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## 1. Parkways for People: What if the Canal Ritz Patio Just Kept on Going?

Last week, we asked Twitter to think about the [Canal Ritz patio](#) at QED and Fifth

Ave, and what we could do if that patio was extended into a space for more than just a single restaurant. From reading the thread, people want more than what is currently there. What are some examples of amazing waterfront spaces that we could learn from, like the [San Antonio River Walk](#)?



## 2. Word on the Street

- Sections of the [Ottawa River pathway below Parliament Hill will be closing this week until fall 2023, with detours onto Wellington.](#)
- Council voted to approve the business and financial plan for Lansdowne 2.0. The Ottawa Citizen outlined [why it should wait.](#)
- [eScooters are being delayed](#), given concerns around parking and riding on sidewalks.
- Does the Byward Market really have 3,000 parking spots? If yes, what are we waiting for to [transform York St into a plaza for people](#)?
- There is a [new water fountain](#) at Queen Elizabeth Driveway and Laurier.
- While it requires some extra attention, [retractable bollards can work in cold climates.](#)
- With gas prices, will [Montréal's bike culture](#) catch on elsewhere? Is [Toronto](#) catching up?
- June 3 is [UN World Bike Day.](#)
- [Apple Maps now provides cycling directions](#) in Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver.
- NCC has just opened their [Confederation Park Bistro](#) for the season.



### 3. This Week's Big Idea: Over 15,000 Cyclists Take Back the Streets in Montréal

Last week, Vélo Québec put on its **Go Bike Montréal Festival**, culminating in the Friday *Tour la nuit* and Sunday *Tour de l'île* rides. **Each ride gets over 15,000 cyclists** enjoying closed roads and a party-like atmosphere.

2 follow up thoughts:

1. If you haven't experienced these rides, think about **being in Montréal with your bike in early June 2023** for some pure magic on wheels.
2. **What would it take for other cities** in Canada to do something similar? Who are the partners that could make it happen in Ottawa?



### 4. Stand Up For Something (new listings first)

The City of Ottawa wants your feedback on "**Road and Transit Project Evaluation Criteria**", for use in the Transportation Master Plan. Provide comments by 30 June, such as the ideas explored in this **thread**.

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

June is #LetsBikeMonth in Ottawa. **Sign up**, bike and win prizes.

Ecology Ottawa is giving away free tree saplings (22 native species) over the summer, with **many different pick up options**.



## 5. Bike Ottawa Suggested Reading

- **Stop widening highways**. Invest in transit and active transportation. "Build wide roads and parking lots and they'll drive; make safe, segregated bike lanes and they'll cycle"
- **#CargoBikesCanDoThat. Last mile/in City deliveries** - many are swapping trucks for cargo bikes.
- **World Bicycle Day!** While we love to ride bicycles everyday, today in particular we stop to think about why and how bikes help people and the planet.
- **Unregulated vehicle size** is a huge problem on our streets. "It is jaw-droppingly negligent ..."

- Bike share! **Where is Ottawa's?** "When done right, bike share can play an integral role in bringing mobility to more people and creating a more equitable transit system."
- How are other cities building for **'liveability'**? "At least one canal, possibly the Herengracht, will be made car-free, and the roads there will be turned into green space."



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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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