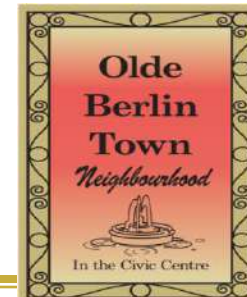


Olde Berlin Town Neighbourhood Association

Winter & Spring 2019 Newsletter

www.oldeberlintown.ca



Hi Neighbour

Here's to a happy & healthy New Year. Spring is only two months away! January has kick-started with some time-consuming concerns for our neighbourhood. We often hear visitors say they "just love this beautiful part of the city". How do we protect this jewel that is so close to city centre?

Waterloo Region's Public Health consultations regarding Consumption and Treatment Services (CTS - formerly known as Supervised Consumption Services) are for three locations in or close to our neighbourhood. An "invite-only" session on January 30th is for residents and business owners within 250m of the three proposed Kitchener sites. Two public sessions will be held on Feb 5th and 7th. See more information on page 3.

The city's proposed Civic Centre Secondary Plan review for Olde Berlin Town neighbourhood was introduced on December 12th at the library. A group of concerned neighbours have met and formed a Heritage & Development Committee. They are assessing the proposal and the intertwining complexities of the City of Kitchener's various zoning regulations, land use policies and guidelines. Contact us to join the committee. More on page 2.

Another item for this team is analyzing proposed new developments that impact our residential community. For example the development at 30-40 Margaret Avenue may soon be revived – check billboard near the Margaret & Queen intersection.



Come to our Annual Meeting on March 2nd. It includes a brief talk by heritage advocate and former planner, Sandra Parks, about architectural styles of buildings in Olde Berlin Town. Discuss current concerns and issues, and select a slate of representatives for our Neighbourhood Association. See description of roles on p. 5.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan. 30th – invite only by Public Health
Feb. 5th & 7th – CTS public meetings
Mar 2nd – Olde Berlin Town's AGM
Mar 6th – Urban Design charrette

Our Neighbourhood Association only has a small number of people fighting to preserve and protect the character of our residential community, our heritage streetscapes, our quality of life. We need more help.



ANNUAL MEETING

**Olde Berlin Town
Neighbourhood Association**

Saturday, March 2, 2018

**Church of the Good Shepherd
Corner of Margaret & Queen Streets**

1:00 pm

**Guest: Sandra Parks, architectural styles in Olde Berlin
Introduction to Civic Centre Secondary Plan
Elect Neighbourhood Representatives
Community Discussion**

Donna Kuehl, Chair

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Civic Governance - Neighbourhood Planning Review Civic Centre Secondary Plan

On December 12th, the City of Kitchener Planning Department unveiled a poster display of its proposed neighbourhood plan for Olde Berlin Town (i.e., Civic Centre) at the Kitchener Public Library. At least four senior planners and other staff answered one-on-one questions about the 22 posters that introduced the basics of zoning, urban design, heritage conservation, and the land use regulatory framework. Also presented were the proposed land use maps and zoning maps for our neighbourhood, along with a summary of the proposed new zoning definitions. A portion of the materials, and a guide to reviewing zoning, is available on our website (www.oldeberlintown.ca/planningreview). The entire presentation is online at www.kitchener.ca/en/city-services/civic-centre.aspx.

Much of our land use legislation has been overhauled since our neighbourhood Secondary Plan was created in 1980. We have a new provincial policy statement, Waterloo Region Official Plan, City of Kitchener Official Plan, Planning Around Rapid Transit Stations Study (PARTS) and Residential Intensification in Established Neighbourhoods Report (RIENS). A new neighbourhood plan is required to keep up with all these new directions.



Now is our opportunity to respond. How does the new proposal compare against existing rules? How do the proposed regulations governing one zone interface with an adjacent zone? Do the plans reflect the recommendations of our Heritage District Plan and the RIENS Report? Are the goals and objectives of the Official Plan properly expressed in the new proposal? What do you like? In what way can the rules be improved? The Planning Department needs our input to make the best possible decisions.

Olde Berlin Town Representatives attended the December 12th presentation and collected comments and questions from the participants, as did the Planning Department. We continue to collect feedback which we intend to share with the neighbourhood and, in a consolidated form, with the Planning Department. Please send your comments to writeus@oldeberlintown.ca. The Planning Department intends to present our Secondary Plan to Council in Fall 2019. **The proposed neighbourhood plan is scheduled to be introduced at the Annual General Meeting on March 2nd.**

As part of the Neighbourhood Secondary Planning process that is currently underway for the Civic Centre neighbourhood, City staff will be developing a unique set of urban design guidelines for Civic Centre re ‘Residential Infill in Central Neighbourhoods’. A 2 hour design charrette is planned for Wednesday, March 6th 2019 from 5:00–7:00 pm at City Hall, Schmaltz Room (2nd Floor). **H. Jaeger, Heritage & Development Committee**

Current Development Project Updates

64 Margaret (Vive Development): We were expecting demolition in December 2018.

30-40 Margaret (Activa): Sign reads “Future Home of Luxury Condo, Fall 2019”. A Heritage Permit Application will be required.

Ahrens & Victoria (Magic Bedroom): Under new ownership as of January 3, 2019.

Young/Weber: Awaiting Heritage permit application

How to Review Zoning

Go to www.oldeberlintown.ca/zoning.

Follow the step-by-step instructions with all the links you need. The process is as follows:

1. Look up the addresses you are interested in on the existing and proposed zoning maps
2. Look up the identified zoning regulations and special provisions.
3. Compare the suggested allowable uses, heights, setbacks, etc.
4. Send comments to writeus@oldeberlintown.ca.

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SOCIETAL ISSUES:

Supervised Consumption Services (SCS) update → now known as Consumption and Treatment Services (CTS)

Last July, many in our neighbourhood attended public meetings hosted by our Neighbourhood Association and the Region of Waterloo to discuss Public Health's regional proposal to locate a Safe Consumption site in our neighbourhood at 115 Water Street North. Proposed consultations with residents and owners within 250m of a proposed location were deferred while the new provincial government reviewed its funding program.

In late October the Region held visioning sessions to explore a "Made in Waterloo Region" solution. Now provincial Ministry of Health has re-branded the program as Consumption and Treatment Services (CTS).

On January 8th the Community Services Committee for Waterloo Region heard Public Health's outline of their proposed next steps in the process as well as comments from several delegations. The Committee voted to proceed with public consultations. The three candidate CTS locations in Kitchener are: 115 Water Street North (between Weber and Victoria), 150 Duke Street West (Duke and College), and 105 Victoria Street North (Victoria and Weber). Public Health is to remain open to other possible sites.

The stated goal of the consultations is to provide opportunities for input regarding the perceived benefits and concerns or risks about the proposed locations, and to determine what mitigation measures the community would want in place should the site be selected.

In Kitchener, the community consultations are proposed to include one invite-only session on January 30th, for people who reside or work within 250m of a candidate location, as well as public sessions on February 5th and 7th.

What are Consumption and Treatment Services?

Consumption and Treatment Services are a place where people can use drugs in a monitored, hygienic environment to reduce harm from substance use while offering additional services such as counselling, primary care, and opioid-dependency treatment.

Source: www.regionofwaterloo.ca



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NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFETY GROUP *Working together makes our neighbourhood a safer place to live, work play*

Your neighbourhood Safety Committee is working to collect data on recent incidents of theft, property break-ins or other safety concerns. Let us know by emailing writeus@oldeberlintown.ca.

We are still asking you to report any incident, **no matter how minor**, to the Waterloo Regional Police Service (WRPS) even if nothing was taken from your car, home or property. The WRPS's cumulative report helps identify trends in a neighborhood.

Non-emergency incidents can be reported to police either by phone (519 570-9777) or using the online reporting system

A safety audit and lighting in the laneways initiatives are still being coordinated.

What can you do ?

Be vigilant and report suspicious or illegal activity to:

The police:

- **911 for EMERGENCIES**
- **519.570.9777 to report non-emergencies**
- <https://www.wrps.on.ca/en/services-reporting/online-reporting-.aspx> to report online

Crime Stoppers:

- **1-800-222-TIPS (8477)**
- **submit a tip:**
www.waterloocrimestoppers.ca

Kitchener Bylaw Office:

- **519-741-2345**

Keep yourself and your property safe!

"Street Proof" yourself against crime by

- * walking in well lit areas
- * appearing confident and purposeful
- * being aware of your surroundings
- * using sidewalks when possible

For more www.wrps.on.ca/en/staying-safe/personal-safety.aspx

Protect your property by

- * locking up your doors and valuable items
- * lighting your property effectively
- * keeping car doors locked
- * communicating with your neighbours

For more www.wrps.on.ca/en/staying-safe/home-safety.aspx

Projects for a Healthier Home

Try these quick and easy projects that may lead to a healthier indoor environment for you and your family

REPLACE YOUR FILTERS

Breathe cleaner air by changing your heating and air conditioner filters, and set a reminder to do this four times a year.

MAINTAIN YOUR CHIMNEY

If you have a wood-burning fireplace, make sure it stays safe - inspect and clean the chimney. Install a chimney cap to prevent water damage and keep debris and animal nests from blocking and allowing carbon monoxide to flow into the house.

CHECK YOUR DETECTORS

Every home should have both a fire alarm and a carbon monoxide detector – at least one on each floor. Winter is a good time to test them to make sure they are in good working order. Double check batteries for expiry dates.

TEST FOR RADON

Radon gas comes from uranium in the ground and is in all homes in Canada. You can buy an approved radon test kit or hire a certified radon professional. Radon testing should occur in the winter, over a minimum of three months. If the test indicates your home has a high level of radon, you can take steps to fix your home to reduce your family's risk of lung cancer. Learn more at

<https://takeactiononradon.ca/ontario/>

Jane Parmley, Neighbourhood Safety Group

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The logo for 'Love my hood' features the words 'Love my hood' in a colorful, rounded font. 'Love' is in blue, 'my' is in purple, and 'hood' is in green. The letters are outlined in white and set against a white background within a thin black border.

Festival of Neighbourhoods

The Festival of Neighbourhoods offers support to neighbours who organize inclusive and accessible gatherings in neighbourhoods across Kitchener. The Festival encourages, recognizes and celebrates neighbourhoods by providing practical resources, prizes and awards for residents to reach out and come together. It raises awareness about the importance of living and growing in connected neighbourhoods. Every Fall at the Festival of Neighbourhoods celebration, registered neighbourhoods have a chance to receive a \$20,000 capital grant from the City of Kitchener to help fund neighbourhood-led improvements. The registered gatherings can also be nominated for an annual social development project or other prestigious awards.

Earth Day: Take the 20 Minute Makeover challenge: “litteral”.

The official Earth Day is April 22, 2019. It would be awesome if everyone in Olde Berlin Town would take just 20 minutes to tidy up the area on the street where they live. Community clean-ups make a positive difference for the local environment, as well as in the quality of life. It's easy! Let's keep our community clean! First celebrated in 1970, Earth Day now includes events in more than 193 countries.



Mini – Grant Program for OBNTA

Do you have a special event you want to organize in Olde Berlin Town neighbourhood? Tell us about it, as it could be registered with the Festival of Neighbourhoods for a chance to win a prize. The Olde Berlin Town committee recently established a mini-grant program. You can apply for up to \$50 to support your initiative. Request our simple application form at writus@oldeberlinetown.ca

VOLUNTEERS – Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

April 7th -13th, 2019 is National Volunteer Week. Thank you for strengthening our community. Thank you for participating in meetings about safety and other issues over the past year and delivering newsletters. Thank you for caring about your community. Please thank others who have done a good deed for our neighbourhood. Your involvement and your work make Olde Berlin Town a better place to live.



Proactive Bylaw Inspection Program

New for the 2018/19 winter season, bylaw officers in the City of Kitchener will be proactively inspecting sidewalks citywide. If a sidewalk is not cleared of snow and ice, a bylaw officer will issue a one-time notice to the resident, and return within 24 hours. If the sidewalk has still not been adequately cleared, the city will clear it and the property owner will be invoiced approximately \$400.

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Civic Centre Heritage Conservation District



The Ontario Heritage Act enables municipalities to designate the whole or any part of a community as a heritage conservation district to protect and enhance groups of properties or neighbourhoods that collectively give an area special character. Owners of property designated under the Ontario Heritage Act within a heritage conservation district may require a [heritage permit](#) to make changes to either the building or the property in question. <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90o18>

The Conservation District Plan contains guidelines and policies to protect and preserve the Civic Centre neighbourhood which is linked to several key periods in development of the City of Kitchener and contains many buildings associated with important business people and community leaders. You can read it online.

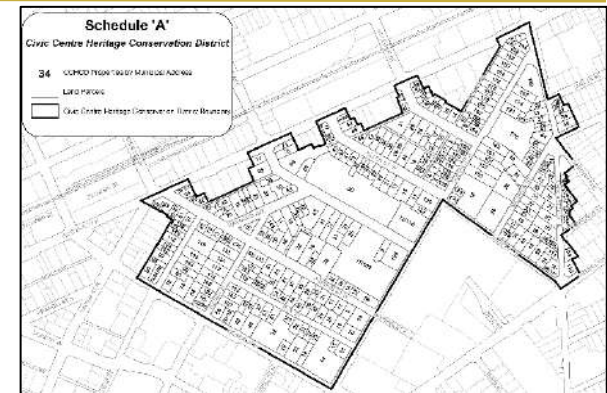
www.kitchener.ca/en/resourcesGeneral/Documents/DSD_PLAN_HeritagePlanCivicCentre.Pdf

There are district rules. Designated properties within a heritage conservation district are subject to a designating bylaw. Owners of property designated under the Ontario Heritage Act within a heritage conservation district may require a [heritage permit](#) to make changes to either the building or the property in question. Vacant buildings and structures on properties within a heritage conservation district that are listed on the Municipal Heritage Register are subject to the heritage provisions of the [property standards bylaw](#).



The City of Kitchener offers a **heritage property grant program**. Owners of property designated under the [Ontario Heritage Act](#) may be eligible. For more information, please contact Victoria Grohn, BES Heritage Planner 519-741-2200 ext. 7839.

The Region of Waterloo has a heritage conservation toolbox - a source for information, policies and guidelines for cultural heritage resource conservation in Waterloo Region. There is information on diverse needs such as foundations, plaster, insurance, windows, shutters, asbestos and much more. Go to <https://www.regionofwaterloo.ca/en/exploring-the-region/heritage-conservation-toolbox.aspx>



City of Kitchener - 2019 Designated Heritage Property Grant Program

The City of Kitchener is now accepting grant applications from residents looking to restore or conserve their heritage property. Eligible properties include individually designated properties under the Ontario Heritage Act and properties located in one of the City's four heritage conservation districts: Upper Doon, Victoria Park Area, St. Mary's and Civic Centre Neighbourhood.

Grants are available to cover up to half the cost of eligible projects, from a minimum of \$500 to a maximum of \$3,000. Applications for 2019 are due March 29.

For more information, please go to www.kitchener.ca/heritagefunding.

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Sarah Marsh, City Councillor for Ward 10

Kitchener City Hall, 200 King St. W.
Kitchener, ON N2G 4G7



Dear Olde Berlin Town Neighbours,

Happy New Year! Hope everyone in the Olde Berlin Town Neighbourhood had an enjoyable holiday season!

This month, our newly elected Council will vote on the 2019 budget. Public input is invited and encouraged. To learn more about our budget, visit Kitchener.ca/budget and to comment, visit www.engagewr.ca/budget-2019 or in person at our public input night January 21st at 7 pm. Feel free to let me know your thoughts by contacting me directly.

We also have an upcoming public meeting in March to ask you and your neighbours to help shape neighbourhood-specific infill guidelines for the Civic District. Details will be emailed out. Feel free to contact me if you are not on the neighbourhood association list, but want to be informed about this topic.

I look forward to continuing our work together in building stronger neighbourhoods and a healthy, thriving downtown. I can be reached at sarah.marsh@kitchener.ca or 519-741-2687.

Sincerely,

Olde Berlin Town - Board Roles & Positions

The board meets monthly or as needed to plan any Association meetings and events, discuss concerns, the newsletter and its delivery.

ELECTED:

Chair ➤ Coordinate executive and neighbourhood meetings; listen to residents; interact with city representatives

Secretary ➤ Record and distribute minutes, agenda and other board communications

Treasurer ➤ Manage finances and maintain records

Social Media Manager ➤ Administer and update Facebook and other social media

Website Manager ➤ administer and update website; consult with OBTNA Board

Newsletter Delivery Coordinator ➤ Coordinate distribution of newsletters

Committee Chairs: 1) Safety Committee 2) Heritage & Development 3)

Events ➤ organize committee meetings as needed; encourage participation from residents; liaise with city or other organizations where possible

APPOINTED:

Newsletter Editor ➤ Edit newsletter and coordinate printing approximately three times annually.

Ad Hoc Committees ➤ members help with special events, attend meetings as needed

Important Numbers To Know

- ◆ Police (519) 653-7700
- ◆ Gas Leaks (519) 741-2529
- ◆ Property Standards (519) 741-2345
www.kitchener.ca/bylawguide
- ◆ Crime Stoppers 1-800-222-TIPS (8477)
- ◆ Ward Councillor, Sarah Marsh (519) 741-2786
- ◆ City of Kitchener's Contact Centre (519) 741-2345
- ◆ Garbage (519) 575-4400
www.regionofwaterloo.ca/waste

OBTNA Board Members

Donna Kuehl, Rosemary Coleman,
Hal Jaeger, Laura New, Leslie Stallard
c/o 35B Weber Street West, Kitchener N2H 3Z1

writeus@oldeberlintown.ca

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SPRING PROGRAMS 2019

Registration begins Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Downtown Neighbourhoods Associations offer affordable programs at the Downtown Community Centre,
35B Weber Street West, Kitchener 519-741-2501

Register for programs in person or online at www.kitchener.ca, select 'Things To Do'; or, go direct to: <https://ca.apm.activecommunities.com/activekitchener/Home>



REGISTERED PROGRAMS	AGES	DAY	TIME	Program Dates	Cost	#Classes	Activity #
Creative Movement	3-4	Monday	5:30 - 6:00 pm	Apr 1 - Jun 17/19	\$ 40.00	10 weeks	32203
Creative Movement	3-4	Wednesday	5:30 - 6:00 pm	Apr 3 - Jun 5/19	\$ 40.00	10 weeks	32202
Kinder Judo	5-7	Tuesday	5:30 - 6:00 pm	Apr 2 - Jun 4/19	\$ 40.00	10 weeks	32215
Ballet	5-8	Monday	6:00 - 6:45 pm	Apr 1 - Jun 17/19	\$ 55.00	10 weeks	32200
Jazz	5-8	Monday	6:45 - 7:30 pm	Apr 1 - Jun 17/19	\$ 55.00	10 weeks	32213
Jazz Ballet Combo	9-13	Monday	7:30 - 8:15 pm	Apr 1 - Jun 17/19	\$ 55.00	10 weeks	32214
Ballet	5-8	Wednesday	6:45 - 7:30 pm	Apr 3 - Jun 5/19	\$ 55.00	10 weeks	32199
Jazz	5-8	Wednesday	6:00 - 6:45 pm	Apr 3 - Jun 5/19	\$ 55.00	10 weeks	32212
Judo - Youth Development	8-13	Tuesday	6:00 - 7:30 pm	Apr 2 - Jun 4/19	\$ 73.00	10 weeks	32222
Judo - Teen/Adult	14+	Tuesday	7:30 - 9:00 pm	Apr 2 - Jun 4/19	\$ 83.00	10 weeks	32220
Power-Fit Workout at Noon - Thur	18+	Thursday	12:10 - 12:55 pm	Apr 4 - Jun 27/19	\$ 65.00	13 weeks	32218
Yoga - Hatha and Laughter	18+	Wednesday	6:30 - 7:30 pm	May 1 - Jun 5/19	\$ 38.00	6 weeks	32209
Medical School - Part 1	5-12	Wednesday	4:00 - 5:00 pm	Apr 19 - May 8/19	\$ 60.00	6 weeks	32217
Medical School - Part 2	5-12	Wednesday	4:00 - 5:00 pm	May 26 - Jun 19/19	\$ 60.00	6 weeks	33036
Stemotics - Mindstorms EV3	9-15	Friday	4:00 - 5:00 pm	Apr 26 - Jun 21/19	\$ 84.00	8 weeks	33039

DROP-IN PROGRAMS	AGES	DAY	TIME	DATES	Drop-in fee		
Dodgeball	16+	Monday	6:30 - 8:00 pm	on-going	\$ 3.00	weekly	drop-in
Adult Floor Hockey	18+	Saturday	1:30 - 3:30 pm	on-going	\$ 3.00	weekly	drop-in
Badminton	16+	Wednesday	7:00 - 9:30 pm	on-going	\$ 3.00	weekly	drop-in
Basketball at noon - Advanced	18+	Friday	12:00 - 1:00 pm	on-going	\$ 2.00	weekly	drop-in
Volleyball at noon	18+	Tuesday	12:00 - 1:00 pm	on-going	\$ 2.00	weekly	drop-in
Indoor Soccer	16+	Thursday	6:30 - 8:00 pm	on-going	\$ 2.00	weekly	drop-in
Power-Fit Workout at Noon	18+	Thursday	12:10 - 12:55 pm	dates as above	\$ 6.00	weekly	drop-in
Pickleball	7+	Saturday	9:15 am-12:00 pm	Mar 2 - May 25	\$ 3.00	weekly	drop-in

The DNA is a not-for-profit, volunteer organization comprised of several Neighbourhoods in and around Downtown Kitchener. Neighbourhoods include Central Frederick, Olde Berlin Town in the Civic Centre, Victoria Park, Auditorium, Mt. Hope Breithaupt, King East and Cedar Hill.



Neighbourhood Programs at the Downtown Community Centre
35B Weber Street West, Kitchener

Volunteers from Olde Berlin Town participate on the Board of the Downtown Neighbourhood Alliance with other Neighbourhood Associations in and around downtown Kitchener.

The DNA, coordinates affordable programs in FALL, WINTER, & SPRING for all ages at the Downtown Community Centre.

Neighbourhood volunteers deliver newsletters and the seasonal program booklet. To register, you can phone 519-741-2501, register at the Centre in person, or select programs on-line at: www.kitchener.ca then, select . . . Things To Do select . . . Program registration and assistance

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