



What's Trending?

The New Official Plan: Draft



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The draft New Official Plan is now available for review on the New Official Plan [website!](#)

On the website, you will find the different sections of the draft, a series of one-pagers on key topics, as well as a series of feedback forms.

The feedback forms include quick poll questions and a short open-ended question on each particular topic. You are welcome to select the topics that are of interest to you. Note, we recognize there are a lot to choose from, but you will have until **February 17, 2021** to complete these surveys. Please take your time!

Committee Update

On October 28, 2020, City Council approved investing the \$2.6-million surplus from last year's Hydro Ottawa dividend in Energy Evolution projects and to help the City leverage federal and provincial funding for climate change initiatives.

This investment is part of the final report for [Energy Evolution](#), the City's strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The report outlines 20 projects that would help the City achieve its emissions targets. The City would collaborate with the community to carry out these projects over the next five years.

The report also provides a model detailing the steps Ottawa will need to take if it is to meet Council's reduction targets. The plan is to reduce emissions by 100 per cent by 2040 within the corporation of the City of Ottawa, and by 2050 Ottawa-wide. This will require collaboration and investments from all sectors and all levels of government. An estimated \$57.4 billion will be required on top of planned investments, but the model projects that by 2050, those investments will generate a net return of \$87.7 billion

Energy Evolution: Council approves ambitious plan to reach zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050



Last month, Council unanimously approved [Energy Evolution](#), the City's strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Ottawa by 100 per cent by 2050. This is an important milestone in the City's efforts to respond to the climate emergency.

Transitioning to low carbon energy sources will help grow the local economy, improve public health, equity and inclusion, increase climate resiliency and mitigate the effects of climate change.

What's next?

Work will now begin on developing and implementing the 20 projects identified in the strategy in collaboration with the community. Many of the projects focus on the most impactful way to reduce emissions:

- Electrifying personal and commercial vehicles
- Retrofitting residential and commercial buildings
- Turning organic waste into renewable natural gas

What can individuals do to act on climate change?

Energy Evolution sets ambitious targets to reduce emissions. To reach them, we'll all have to do our part, and residents, business and governments all have different roles to play.

[Read the top three ways you can act on climate change.](#)

Did You Know?

Rosemount Library: Renovations Almost Complete!

Renovations at the historic Rosemount Library are almost complete! This branch, originally opened in 1918, has had a major face lift 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 – it is sure to be a very popular spot for the local community when it reopens in 2021.

You can read all about the renovation and see more project photos on [Ottawa.ca](https://ottawa.ca).



What's New!

"BIA Day" Proclamation!

On Thursday, November 12th, 2020, Mayor Jim Watson proclaimed this day "Business Improvement Area (BIA) Day" in Ottawa.

BIAs are a made-in-Ontario innovation that allows local business individuals and commercial property owners and tenants to come together with the overall goal of promoting economic development in their respective districts. The City of Ottawa boasts 19 BIAs across the city, and in 2019 BIA members contributed approximately \$7.3 million to their respective districts.

BIAs do tremendous work in supporting local businesses and promoting Main Street business activity. Now more than ever, local businesses need the support of the community and BIAs are at the forefront of assisting local businesses. You can read more about BIAs [here](#).

"Ottawa's BIAs are a significant voice for our small businesses, which are the backbone of our economy. I encourage all Ottawa residents to support Main Street businesses and our small business community, especially during these difficult times." - Mayor Jim Watson, City of Ottawa.

Where There's a Will(iam St.) There's a Way(finding Sign)

On September 14, shovels hit the ground for the renewal of Rideau Street between Sussex Drive and Dalhousie Street and the pedestrian portion of William Street, between George Street and Rideau Street. The project involves the renewal of the streetscape elements and an upgrade of the transportation components within the Rideau Street right of way.

William street was last updated in the mid-nineties, this vibrant patio-lined pedestrian corridor is a central gateway into the historic ByWard Market. Influenced by the streetscape elements specific to Rideau and George streets, the new design also reflects the area's distinct heritage.

The project, due to be completed by the end of the year, includes new lighting to add a warm ambiance to the space, new pavers and custom concrete work, and additional seating and bike parking.

Featured near the William Street LRT station, will be a full scale, illuminated and WiFi enabled sign prototype -

the first of a world class pedestrian signage system for the downtown core.





Artist rendering of William Street; pedestrian information sign; Catch basin and stormwater pipe work on William Street; Granite paver and curb installations on Rideau Street

Delorme Wastewater Pumping Station

Started in June 2019, the finishing touches of this \$8.4 million project will be completed this month. The rehabilitation of the station was necessary to provide lifecycle maintenance upgrades, provide better maintainability and address safety risks. The work included a new bypass chamber, renovation of the existing wet well, a new control building and a dry valve room below. A carbon media odor control system was installed on the valve room roof to address odour from the air release valve. All this in a new pump station building right next to the residential community!

The facility was safely kept operational and at capacity throughout construction without service interruptions or impact to the adjacent properties.



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