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Power of the Crowd for an Active City Agenda

Biking. Walking. Parks & Rec. Public Spaces.

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CROWD

1. Parkways for People

Do decision makers understand how much people in the national capital value the NCC roadways available for active transportation?

On **Saturday morning, 25 September, let's show them.** Head out on your bike, scooter or feet to any of parkways of your choice, and be counted. On a normal day, parkways might get 4,000 active users. How many of us need to show up to send a clear message?

Sign up on **Eventbrite**. Join the movement for pro-people parkways at **Parkways for People**.



2. What the Community is Talking About

Some of the highlights of what the community has been discussing recently.

- Reconstruction of the Chief William Commanda Bridge (a multi-use active pathway) **starts soon**, for summer 2024 completion.
- Urban planner Matt Pinder's **Twitterstream** down Bank St points to what's good and what could use improving on this key north-south corridor.
- The Gatineau Park parkways became more accessible for active transportation late this summer, with **ebike rentals**.
- **eScooter parking** is getting lots of attention.
- Gatineau Park is the **second most visited park** in Canada (but probably first most loved by its users).
- We're running out of **flex posts** to keep our bike lanes safe. Couldn't we use the Emergency Act to retool an armaments factory to make these?
- Hans on the Bike has updated his **guide** for when the NCC parkways are open to active users. And there are still **a lot** of you out there on the parkways.
- People of Ottawa, interested in making a **list of bike routes** that should be official bike routes?

3. Today's Big Idea

The city of **Gatineau** is single-handedly bringing back the sport of road hockey, thanks to their "jeu libre" program. After

a successful pilot program, Gatineau has expanded to about 1,500 the number of residential streets on which kids (of all ages) can play.

Well done, Gatineau, and in particular, Mayor Maxime Pedneaud-Jobin. You are a model for every municipality in Canada looking for ways to build community and help kids get active.



4. They Want to Hear From You

The Powers That Be want to hear from you. You know the drill!

- The Ministry of Transportation Ontario is holding a **survey** for an Eastern Ontario Transportation Plan (until September 23).
- The City of Ottawa is hosting an **open house** on September 29 to present the revised draft of its New Official Plan.

5. Make an Impact

Change starts with hundreds of small actions by the community. Here are easy ways to make your dent in the universe.

1. **Parkways for People** is raising a 10,000-strong force to keep the national capital parkways active. Every voice matters; add yours [here](#) and become a "champion of the parkways".
2. Get a tree. Plant a tree. Ecology Ottawa is coordinating the **free give-away of 15,000 trees**. Check the [schedule for pick-up points](#) until September 26.
3. **Forward this email** to one other person who cares about making Ottawa more active and livable, and encourage them to get involved.
4. Spend a few minutes to **fill out the survey above**, and make your voice heard.

About

The 613 Update sets out to connect, narrate and amplify the voices thinking big for a more active Ottawa. It also serves as a regular briefing for the Parkways for People initiative. It typically comes out on Thursdays.

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613 Update is maintained by the **Social Motion Project**, an initiative to build sustainable and healthy communities, by helping change makers succeed in achieving their active transportation and recreational infrastructure objectives.



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