



What's Trending?



How is climate change affecting your business or organization?

The City is developing a Climate Resiliency Strategy to assess how Ottawa is vulnerable to climate change and identify strategies to adapt to future conditions and mitigate the greatest climate risks. We have heard from residents and now we want to hear from businesses and organizations.

Ottawa will become much warmer over the coming decades, with more intense rainfall and more extreme events. This will impact us all and we need to make sure we are prepared.

We would like your input on:

- What climate impacts you are most concerned about
- How climate change is affecting your business or organization
- How we can help you prepare for the future

Your input will help us develop a strategy that meets the needs of everyone in Ottawa.

[Find out more about the Climate Resiliency Strategy and provide your input by completing the survey.](#)

The Climate Resiliency Strategy will go hand in hand with [Energy Evolution](#), the City's strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

If you are a resident and have not had a chance to provide your input yet, there's still time to [complete the survey for residents](#).

Rain Ready Ottawa



Rain Ready Ottawa is a new program to help residents manage rainwater on their properties. In addition to information and resources on rainwater projects, Rain Ready Ottawa also offers custom home assessments, and financial rebates for certain rainwater management projects to eligible residents.

At [Ottawa.ca/rain](https://ottawa.ca/rain) you will find:

- Resources on rainwater issues and specific projects you can undertake at home
- Links to our home assessment partners at EnviroCentre (a local non-profit organization)
- Links to the application for rebates and an applicant guide to help you navigate the process

Home assessments and rebates will be offered to eligible residents on a first-come, first-served basis subject to available funds. A waiting list will be set up should interest exceed the program's capacity or funding.



Comprehensive Asset Management (CAM) Update

On May 26, 2021, [Council](#):

- Approved an update on Comprehensive Asset Management (CAM) Policy
- Received Asset Management Plan (AMP) Framework
- Received an update on initiatives under the Comprehensive Asset Management Program

Background

Like other municipalities across Canada, the City of Ottawa strives to manage our assets in a way that balances the delivery of services, long term costs and risk.

The City maintains approximately \$50 billion (2020 dollars) in infrastructure assets and acquires new infrastructure annually. These assets require thoughtful, targeted investments in renewal, repair, rehabilitation and replacement that balance service levels, risk and affordability.

The Comprehensive Asset Management (CAM) Program applies planning, finance, engineering, maintenance and operations principles to support decision-making for the creation of new assets and the rehabilitation or disposal of existing ones.

Asset Management Plans Consultation

The City of Ottawa is seeking feedback from the community to help support the development of the first four of a series of service-based Asset Management Plans (AMPs) for water, wastewater, stormwater and transportation services.

An Asset Management Plan (AMP) is a document with a 10-year view of the strategies that will be applied to infrastructure assets in order to achieve service-delivery expectations, aligning with the City's financial status.

These assets are essential to our quality of life and critical to providing services to residents, businesses and visitors. Your engagement on this initiative is important to us.

As part of the development of the Asset Management Plans, feedback from the community will be considered. The information will also help support long term planning and strategy for how the City manages assets and investments now and into the future.

To provide feedback, please visit [Engage Ottawa](#). Responses and comments can be submitted until June 16, 2021.

Ottawa Public Library and Library Archives Canada (OPL-LAC) Joint Facility is Designed and Tendered!



It's been an exciting month for the project team leading the Ottawa Public Library and Library Archives Canada joint facility project. In April, the final design was enthusiastically endorsed by the Ottawa Public Library Board and approved by an impressed National Capital Commission Board of Directors. All around, the final design has generated excitement and positive feedback – it is certain to be an inspiring and beautiful landmark for our community.

On May 17, the project team reached another important milestone with the release of the main construction tender to the pre-qualified General Contractors for the construction of the joint facility. The tender is scheduled to close this summer with construction work expected to begin this fall.

Well done team! Thanks for your ongoing commitment, enthusiasm and hard work that has brought us to the next phase in this project.

A gallery of the final design drawings and additional information on the project can be found at [Inspire555.ca](https://inspire555.ca).

Rosemount Library Virtual Opening

On Tuesday June 8, a virtual celebration was held for the reopening of the Rosemount Library branch. Residents were joined by local dignitaries including, Mayor Jim Watson, Kitchissippi Ward Councillor Jeff Leiper, Ottawa Public Library (OPL) Board Chair and Orleans Ward Councillor Matthew Luloff, Trustees of the OPL Board, and OPL Chief Executive Officer Danielle McDonald and community partners to unveil the newly renovated library.

This \$3.5M project included the following renovations:

- Increasing public space
- Improving and expanding seating options
- Enlarging and improving the library entrance
- Incorporating new public art in the children's area
- Improve accessibility

The Rosemount Library originally opened in 1918, celebrating over 100 years in operation and is the last remaining Carnegie library in Ottawa. While the library has undergone a major renovation to make it more accessible, more spacious, and bright and welcoming for all who visit, the historical character of this old building has been beautifully preserved and enhanced, and will be a destination spot for the local community.

For more information on the Rosemount Library Revitalization project, [click here](#).

The Ottawa Hospital masterplan

The [Ottawa Hospital's new Civic campus development](#), which will be located on Carling Avenue adjacent to Dow's Lake, will be the major referral centre for Eastern Ontario, Western Quebec and parts of Nunavut, and the Eastern Ontario Trauma Centre. As one of Canada's largest acute care learning and research hospitals, the new campus will provide a full range of specialized services, research and education for those with the most complex injuries and illness. To keep involved with the [Ottawa Hospital Check Point](#), the current issue provides highlights of the new Civic development project, its preliminary design and renderings of the cutting edge new campus.



New Official Plan



The release of the draft New Official Plan in November 2020 garnered some very informed and thoughtful feedback. The City has released a [City-Wide Interim As We Heard It](#) report to summarize the stakeholder engagement involved in developing the policies for the draft New Official Plan, with a focus on the feedback received to date.

The interim As We Heard It report provides transparency around how this feedback is impacting the development of the draft New Official Plan. The report highlights the key city-wide themes submitted through multiple channels and explains how this feedback has led to changes in developing draft New Official Plan policies.

For example, did you know:

- The New Official Plan will go back to using the term intensification
- City Planners have removed minimum density requirements and the New OP now focuses on density targets
- The revised New Official Plan will no longer show the Transforming Overlay
- City Planners have worked to revise the Transect Mapping and redefine the Inner Urban Transect

A series of Ward specific *Interim As We Heard It Reports* will also be released, followed by a series of public meetings later in June. The final draft New Official Plan will be brought to joint Committee in the fall.

Please stay tuned to the project [website](#) or sign up to our notification list to be informed of the

release of this document and the engagement opportunities that will come with it.

Engage Ottawa

You can weigh in on different online engagement opportunities using the City's new innovative engagement platform, [Engage Ottawa](#). See a full list of current engagement opportunities by visiting our [public engagement event page](#).

Information will be collected in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.
