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(And is there anyone in the 819 who could lend a hand to help extend this update to the entire region?)

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1. Parkways for People: Active Parkways Work in Winter Too!

10,000 people enjoyed Queen Elizabeth Drive this winter when reserved for active users on weekends (and during the occupation). Well done. NCC. More of this next

winter, please.

The NCC Board is meeting today, 7 April. Hopefully that means we will have **announcements on the 2022 summer parkways** schedule within the next few days.



2. Word on the Street

- **Somerset Ward got three new upgrades** for active users, including what could become **Ottawa's newest favourite secret spot**.
- The federal government released its **strategy for reducing carbon emissions** by 40% by 2030 -- but said little about sustainable transportation. The UN released its **latest climate assessment**, which did talk about the contribution of cycling and transit to emissions reductions.
- Prospective municipal candidates, be advised ... "**bike lanes can win elections. Here's proof.**"
- Ottawa Citizen columnist Kelly Egan has come around to the thinking that free transit "**may not be such a kooky idea**". City Council will be asked at its April 13 meeting to undertake a study on the issue. I **spoke in favour** at Transit Commission last week.
- Some newish Ottawa **MUPs that you might not know**.
- Montreal is making **10 streets pedestrian-only during summer**.
- Boston ... first, a major **free transit** pilot; now, **summer streets for pedestrians only**.



3. This Week's Big Idea: Meet for Coffee at Champlain Lookout?

While it's not in the NCC's plans for the Gatineau Park parkways, **who would like to see an NCC bistro up at Champlain Lookout?**

As the Gatineau Park parkways become more centred around active and shuttle bus access, couldn't we replace the parking spots in this photo with a few tables and a **pedal-powered mobile coffee shop, like the one behind this link?**



4. Stand Up For Something

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The **Better South Keys Centre** community group is planning a **spring walk and talk** on **April 23** to discuss what redevelopment of South Keys Centre could be, and how it could emerge as a regional hub for south Ottawa.

Tonight - Thursday, 7 April -- at 6pm, Councillors **Mathieu Fleury and Rawlson King** will be holding a **consultation on transportation priorities for Wards 12 and 13**.

The City of Ottawa is looking for feedback on **traffic calming on Broadview Ave around the local schools**. Complete the City's **survey**, until 29 April. **School Streets Ottawa** discusses how Broadview could become a School Street.

For anyone looking for a **social bike ride around Ottawa**, **#ottbikesocial** will be out **every Thursday evening starting at 7pm from these departure points**.



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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](#).

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