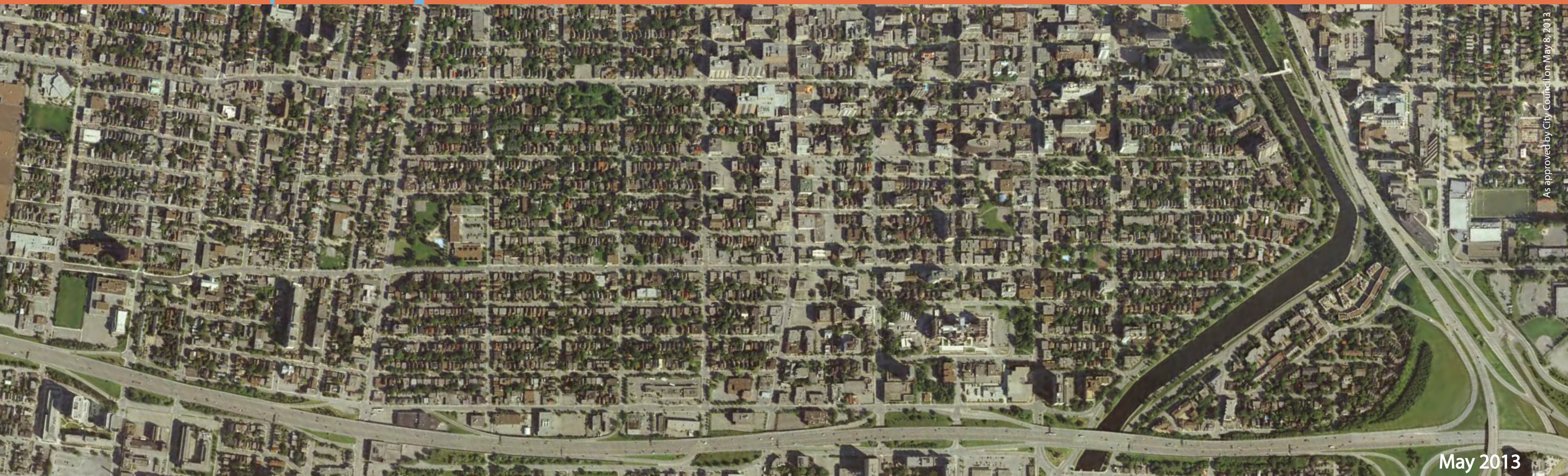


Ottawa Centretown

A Community Design Plan for the Heart of Centretown



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Planning the Future of Centretown

This project is not just about intensification.

This project is about creating a comprehensive growth plan for Centretown.

As a growth plan, this study must consider much more than just where new buildings should be located and what they should look like. It must also explore how Centretown can become the best possible place to live by exploring such issues as:

- Which parts of the neighbourhood need to be protected from growth?
- How can different types of households be attracted to the area?
- What is the condition of existing community facilities and services? What new facilities or services might be required?
- What is the quality of existing open spaces and where are new parks needed?
- How can existing parks be improved?
- How are the streets used and how can they be made better for all types of users?
- Where should cycling and pedestrian priority areas be located?
- How can genuine heritage assets be better protected?
- Is more employment needed in the neighbourhood? If so, where and what type?

The Study Area

Although some aspects of this study consider Centretown as a whole—from the Rideau Canal to Bronson Street and from the Queensway to Gloucester Street—specific attention and analysis focussed on the central part of this area in particular, where the pressure to grow is greatest. This area is referred to as the downtown core. The Core Study Area is generally square in shape and is bounded by Elgin Street to the east and Kent Street to the west, with Highway 417 marking the southern edge and Gloucester Street acting as the northern boundary. The Centretown Heritage Conservation District covers much of the Core Study Area. Situated between the Queensway and Ottawa's central business district, the Core Study Area is dissected by several major commercial streets, including Bank Street, Elgin Street and Somerset Street

This study is available in English only and may be translated in whole or in part upon request. For more information, please contact Dana Collings at 613-580-2424, extension 29003.

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