



## What's Trending?

### **Correction: Online Consultation - Integrated Orléans Community Improvement Plan**

City staff in Economic Development Services are proposing an Integrated Orléans Community Improvement Plan, which will combine successful elements from both the current Orléans and St. Joseph Blvd. Community Improvement Plans. The online consultation is scheduled for Wednesday, June 2nd from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. More information is available on [ottawa.ca](http://ottawa.ca).

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## **Federal Funding**

On May 10, 2021, at an infrastructure event was held to announce funding for the City of Ottawa under the Government of Canada's Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP)- COVID-19 Resilience funding stream. His Worship Jim Watson, Mayor of the City of Ottawa joined the Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Communities and Infrastructure; and the Honourable Laurie Scott, Ontario's Minister of Infrastructure to announce approximately \$11.2 million in federal funding for the City of Ottawa:

- Public Washrooms in high-traffic pedestrian areas
- Active Transportation Projects
- Retrofits, repairs and upgrades for health buildings

The [Government of Canada's Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program \(ICIP\)](https://www150.ca/en/government-of-canada/investing-in-canada-infrastructure-program-icip), a new "COVID-19 Resilience" funding stream has been created to support, in partnership with provinces and territories, the pandemic response and economic recovery. In Ontario, the combined federal-

provincial funding is being delivered, in part, through an allocation-based program with a defined Local Government Intake.

To view the complete listing of projects receiving funding as part of this initiative, click [here](#).

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## Restoring the Bradley Craig Barn

If you have ever driven along Hazeldean Road between Terry Fox Drive and Huntmar Drive you will have undoubtedly noticed the big red barn on the south side of Hazeldean Road and if you have passed by the barn in recent months you may have noticed a lot of activity.

The Bradley Craig Barn, 590 Hazeldean Road was constructed in 1873 by local carpenter, John Cummings for the Bradley family who settled this land in 1821. Cummings built four similar barns in Goulbourn Township in the 19th century, and this barn is the last remaining example of his work. The huge red barn is an unusually large and rare example of a timber dairy barn in Ontario, it is constructed completely of wood with no metal fasteners- the joinery is secured with wooden pegs instead of nails. The large dairy barn and accompanying red brick farmhouse were designated by City Council for their cultural heritage value in 2010.

The Bradley Craig Farmstead are owned by local developer Richcraft and after considering moving the barn several years ago, the company has decided to restore the barn on site and adapt it for a new use. The new use has not yet been determined, but heritage stonemasons have been busy since last fall repairing and repointing the stone foundation and work is soon to begin to repair areas of rotten wood and missing barn board. The barn serves as a landmark in former Goulbourn township and reminder of the areas agricultural history.



## Newsletter Highlight

Looking to stay informed on various infrastructure projects happening around the City? The City of Ottawa has numerous infrastructure project newsletters, such as the Montreal Revitalization project and the Strandherd Drive Widening project, that provide regular updates including upcoming traffic impacts. To view the complete list of project newsletters and to register, visit [Ottawa.ca/esubscriptions](https://ottawa.ca/esubscriptions).

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## Home Energy Audits Webinar

Thursday May 27, 2021

6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

How can you make your home more energy efficient and help fight climate change at the same time? Getting a home energy audit is a great place to start. It will help you understand how your home uses energy and identify retrofits opportunities to improve energy efficiency and reduce emissions. Join us to learn more about the process and how you can make your home more comfortable, environmentally friendly and cost-effective.



[Register now to secure your spot](#)

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## EcoHack-A-city: Accelerating the Transition to Electric Vehicles

Thursday, June 3

7 pm to 8:30 pm

In Ottawa, the transportation sector produces almost half of greenhouse gas emissions. Transitioning to electric vehicles is one of the biggest actions we can take to achieve zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. It will also benefit Ottawa's health by improving air quality, lowering particulates and decreasing noise pollution. This public panel discussion will explore the opportunities available for Ottawa to support the local electrification of cars and identify opportunities for deploying strategic charging infrastructure.



[Register now to secure your spot](#)

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## Ottawa Climate Action Fund: Bringing Carbon Down & Community Up

The [Ottawa Climate Action Fund](#) (OCAF) launched on May 14th with a panel discussion featuring Minister Catherine McKenna, City Councillor Scott Moffatt, OCAF Executive Director Steve Winkelman and Youth Climate Lab Co-Founder Ana Gonzalez Guerrero. It was Moderated by Diana Fox Carney. (Video recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L77cvc6CZR8>.)

OCAF exists to ensure that low-carbon solutions reach their full potential in Ottawa. OCAF's priorities are on efficient buildings, sustainable transportation and 15-minute neighbourhoods. By removing barriers to climate solutions, strengthening partnerships, and supporting effective business models, OCAF will accelerate Ottawa's transition to an equitable, carbon-neutral future. Incubated by the [Ottawa Community Foundation](#), OCAF is a proud member of the [Low Carbon Cities Canada \(LC3\) network](#).



Find out more at [ocaf-faco.ca](http://ocaf-faco.ca) and follow them [@OttClimateFund](https://twitter.com/OttClimateFund)

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## Rebates for Energy Advisor training

Thinking of a career in energy efficiency? The Canadian Institute for Energy Training has announced rebates of 50 per cent off the regular price of their Energy Advisor training courses. These courses will prepare you to become an Energy Advisor capable of delivering services under the NRCan EnerGuide Rating System. Growth in the demand for energy audits has already been seen in preparation for the federal [Greener Homes Program](#) and Ottawa's proposed [Better Homes Loan Program](#).

Courses are available in both English and French. [Find out more](#).

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## New Official Plan



The release of the draft New Official Plan in November 2020 has garnered some very informed and thoughtful feedback. This is providing excellent input into the development of the proposed policies. The Planning team is currently working hard to review the feedback received and are making changes to reflect what we have heard.

A city-wide Interim *As We Heard It Report* will be released this spring to outline this process. It will include an overview of the feedback received as well as how this feedback has informed the

further development of the proposed policies for the New Official Plan. After it's release, a series of Ward specific Interim *As We Heard It Reports* will follow. Along with the release of these reports, there will be another series of public meetings.

The report and meetings will share with the public the process by which a draft New Official Plan is impacted by the feedback received. 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.

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## **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](#).

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