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The screenshot shows an Eventbrite event page. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'eventbrite', a search bar, and links for 'Browse Events', 'Organize', 'Help', 'Create an event', and 'Sign in'. The event title is 'The Canal Parkways in 2022: Turning ideas into action' with the subtitle 'Hear from local leaders and join the community discussion.' The date is 'FEB 07'. The event is moderated by Lucy van Oldenbarneveld. A large clock icon indicates the time is 'Feb 7 7:00PM'. The registration link is 'parkwaysforpeople.ca/feb7'. The price is 'Free'. The event is organized by 'Parkways for People'. Below the title, there's a list of speakers for 'Opening Remarks by:' including Tobin Nussbaum, Yasir Naqvi, Joel Harden, Shawn Menard, Catherine McKenney, and Mathieu Fleury. There's also a section for 'Presentations: Visions, Big Ideas and Measures of Success' featuring Ian Lockwood and Suzanne Woo. A central image shows people cycling on a path. At the bottom right, there's a logo for 'parkways for people' and 'promenades pour tous'.

1. Parkways for People: Feb 7 Discussion on Rideau Canal Parkways in 2022

What do you want for the **Rideau Canal Parkways in 2022**? Our next community discussion takes place on **Feb 7 at 7pm** on Zoom. Register on [Eventbrite](#).

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A number of implicated decision makers – Rob, Russ, Bob, Shawn, Catherine, Mathieu -- are attending to hear what you think.



2. Word on the Street

- The Rideau Canal Skateway 2022 season opened to big crowds despite the cold. Much **love** followed.
- What a **snow day** in Ottawa looks like. And the **LRT worked in the snow**.
- The urban **Winter Trails** are now fully in business. As are the **toboggan hills**.
- Try out the Rideau Winter Trail with borrowed equipment from the **Ottawa Outdoor Gear Library**.



3. This Week's Big Idea: Could Free Transit Be a 2022 Election Issue?

There has been a lot of **chatter** on what it would cost to make transit free in Ottawa.

In non-pandemic times, fares cover about \$200m of a total \$700m annual operating budget. Given that the City and other levels of government already pay 5 of 7 dollars for transit, and that **transit is a public good** (reducing emissions, traffic congestion and road repair costs) that promotes equity, is it worth considering that governments pay the last \$2? Look for this to be a municipal election issue in October.



4. They Want to Hear From You

The **City of Ottawa** wants has a number of surveys around the forthcoming **Transportation Master Plan** update, until Feb 7.

- **Your priorities** for pedestrian and cycling facilities over the next 25 years.
- Draft **policies** around TMP specific themes (survey links found in each of the one-pagers, or send comments directly to tmpupdate@ottawa.ca).

Ottawa Transit Riders are conducting a **survey** on your experience with free transit in December.



5. Your Dent in the Universe

Key decision makers are attending the **Feb 7 Rideau Canal Parkways community discussion**. Let's show them **a critical mass of people standing up for change**. Be a part of the solution. [Join the discussion](#).



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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 normally comes out on Thursdays. See back issues and subscribe [here](#).

613 Update is maintained by the [Social Motion Project](#), an initiative to build sustainable and healthy communities, by helping change makers achieve more in the active transportation and recreation space.

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