

Olde Berlin Town Neighbourhood Association

Winter 2020 Newsletter

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Hi Neighbour Winter has arrived in style – twice this season! Keep safe and stay warm.

Olde Berlin Town's volunteer board continues to meet monthly. In addition, there were numerous meetings, research and work done by volunteers to understand the new zoning being introduced by the City and their proposed revisions to our Civic Centre Secondary Plan. Over the past year, our newsletters, Facebook, website and e-news have had lots of references for you to check your own residence to the Plan and the properties within our neighbourhood. I hope you have reviewed these proposals, responded to city hall and plan to attend the **Public Meeting at City Hall on December 9th** (see box below).

This fall, an OBT safety audit format was created and tested, with the full rollout soon underway for each street in Olde Berlin Town. The new bicycle contra-flow lane on Young Street has been painted and new signage installed; 7 parking spots were removed on Young Street beside Hibner Park and in exchange a few parking meters were removed on Ahrens Street to permit some free parking. We also have resident participation on the new Community Advisory Group for Consumption Treatment Services.

The 2019 year went by in a flash. Special thanks to the OBT board members for their commitment to making our neighbourhood a safe, informed and welcoming place to live. Thanks to OBT's Heritage and Development team of volunteers, Jane Parmley and Stephen Pedersen for the Safety Group, and the Communications team of Leslie, Sandi, and Rosemary. Many thanks to a Mansion Street resident for representing Olde Berlin Town in the Civic Centre neighbourhood on the city's Heritage Kitchener committee. The Annual Meeting for our neighbourhood will be Saturday, January 25, 2020 at 1:00 PM. Have a safe and happy holiday season and a prosperous New Year.

Donna Kuehl, Chair

STATUTORY PUBLIC MEETING

LAND USE DESIGNATION & ZONING

Monday, December 9th

4:00 pm - Industry stakeholders

7:00 pm - Property Owners

Civic Governance: Heritage & Development Committee

The **deadline for comments on the Secondary Plans (Neighbourhood Planning Review) is December 9, 2019.** Comments can be delivered in writing or orally before Council. Comments that are not submitted by December 9th may not be considered by the Planning Department. City Councillors will hear oral submissions at City Hall in two sessions on Monday, December 9th. The session beginning at 4:00 pm is intended for development industry stakeholders. The session beginning at 7:00 pm is intended

ANNUAL MEETING:
Olde Berlin Town Neighbourhood
Saturday, January 25, 2019 at 1:00 pm
K-W Art Gallery, 101 Queen Street North, Kitchener
Join in community conversations, select Neighbourhood Representatives
Bring your ideas and concerns to help build a healthy neighbourhood
Come out to meet and greet your neighbours.

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for property owners. Oral submissions may be no more than five minutes in length. Written submissions can be sent to the City Clerk's Office, 2nd floor, 200 King Street West, Kitchener, ON, N2G 4G7 or via email to secondaryplans@kitchener.ca.

The Secondary Plans and background material are available at <https://www.kitchener.ca/NPR>. Additional information and resources are available on the Olde Berlin Town Neighbourhood Association website at <https://oldeberlintown.ca/land-use-zoning-planning/>. The Olde Berlin Town Neighbourhood Association has also been developing a neighbourhood response to the proposed Secondary Plans. Neighbours have submitted comments in response to the open house in December 2018, our website and Facebook postings, email broadcasts, hand-delivered newsletters and eight study sessions. You can see our draft neighbourhood response at <https://oldeberlintown.ca/secondaryplan/>.

The Secondary Plans are expected to be adopted into law in 2020. The process by which the Planning Department will address concerns after December 9th is not yet decided and will depend, in part, on the types of feedback received. We will endeavour to keep you updated when more is known.

The Olde Berlin Town Heritage and Development Committee would appreciate if you would share copies of any comments you are sending to the city or other thoughts you may have about the proposed Secondary Plan, the neighbourhood response or otherwise to writeus@oldeberlintown.ca

What are Secondary Plans?

"Secondary Plans are detailed neighbourhood scale plans. They are prepared because the general policies directing City-wide growth and development are not detailed enough to address specific issues in an individual neighbourhood" (from Kitchener Official Plan, Part 3, Section 12, Page 1).

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.

Civic Centre Secondary Plan - Proposed Zoning



Visitors at Pop-Up Café

Festival of Neighbourhoods

Five neighbourhoods across the city received special recognition at the 26th Annual Festival of Neighbourhoods celebration on November 17th. There were submissions from 33 neighbourhoods with 69 different gatherings, and up to 8,000 people participated in inclusive events in Kitchener. Olde Berlin Town neighbourhood had registered events such as our spring Jane's Walk on the laneways of Olde Berlin, and the fall Pop-Up Café. The winners of the City of Kitchener \$20,000 grants were Chicopee and Victoria Common neighbourhoods.

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PROMOTING A SAFE & WELCOMING NEIGHBOURHOOD Jane Parmley, Neighbourhood Safety Group

You can help by

- **reporting any incident, no matter how minor**, to the Waterloo Regional Police Service (WRPS). Non-emergency incidents by phone (519 570-9777) or online at: <https://www.wrps.on.ca/en/services-reporting/online-reporting-.aspx>
- Contacting City bylaw officers for issues such as fencing, fireworks, parking, property standards and snow events; phone (519 741 2345) or file an online complaint at: <https://www.kitchener.ca/en/city-services/report-a-problem.aspx>
- Keeping **porchlights on** from dusk to dawn for extra street lighting and deterring crime
- Completing your own home audit: see checklist at: <https://www.wrps.on.ca/en/recruiting/resources/homesecurity-selfaudit.pdf>

An overall safety audit will be done by volunteers in the coming weeks on a street-by-street basis. If you'd like to help, email writeus@oldeberlintown.ca.

Consumption and Treatment Services (CTS):

Representatives from OBT and the Downtown Neighbourhood Assoc. attend CTS Community Advisory Group meetings. An ad hoc group of these neighbourhood reps along with a Region and City rep are working together to create a handout for neighbourhoods/citizens. Projected content for residents with concerns will have "who to call" numbers such a police, City of Kitchener (519-741-2345) for security or other contacts; as well as needle disposal procedures. In the interim, call the Police Non-Emergency Line (519-570-9777) if you are concerned for someone's welfare or 911 for true emergencies!

SITE UPDATE: On October 15, the CTS site at 150 Duke began operations. Hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., 7 days a week. At any time during operating hours, the site is staffed by a supervisor, a registered nurse, a social service worker, and peer worker. A security guard is also on site during operating hours. The site is located on the second floor of the building while the full site is being renovated on the first floor. During this time, the services available include: • **supervised consumption** • **harm reduction supply access** • **wound care** • **ad-hoc counselling** • **referral pathways to social services, addiction treatment and primary care.**

The site had 5 clients on the first day of operations. Between October 15th and 31st, the site "was used 193 times, by 60 unique individuals" with more visits in the afternoon time period; weekends were "slightly busier". In the first two weeks, staff responded to five (5) overdoses; 911 was not called for any of these overdoses and all of the individuals affected recovered. Many people seem in great need of education about the impact of certain drugs practices. Referrals have been made to the Rapid Access Addiction Clinic, House of Friendship Men's Shelter, Ontario Addiction Treatment Centres (for Methadone) and meal programs.

Early observations related to policing and security show there were few incidents around the perimeter of the site, police had no calls for service to the site since it opened. Security and Sanguen staff report clients expressing ownership of the site.

Source: www.regionofwaterloo.ca

By Stephen Pedersen



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Olde Berlin Town – Board Roles & Committees

Your neighbourhood board meets monthly or as needed to plan any Association meetings, events, discuss concerns, and coordinate communications to residents. Board members listen to residents and share identified concerns, help with special events and attend meetings as needed. Information is shared through social media monthly and a printed newsletter delivered by street volunteers approximately three times annually. Board Roles: Chair/Co-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Committee representatives for Facebook, E-News, Instagram; Website Manager, Newsletter editor and a Delivery Coordinator and Members-at-Large. Committees: Safety Group, Heritage & Development, Events, Communications Group.

OBTNA Volunteer Board 2019

Sandra Castle, Rosemary Coleman, Donna Kuehl, Kathy Lawrence, Chris Mulligan, Jane Parmley, Leslie Stallard

E-Mail: writeus@oldeberlintown.ca

For updates/e-news: <http://oldeberlintown.ca/signup>
Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/oldeberlintown/>

We want to hear from you! We are looking for more VOLUNTEERS for our neighbourhood. No previous knowledge or experience required. Interested? If you are interested in joining the Board or a Committee, email writeus@oldeberlintown.ca or come to the Annual Meeting on January 25th.

Do you have thoughts on how we can make our neighbourhood even better? Ways to build a stronger sense of community and get neighbours engaged? Maybe you want to organize a small event? (There are grants available!). We would love to hear from you. Email us anytime with feedback at writeus@oldeberlintown.ca. Don't forget to follow us on social media

Nearby & Local Happenings

Do you wonder what's going on at our beautiful KPL Central Branch? With free flicks in their theatre, knitting workshops, toddler socials, music in the lounge, tech tutoring and so much more, there's something for everyone. Keep an eye on the library calendar at <http://kplca.evanced.info/signup/Calendar>. Don't forget to grab something tasty from the Hacienda Cafe, located just inside the library.

Have you visited our neighbourhood brewery lately? Descendants Brewery has great daily specials and events. (Musical Bingo, anyone?). They also just won Gold in The Record's Readers' Choice Awards. Cheers to that!

Get pampered close to home at The Sonneck House Salon and Spa! The Sonneck House (German for 'Sunny Corner') is located at 108 Queen Street North at the intersection of Queen Street North and Margaret Avenue. This is a heritage property, designated for its historic and architectural value by the City of Kitchener.

Welcome to a new neighbour - Harmony Wellness Collective! More therapy and services close to home in the rehabilitated properties at Ahrens & Victoria streets.

O.B.T. Neighbourhood Mini-Grant Program

Do you have a special event you want to organize in Olde Berlin Town neighbourhood? You can apply for an O.B.T. mini-grant of to \$50 to support your initiative.

Request application form at writeus@oldeberlintown.ca

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HERITAGE . . . Civic Centre Heritage Conservation District

54 Margaret Avenue

Commonly referred to as the house with the turret, 54 Margaret Avenue, Kitchener, Ontario is an English cottage built in the “Queen Anne Revival” style. The Civic Centre Heritage Conservation District plan recognizes this house as a Group A heritage treasure having high cultural value.

The house was originally built for butcher, Louis Rau, in 1880, whose short lived ownership ended in 1885. The house then became the property of Louis Jacob Breithaupt, the eldest son of Louis Breithaupt. The Breithaupt family was well known for their involvement in civic politics, landownership, and ran a prominent leather tanning business. Louis Jacob Breithaupt is shown on title during his time as mayor from 1888-1889, until he sold the home in 1898.

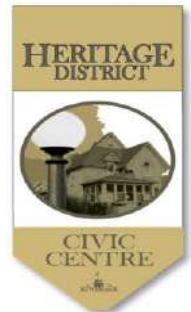
Herbert D. Bowman subsequently owned the home from 1898-1917, and Mr. Bowman was also a political figure having served as city clerk amongst other civic roles at the turn of the century. During recent renovations, a “moving pictures” ticket was found in one of the walls, along with an envelope addressed to Mr. Bowman, an interesting relic from the past.

In 1917, Charles Baetz of the Baetz Brothers furniture company bought the house, and he and his wife Catherine enjoyed the longest ownership in the home’s history, lasting into the 1970’s.

The house changed ownership many times after the 1970’s. One notable owner was Canadian artist Jeremy Smith who lived in the home during the early 1980’s, and illustrated beautiful scenes within the interior of the house.

Current owners, Chris Mulligan and Jane Parmley, are utilizing heritage grants to maintain and enhance the home for all to enjoy, having modified the zoning from medium-rise residential to low-rise residential, to better represent the home’s current land use, and to further protect this cultural landmark for generations to come.

Article by Chris Mulligan



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Civic Centre Heritage Conservation District (CCHCD) in Olde Berlin Town neighbourhood

CCHCD Plan: www.kitchener.ca/en/resourcesGeneral/Documents/DSD_PLAN_HeritagePlanCivicCentre.Pdf. Building(s) or property changes may require a [heritage permit](#). Vacant buildings within an HCD subject to heritage provisions of the [property standards bylaw](#).

- City of Kitchener: Heritage & Policy Planner 519-741-2200 ext. 7839; find Heritage Kitchener Committee www.kitchener.ca
- Region of Waterloo: <https://www.regionofwaterloo.ca/en/exploring-the-region/heritage-conservation-toolbox.aspx>
- Ontario Heritage Act: <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90o18>

PROMINENT PEOPLE . . . with connections to Olde Berlin Town Neighbourhood

W.D. Euler, a proud Canadian, lived his adult lifetime at 111 Queen Street North, which is now the site of the Centre in the Square. Born in 1875 in Conestoga, Ontario of German heritage, he grew up, became a teacher at Suddaby Public School, founded the Euler Business College and married Virginia Howd. He was elected eight times as a Member of Parliament (MP), was a Cabinet Minister, a member of the Privy Council and a Senator. In 1936, he toured Europe as a ‘good will’ trade ambassador, soliciting business in his country’s name. He had long talks with King Edward VIII in London, Hitler and Goering in Germany and negotiated important trade agreements in Europe. He served on various boards in Kitchener including the Waterloo Trust and Savings Company which later became Canada Trust, and Economical Mutual Insurance Company. He became President of the Laurier Clubs and was appointed as the first Chancellor of Waterloo Lutheran University in 1961, which topped a long career of thirty nine years in public office. He proudly served constituents and the country for the love of the people. He was buried from St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church in July 1961. Here are some events that represent the public life of William Daum Euler.



While W.D. Euler began his career as a teacher, he is better known for his lengthy political career that began as the Mayor of Berlin, Ontario (now Kitchener) in 1914 -1917. Shortly after World War I, a crowd in Berlin seized Mr. Euler, escorted him to the Hall of the Great War Veterans Association of Canada and was told to kiss the flag of Canada. “He refused, announcing he was willing to kiss the flag and sing God Save the King at a public ceremony, where everyone did, but he would not humiliate himself before an unruly mob”. This incident has its’ origin in the change of the city’s name from Berlin to Kitchener and the attempt to change it back. While Mr. Euler had no part in this, he was blamed for it anyway. Receiving a black eye and a bloody nose, he retained his self-respect.

Submitted by an Olde Berlin Town resident

EDITOR NOTE: Read *the rest of the story* at www.oldeberlintown.ca

He was a schoolmate and friend of Prime Minister William Lyon MacKenzie King, was elected 7 consecutive times, became a Federal Cabinet Minister of Trade and Commerce, and National Revenue Minister in charge of restoring the Customs and Excise Department that was rocked by scandal in 1926, was a Senator, was known as the “Oleo Margarine King of Canada” and was a United Nations representative.

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Councillor Sarah Marsh Ward 10, Kitchener

Dear Neighbours,

Happy Winter! I hope you will take the opportunity to go skating at Carl Zehr Square this winter, take in a comedy show at our KW Comedy Fest in February, and get creative at the newly opened Heffner Studio at the KPL. Here is an update on some important topics:

Climate Change: Last June, Kitchener City Council declared a climate change emergency in an effort to recognize the importance that as a community, we come together with all levels of government, businesses, and residents to address this global issue. To learn more about our plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, please see our corporate climate action plan at Kitchener.ca

Consumption and Treatment Services: The Region has opened their Consumption and Treatment Services site at 150 Duke St W. It has started with a basic level of services, and by spring 2020, they will have added wrap-around services including primary care and addictions counselling once their renovations have been completed. Three local neighbours living near the site are representing OBTNA, the DNA, and the new Downtown Kitchener Neighbourhood Association on the advisory committee. Feel free to contact me if you have feedback.

Yours truly,



sarah.marsh@kitchener.ca

519-741-2786 or 519-807-8006



Affiliation with the City of Kitchener:

What does it mean for a neighbourhood?

Olde Berlin Town Neighbourhood Association (OBTNA) in the Civic Centre is officially affiliated with the City of Kitchener as are many other neighbourhood associations. But not all neighbourhood groups and organizations in the city are affiliated. There is a process and criteria to be met before a neighbourhood is granted affiliation status.

Currently, there are important benefits that come with affiliation such as risk management, support from city staff, access to resources like a Community Centre, program grants, printing of newsletters, minutes, and flyers, and staff assistance (subject to guidelines and budgetary availability). In turn, affiliated groups are expected to “maintain a range of community based activities to improve the quality of life in the City”. They should be voluntary, not-for-profit, non-partisan, be inclusive of and responsible to the needs of the community, be open to the public and should have a structure for accountability. The city aims to encourage volunteerism and citizen leadership.

The city is reviewing its Affiliation Policy and a number of changes are being proposed to City Council by recreational staff. [An October 29th article in The Record](#) outlined several of these. Some of the proposals could impact some Associations financially and the booking of space for programs delivered at Community Centres. OBTNA has already participated in workshops and will continue to engage with the City.

Important Numbers To Know

- ◆ Ward Councillor, Sarah Marsh (519) 741-2786
sarah.marsh@kitchener.ca
- ◆ Police (519) 653-7700 or 519-570-9777
- ◆ Gas Leaks (519) 741-2529
- ◆ Property Standards (519)741-2345 www.kitchener.ca/bylawguide
- ◆ Crime Stoppers 1-800-222-TIPS (8477)
- ◆ City of Kitchener’s Contact Centre (519) 741-2345
- ◆ Garbage (519) 575-4400 www.regionofwaterloo.ca/waste
Download My Waste app recycling schedules & reminders

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WINTER PROGRAMS 2020

Registration begins November 19th, 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 Active Kitchener



REGISTERED PROGRAMS	AGES	DAY	TIME	Program Dates	Cost	#Classes	Activity #
Kinder Acro	3-5	Wednesday	5:00 - 5:30 pm	Jan 8 - Mar 11/20	\$ 40.00	10 weeks	40638
Kinder Acro Plus	6-8	Wednesday	5:30 - 6:00 pm	Jan 8 - Mar 11/20	\$ 40.00	10 weeks	40639
Creative Movement	3-4	Wednesday	6:00 - 6:30 pm	Jan 8 - Mar 11/20	\$ 40.00	10 weeks	40625
Jazz	5-8	Wednesday	6:30 - 7:15 pm	Jan 8 - Mar 11/20	\$ 55.00	10 weeks	40635
Ballet	5-8	Wednesday	7:15 - 8:00 pm	Jan 8 - Mar 11/20	\$ 55.00	10 weeks	40621
Dance It Out	16+	Monday	12:00 - 12:45 pm	Jan 13 - Mar 9/20	\$ 32.00	8 weeks	40626
Zumba	18+	Wednesday	12:30 - 1:30 pm	Jan 22 - Feb 19/20	\$ 27.00	5 weeks	40657
Zumba	18+	Wednesday	12:30 - 1:30 pm	Feb 26 - Mar 25/20	\$ 27.00	5 weeks	40658
Zumba	18+	Tuesday	5:00 - 6:00 pm	Jan 21 - Feb 18/20	\$ 27.00	5 weeks	43752
Zumba	18+	Tuesday	5:00 - 6:00 pm	Feb 25 - Mar 24/20	\$ 27.00	5 weeks	43573
The Planet Loves Birds	3-7	Monday	6:00 - 7:00 pm	Jan 27/20	\$ 15.00	1 week	40623
Please Play With Your Food	7-12	Monday	6:00 - 7:00 pm	Jan 27/20	\$ 15.00	1 week	40651
Moovin' and Groovin'	3-7	Monday	6:00 - 7:00 pm	Feb 24/20	\$ 15.00	1 week	40631
Colour Me Curious	7-12	Monday	6:00 - 7:00 pm	Feb 24/20	\$ 15.00	1 week	40624
The Planet Digs Bugs	3-7	Monday	6:00 - 7:00 pm	Mar 30/20	\$ 15.00	1 week	40654
Obey Newton: It's the Law!	7-12	Monday	6:00 - 7:00 pm	Mar 30/20	\$ 15.00	1 week	40659
Little Vet School	3-5	Thursday	10:00 - 11:00 am	Jan 30 - Mar 5/20	\$ 67.00	6 weeks	40644
Little Nutrition School	6-9	Thursday	6:00 - 7:00 pm	Jan 30 - Mar 5/20	\$ 67.00	6 weeks	40642
Kids Night Out with Little Medical School	6-10	Friday	5:00 - 9:00 pm	Feb 14/20	\$ 48.00	1 week	40636
Dramatic Elements	7-12	Wednesday	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Jan 29 - Mar 4/20	\$ 45.00	6 weeks	40629
Zumbini	0-4 + adu	Thursday	10:45 - 11:30 am	Feb 6 - Mar 12/20	\$ 45.00	6 weeks	40659

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
Volleyball at noon	18+	Tuesday	12:00 - 1:00 pm	on-going	\$ 3.00	weekly	drop-in
Badminton	16+	Wednesday	7:00 - 9:30 pm	on-going	\$ 3.00	weekly	drop-in
Indoor Soccer	16+	Thursday	6:30 - 8:00 pm	on-going	\$ 3.00	weekly	drop-in
Thursday night Basketball	18+	Thursday	8:00-10:00 pm	on-going	\$ 3.00	weekly	drop-in
Basketball at noon - Advanced	18+	Friday	12:00 - 1:00 pm	on-going	\$ 3.00	weekly	drop-in
Women's Volleyball	16+	Saturday	11:00am-12:30pm	on-going	\$ 3.00	weekly	drop-in
Adult Floor Hockey	18+	Saturday	1:30 - 3:30 pm	on-going	\$ 3.00	weekly	drop-in

The DNA is a not-for-profit, volunteer organization comprised of several Neighbourhoods in and around Downtown Kitchener, including Central Frederick, Olde Berlin Town, Victoria Park, Downtown Kitchener, Auditorium, Mt. Hope Breithaupt

