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Winterfest cooks up a big mess of fun



There were sleigh rides and face-painting and face-plants in the snow. The rink was rocking. More on page 2.



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Many a hand stirred Winterfest

Winterfest was a great success again this year. Many thanks to the small army of volunteers who made the event possible.

Don Monet took over co-ordination of the event in the late stages and went at the task with his typical enthusiasm. He enlisted many neighbours to help and canvassed businesses up and down Richmond and Wellington to donate prizes for raffles.

Becky Rynor was able to find a charitable group that donated racks of reusable dishware, avoiding the use of paper plates and styrofoam cups.

The chili cook-off was a new event

and our cooks did us proud.

There were two winners, chosen by a panel of accredited taste-testers.

Bob Kempster won first prize in the meat category and Laura Muldoon took home the honours in the veggie corner. Bob's recipe is printed below. We will bring you Laura's at a later date.

Thanks to Tom and Buck Sauve for running things on the rink, keeping the outdoor fires burning and for keeping the trains on time. A collective thank you to the business donors and to Coun. Shawn Little for his attendance and contributions.

Bob Kempster's winning chili recipe

6 lb. ground beef
Three 19 oz. cans of red kidney beans
½ Spanish onion, finely diced
1 lb. Hothouse tomatoes, sliced
½ red sweet pepper, diced
½ green sweet pepper, diced
Two 7½ oz. cans tomato sauce
1 teaspoon table salt
1 teaspoon chili powder
¼ teaspoon garlic powder
½ teaspoon ground cumin
½ teaspoon hot curry powder
½ teaspoon powdered thyme

1. Brown beef mixed together with onion in large saucepan over medium heat for 15-20 minutes.
2. Add red kidney beans, but include juice of only one can. Stir until well mixed with meat.
3. Add tomatoes, peppers and tomato sauce. Add salt and spices, stir well.
4. Simmer over medium low heat for 30 minutes stirring occasionally.
5. Serve!

1 Skating rink
hours:

Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; **Monday**, closed for maintenance;

Tuesday to Friday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Use of the rink in off-hours is permitted, but the change-room will not be open and the hockey nets unavailable.

The hockey rink is reserved as follows: **Tuesdays, from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.** for women's hockey; **Wednesday, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.**, for hockey for those 12 and younger; **Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.**

2 The Champlain Park Garden Club meets on **Tuesday, March 11**. Annie Creighton, of Kiwi Gardens in Perth, talks about new and under-

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used perennials. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the fieldhouse.

3 Looking for people interested in a possible

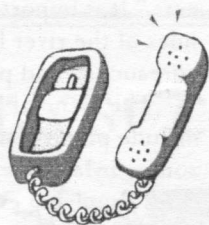
Saturday morning Pilates class. Call Laurie at **728-1945**.

4 Harmony Coffeehouse. Northwestern United Church, 241 Northwestern Ave. 8 p.m., **Saturday, March 22**. Coffee, tea, hot apple cider, desserts, singing **Cost:** Give what you can (includes first beverage and a dessert) Information: Wendy Warburton, **722-7163**.

5 Two-bedroom **Florida condo** available March 1 to 9, Fort Myers Beach. \$550 U.S. Call Laurie, **728-1945**.

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Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday



To add items,
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AMY'S CORNER



by Amy Kempster
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Feedback wanted on Official Plan

The Draft Official Plan for Ottawa will have a great influence on how the city develops over the next 20 years.

Below is a quick overview of the areas of the plan that might directly affect our neighbourhood, with some comments. These have been circulated to the executive of the Champlain Park Community Association. If you agree, they will be presented to the City's Planning and Development Committee by a member of the executive during the week of Feb. 17.

Strategy: The strategy is in general to accommodate growth within the current urban boundaries; thus pressure for intensification will be felt. They are suggesting 186,000 more households will need to be accommodated, of which 60,000 will be within the Greenbelt, but that growth will be managed by directing it to where services already exist with a transportation system that emphasizes transit, walking and cycling; all the while maintaining environmental integrity and building liveable communities.

In the urban area, the focus is on more complete communities, main streets, the Central Area, Mixed Use Centres, Developing Communities and Employment Areas to which growth will be directed. Our area is designated General Urban Area. The strategy says "The City supports intensification and infill development within areas designated General Urban Area" and refers to

policies to guide this in Section 3 of the plan. Of interest to this community are the policies on natural areas which state the City will protect sensitive environmental areas in the urban and rural areas by designating in this plan forest, wetlands and other natural areas that perform significant natural functions and by determining how these lands should best be managed to ensure their environmental health. With regard to greenspaces, the city undertakes to have a Greenspace Master Plan and we might commend the city for this. There are strong policies re affordable housing. The one that might affect our community is: "All land that is surplus to the city's needs and suitable for residential development will be considered for the sale or lease for the development of affordable housing."

We might suggest this be modified by amending it to read "determined as surplus to the city's needs through a process that includes community consultation with the neighbourhood in which it lies." This is in case the city determines some portion of our park as surplus. Note that parks and leisure areas will be covered by a Park and Leisure Area strategy, which will be part of the Greenspace Master Plan but are not identified in this Plan. There is also a section on Cultural Heritage Resources and we might wish to request that the City consider the Ottawa River between Deschenes and Chaudiere Falls as a cultural heritage landscape.

Designations: As noted earlier, our area except for the NCC lands is designated General Urban. The NCC lands are designated Urban Natural Features. Tunney's Pasture is designated a Mixed Use Centre along with Mechanicsville and the lands between Holland and Parkdale, Scott and Wellington. Wellington Street is designated a Main Street, as is Scott, between Island Park Drive and Churchill. I suggest we request that designation for Scott Street start at Lanark since there does not seem likely to be change between Island Park and Lanark now that the Larco development is going forward.

Under major Open Space, which covers most of the NCC land on the other side of the Parkway, the following change is suggested to policy 4. It states "The City will work with the City of

Gatineau, the National Capital Commission and other partners on studies and plans for major Open Space and the Ottawa River corridor." Suggest we request this change: Replace other partners with "neighbourhoods and communities along the river and other partners." It is important the people on both sides of the river be involved, not just bureaucrats and politicians.

The General Urban Area policies include policy 6 which essentially allows zoning bylaw amendments to permit "uses supplying everyday goods and services." The City is to ensure that such uses "permit clustering with other community uses, such as parks." My judgement is that with a main street close by, there would be little incentive for someone to use this provision in our neighbourhood. However, we could suggest that adding the following condition to the ones listed "e) the location is not within 800 metres of a main street." (I'm guessing this would cover all our community but, if anyone has a better estimate, please let me know.)

Policy 8 is key for our neighbourhood. "Proposals for infill and intensification within established residential neighbourhoods must demonstrate how the proposal fits into the neighbourhood in a compatible manner by addressing:

a) Achievement of a complementary relationship between new buildings and existing buildings, while allowing for a gradual evolution of architectural styles and appropriate innovation in built form;

c) Integration into the area's larger context of built form and open spaces, reinforcing viable existing patterns that are found in the area in the range of: i) building mass; ii) height, proportion; iii) enclosed volume; iv) lot size; v) position relative to street and site;

d) Eliminating to the extent practical, impacts such as: i) sun shadowing on sensitive areas, including outdoor amenity areas and parks; ii) the loss of unique views and view sequences shared by the community as a whole; iii) the loss of privacy in useable outdoor amenity areas; iv) the provision of parking in a manner inconsistent with existing housing on the street."

These provisions seem fairly protective of the fabric of our community but, if you have suggestions, let me know.