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1. Parkways for People: A Better QED Starts Now

The first **two ideas** have come forward for how to transform the Queen Elizabeth Driveway into a people-first parkway.

Join our webinar on **October 27** to discuss what you would like to see in a better Queen Elizabeth Driveway. (Other parkways to be discussed in the days to come.)





What are your ideas for a better QED? Learn more at [Parkways For People](#) about how you can help shape a new vision for the Queen Elizabeth Driveway.

2. Word on the Street

Some of what the community has been talking about recently.

- The [new Civic Hospital campus master plan](#) was approved by Planning Committee and the NCC Board. The Dow's Lake site will almost certainly get full Council approval on October 13. Time now to focus on making the Civic the most [bike-friendly hospital campus](#) in North America!
- The Globe and Mail is asking [Is the war against bike lanes finally over?](#) Lots of chatter on [Twitter](#) over this article.
- October is International [Walk to School](#) month.
- The free [NCC shuttle to Gatineau Park](#) is operational now until October 24.
- [#ottbikesocial](#) is riding on Thursdays at 7pm until the end of October.
- Birmingham, UK is becoming a [super-sized low-traffic neighbourhood](#) -- big news that one of the country's original auto centres is shifting its priority to active transportation and public transit.
- Got a [cargo bike](#)? You're wanted for a group bike ride on Saturday 11am at Strathcona Park.

3. This Week's Big Idea: Why Can't Ottawa, Like Chicago, Build 100 Miles of Bike Infra over 2 Years?

Chicago has decided to fast track the construction of its bike network, adding [100 miles of bike infrastructure](#), by the end of 2022. This is what [Brent Toderian](#) has suggested: municipal leaders should take their 10-year bike plans, and do it all in one year.

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Why couldn't Ottawa do this; build out a decade of bike infrastructure in 2022?



Money is actually far less of an issue than you'd think. We'll talk about that next week.

4. They Want to Hear From You

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

- **Pretoria Ave** sewers are being replaced between Bank and Metcalfe -- and the City is looking for feedback on the proposed road design, until October 15. Some **good suggestions** up on Twitter.
- The City also has a **survey on traffic calming** around the Fourth Ave elementary schools, until October 18.
- The City of Ottawa has a **survey on budget priorities** for 2022, open until 2 November.

5. Your Dent in the Universe

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 and sign up for the community discussion on **27 October**.
2. Be Heard. **Fill out the surveys** or join the public consultations listed above.
3. 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.

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