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**Power of the Crowd for an Active City Agenda**  
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## 1. Parkways for People: Next Up ... Your Ideas for a Better QED

The #ParkwaysForPeople outing took place this past weekend on the parkways; lots of support for active parkways and smiling faces [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#) and everywhere.

On **October 27**, we'll be hosting a session to reimagine the Queen Elizabeth Driveway, as the basis of how we engage decision makers.





Do you have ideas for a better QED? Learn more on the [Parkways For People website](#) about sharing those thoughts.

## 2. Word on the Street

Some of what the community has been discussing recently.

- **Gatineau Park hours** have adjusted for fall colours, with roads reserved for active users (plus the occasional shuttle bus) until **noon** every day.
- Run into a **construction detour** lately? Then you'll know that it's time for **#DetoursForPeople**.
- Ottawa's new Parks and Rec master plan is just about done, but with schools now closed to sports groups, **where are the gyms** for basketball and pickleball?
- The town of St Jérôme, north-west of Montreal, is providing **free transit** (at least for the next year) across the municipality. Is this a first in Canada? Mayor Watson is **proposing free transit in Ottawa for December**, as an apology for LRT performance; maybe time for a little more ambition?
- The Trillium Pathway (Dow's Lake to William Commanda Bridge) crosses three roads; is it time that those crossings **prioritise** the pathway users?

## 3. This Week's Big Idea: the *Vision Thing* for Active Transportation in Ottawa

Ottawa has AT projects in the pipeline, but is there an overall vision of what we are trying to achieve? An updated **Transportation Master Plan** (TMP) is under development by the City of Ottawa, and includes active transportation. But will it be a list of new policies and projects, or will it present a cohesive vision of what walking, cycling

and mobility will look like in 25 years time? Will it say anything about money?



The City will share proposals for future bike lanes and pedestrian facilities this fall, with decisions on transportation policies and AT projects in spring 2022 and the full capital infrastructure plan in 2024.

But will there be a cohesive vision of where we are heading? AT in Ottawa tends to get done project by project, which is why so many bike lanes don't connect to other bike lanes. Will this time be different? **Is there a role for the community in creating a unifying vision for active transportation in Ottawa over the next two decades?**

## 4. They Want to Hear From You

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

- The NCC is holding its **Annual Public Meeting** on Monday, October 4. The public can submit questions to [info@ncc-ccn.ca](mailto:info@ncc-ccn.ca) by noon on September 29.
- The City of Ottawa has a **survey on budget priorities** for 2022, open until 2 November.
- The City also has a **survey on traffic calming** around the Fourth Ave elementary schools, until October 18.

## 5. Make Your Dent in the Universe

## MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

Change starts with hundreds of small actions by the community. Here are easy ways to create a better tomorrow.

1. Want to help define the Queen Elizabeth Driveway of tomorrow? **Submit your thoughts** on different options for a better QED.
2. Are you an artist? **GottaGo Campaign** is offering 7 artists \$500 honorariums for art that raises awareness of the need for better access. Deadline: Sept 30.
3. Be Heard. **Fill out the surveys** or join the public consultations listed above.
4. Still reading ... then you've got to **forward this message to someone who cares as much as you do** about building a better Ottawa!

## 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.

## SOCIAL MOTION PROJECT

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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