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Power of the Crowd for an Active City Agenda

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1. Parkways for People: Join the 27 Oct Community Discussion on Options for QED

Some excellent ideas have come forward for reimagining the Queen Elizabeth Driveway, described [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#).

Join the community in discussing these and other ideas for a better QED on 27 October on Zoom. Registration on [Eventbrite](#). Discussions to follow for other parkways in the coming months.





2. Word on the Street

Some of what the community has been talking about recently.

- The master plan for the **new Civic hospital campus** was approved by Council. We're focused now on improving the public transit connection and making this the most **bike-friendly hospital campus** in North America!
- Council is also in the final stages of approving the **new 25-year Official Plan for Ottawa**. Next up for cycling and pedestrian advocates will be to help shape a new **Transportation Master Plan** and Active Transportation Plan (to succeed the **2013 Ottawa Cycling Plan**). While the timing of these is somewhat in flux, we can expect to see AT project proposals this fall.
- The **Montreal Road reconstruction** is moving closer to completion, with new bike lanes and sidewalks.
- The **NCC bistro** season has come to an end. That was a good run.
- **Ottawa's public toilets** just don't measure up to what's available elsewhere.

3. This Week's Big Idea: Could the Rideau Canal Become A New National Urban Park?

When we say "national park", we think of some place remote and untouched. But Parks Canada has recognised the importance of "urban national parks" to promote access and equity. Currently, Canada has the **Rouge National Urban Park** in the Toronto area. In the US, the **National Mall** in Washington DC is one of a number of urban lands classified as a national park.





Could Canada create a second national urban park in Ottawa? Learn more about the concept of a **Rideau Canal Urban National Park**.

4. *They* Want to Hear From You

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

- The NCC is running a survey of your opinions of the **2021 active parkways**. Please consider completing this survey as it will be an important data point for the NCC in planning for next year. Until October 31.
- The NCC has a survey on the **Fall Rhapsody (including the shuttle) program**, until October 28.
- The City of Ottawa has a **survey on budget priorities** for 2022, open until November 2.

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. **Share your ideas** for a **better QED** and **join the community discussion** on Oct 27 at 7pm (Zoom). We will kick off with four ideas for QED: 1- Time sharing, like Gatineau Park, 2- Full-time park, 3- Winter recreation hub, 4- National park.

Sign up now on [Eventbrite](#) to save your seat at the table.

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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