Vanier Parkway, as well as reconstruction of the northern quadrants of the Montreal Road/North River Road intersection.

Subscribe to the [Montreal Road Revitalization newsletter](#) to stay up to date!



Bay Street Cycling Facility

Construction is well underway for the [Bay Street Cycling Facility](#), expected to be completed by the end of 2020. This \$6.2 million project will replace the existing storm and sanitary sewer and watermain at the intersection of Bay and Albert streets. This project will also upgrade the existing northbound bike lane on Bay Street, between

Laurier Avenue and Wellington Street and the construction of a new southbound cycle track on the west side of the roadway from Laurier Avenue to Wellington Street.

To date, all catch basins have been reinstated and sanitary and storm sewer work has been completed. Watermains have also been successfully replaced and new water hydrants have been installed. Work continues above ground with sidewalk and streetscaping.

Stay up to date on the Bay Street Cycling Facility project. Sign up for the [e-newsletter](#).



Did You Know?

Development Application Search Tool

A new enhanced version of the Development Application (DevApps) Search Tool is set to launch on August 4, 2020. This new Beta version, has been modernized to the new Ottawa.ca look and feel, with a focus on bringing the site to modern standards with an added mobile-friendly application. The improved search capabilities allow for more streamlined results and quicker response times, accompanied by a clean visual map. The site has been updated to meet accessibility requirements and offers a new feature to download and export the data set into an Excel spreadsheet, which could be used for Open Data. This new Beta version will run alongside the original site, to allow an easy and paced transition. We would appreciate your feedback on the site.

Milestone achieved in Centretown Heritage Study

Phase 1 of the Centretown Heritage Study is complete. The City retained ERA Architects to undertake Phase 1 of the Centretown Heritage Study, a three-phase, multi-year heritage project. ERA prepared a report which documents, provides classifications and makes recommendations for approximately 3,000 properties located within the Centretown Heritage Study area.

Given the impacts of COVID-19, staff adjusted plans for public consultation on Phase I. Instead of an open house, property owners are invited to view the Phase 1 results on the City's website at ottawa.ca/centretownheritage.

The online consultation takes place from June 15 until July 31 and features an interactive map and a feedback form.

The recommendations currently proposed for Centretown represent a multi-faceted approach to heritage conservation including listings on the Heritage Register, individual designations, a new Heritage Conservation District study and new plans for existing Heritage Conservation Districts. These recommendations will help preserve the neighbourhood's heritage character for generations to come.



Kanata Recreation Centre Parking Lot Paving Project

The resurfacing of the Kanata Recreation Center parking lot was recently completed. The project began back in late fall, 2019 with the majority of work occurring this past spring. The final layer of asphalt was laid in June 2020 and final pavement markings have been applied.

An interactive time lapse video showing construction over the course of the last five weeks is available for viewing on [youtube!](https://www.youtube.com)



Campeau Drive Extension

Significant progress continues on the [Campeau Drive Extension](#), a project that includes a four-lane road, segregated cycling lanes, sidewalks, a roundabout at Winterset Road, two signalized intersections at Kanata Commons and Didsbury Road and a new bridge over the Carp River. The approved budget for this project is \$32 million and construction is expected to be completed in fall 2021.

Construction on the [Campeau Drive Extension](#) project began in January 2020. Work is progressing well the following work has taken place to date:

- Continued work for earth excavation, site grading and granular work for new roadways
- Placement of lightweight fill material used to prevent roadway resettlement due to soil shifting
- Utility installation
- Commencement of watermain and storm sewer installation
- Work for Carp River Bridge including east and west supports, forming for bridge deck, concrete frame and foundation work



Installation of Bridge Deck Support Frame

What's New!

Film & Television Restarts in the Nation's Capital!

After almost three months of near inactivity, Ottawa's live-action film and television industry is hitting the ground running in July with three made-for-TV movies, Gusto Worldwide Media's new series *CombiNATION Plates*, and television series produced locally by Slalom and GAPC Entertainment. While live-action production is cautiously resuming, Ottawa's animation sector never paused; local studios adapted during the pandemic by working from home where animators continued to create world-class and award-winning content for some of the world's largest entertainment companies. Visit the [Ottawa Film Office](#) website for more information about the local film, television, and animation sectors. This vibrant and growing industry's restart comes as the City of Ottawa's new [Film By-Law](#) and [film permitting](#) process take effect.

Rural Tourism Campaign

The City of Ottawa has partnered with Ottawa Tourism on the development and implementation of a campaign that encourages residents to explore Ottawa's rural communities and support rural tourism attractions and businesses. The campaign, which aligns with the Rural Economic Development Strategy as well as the City's COVID-19 economic recovery efforts, includes self-guided cycling routes, suggested itineraries, videos and a weekly contest. The campaign will run until the end of the month. Residents can find more information on Ottawa Tourism's [website](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) channels.

Get Involved!

Centretown Heritage Study - Online Consultation

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Complete the online feedback form [here](#).

Buy Local Campaign (Phase II)

In collaboration with the Mayor's Economic Partners Task Force, the City recently launched the second phase of the "Buy Local" campaign. The 4-week campaign supports economic recovery and encourages residents to safely get out and experience our city and support local businesses. The campaign will be delivered primarily online across various platforms and City channels using digital banner ads and six 15-second videos highlighting the many ways residents can enjoy outdoor experiences and safely support local stores, restaurants and services across Ottawa.

Innovation Pilot Program – Recovery Stream

In May, the City challenged the business community to submit proposals to the [Innovation Pilot Program – Recovery Stream](#) to pilot technologies and innovations that will help accelerate Ottawa's ability to get the workforce back to work and to safely resume business operations. The program supports an innovative technology ecosystem in Ottawa and offers the opportunity to test and quickly deploy technologies in real-life situations within City services or one of our economic development partners. Through the program, companies can gain valuable feedback on their innovations prior to scaling and production. The City of Ottawa has selected five innovative pilot projects to provide technology solutions in support of Ottawa's COVID-19 economic recovery. You can read more about these pilot projects [here](#).
