

# Olde Berlin Town Neighbourhood Association

**SPRING  
2022**

***In the Civic Centre ~ A Heritage Conservation District***

[www.oldeberlintown.ca](http://www.oldeberlintown.ca)

<https://www.facebook.com/OldeBerlinTown>

## **Hi Neighbour**

Spring really is coming. Maybe recent snow squalls and up and down temperatures are needed to produce a spring tonic – that great Canadian treat – maple syrup. March heralds new beginnings and ‘daylight saving time.’ April breathes life into the trees and spring flowers. March 8th was International Women’s Day; it’s wonderful that a special day marks the occasion, but why not celebrate women every day. Did you know there’s a national peanut butter and jelly bean day? In fact, there’s a reason to celebrate every day.

The Annual Meeting on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> is only a short time away. For the first time in 2 years we can meet in-person. If you’re unable to attend you might be able to engage on zoom and via [writeus@oldeberlintown.ca](mailto:writeus@oldeberlintown.ca) with comments or questions. Note: Zoom has limitations as it may be hard to hear presentations. Hope to see you there, to re-connect and meet new people. It’s a central location, just a short walk to the Art Gallery, in the same building as the Centre-In-The Square.

### **ANNUAL MEETING ~ Invitation**

#### ***Olde Berlin Town Neighbourhood***

***Saturday, March 26, 2022 at 1:00 pm***  
**K-W Art Gallery, 101 Queen Street North, Kitchener**

**Keynote Presentation by Mary Dowhaniuk, DCC**

**Bring your ideas and concerns ~ Join the conversation**  
**Come out to meet and greet your neighbours.**

Masks required; if feeling unwell, follow Provincial guidelines  
<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/>

*Note: refreshment are not provided (may bring you own)*

Thanks to all the volunteers in Olde Berlin Town, both past and present. You are so very much appreciated.

Your Olde Berlin Town Volunteers are the mainstay and support for sustaining the Association – making it happen.

~ Communicating: with residents sharing timely information through E-News, social media and the printed page

~ Identifying: safety concerns, development issues, opportunities for local activities

~ Liaising: with City of Kitchener to benefit residents in Olde Berlin Town for programs at the Community Centre, access to internet tools, printing seasonal newsletters, funding opportunities for neighbourhood projects

**Currently the Neighbourhood Association board has 3 active members. We are losing 2 of these vital volunteers after the AGM. It will be next to impossible to keep the Association going with just one person.**

**New volunteers are urgently needed !**

If you can assist with the website, social media or be a member on the Safety, Activities or Development committee, send an email note to [writeus@oldeberlintown.ca](mailto:writeus@oldeberlintown.ca). The Neighbourhood Association MUST have 3 Board members to maintain affiliation with city.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD Groups, Committees & Community Outreach**

**HERITAGE & HISTORY:** *submitted by Ilona Bodendorfer, Heritage Kitchener representative*

Who was Lillian Breithaupt? Emma Lillian Breithaupt was born May 28<sup>th</sup>, 1884 to Louis Jacob Breithaupt and Emma Alvarena Devitt. Lillian was the second eldest child in a family of eight children. The Breithaupt family lived in the house at the corner of Margaret and Queen (108 Queen Street North) also known as “Sonneck” House. She never married and died on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 1951 at the age of 67.



The following recipes are from The Berlin Cook Book 1906 found in the rare book collection at the KPL

### **Maple Fudge Sugar**

1 pound maple sugar  
2/3 cup milk  
1 square or 1 ounce chocolate (unsweetened)  
¼ cup butter  
½ to 1 cup nut meat

Heat maple sugar grated or broken in small pieces and the milk to boiling point. Add chocolate and stir constantly till it is melted. Boil 8 minutes stirring occasionally and add butter. Boil about 7 minutes longer or until a soft ball is formed in cold water. Remove from fire add 1 teaspoon vanilla and nut meat if desired and stir until mixture is cream. Turn into a well-buttered saucepan having candy about ½ of an inch thick and when nearly cold cut into squares.

*Miss. Lillian Breithaupt*

### **Beefsteak Pie**

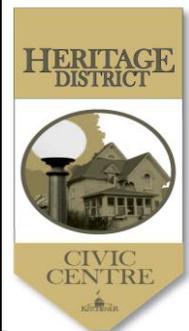
Cut remnants of cold broiled stake or roast beef in 1 inch cubes, cover with boiling water, add 1 small onion, and cook slowly one hour. Remove onion, thicken gravy with flour diluted with cold water, and season with salt and pepper, add 4 potatoes cut in 1/2 inch slices, 1/2 cup turnip cut in dice and 3/4 cup carrot cut in dice, which have been parboiled eight minutes in boiling water. Put in a buttered pudding dish, cool, cover with baking powder biscuit mixture or pie crust, bake in a hot oven. If covered with pie crust make several incisions in crust that gases may escape.

*Miss. Lillian Breithaupt*

### **Sources re: Civic Centre Heritage Conservation District (CCHCD) in Olde Berlin Town Neighbourhood**

CCHCD Plan: [www.kitchener.ca/en/resourcesGeneral/Documents/DSD\\_PLAN\\_HeritagePlanCivicCentre.Pdf](http://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, Deeksha Choudhry 519-741-2200 ext. 7041
- Municipal Heritage Committee: <https://www.kitchener.ca/en/building-and-development/heritage.aspx>
- 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>



**City of Kitchener Heritage Grant Program:** If you own property individually designated under the Ontario Heritage Act or in one of our Heritage Districts, you may be eligible to receive grants towards the conservation of your property. Grants range between \$500 and \$3,000 and can cover 50% of the cost of eligible projects. All applicants are required to meet with staff to review the details of their application prior to submission. Please contact heritage planning staff at [heritage@kitchener.ca](mailto:heritage@kitchener.ca). Deadline for applications is May 31, 2022. Details at: <https://www.kitchener.ca/en/taxes-utilities-and-finance/heritage-funding.aspx>



## DEVELOPMENT GROUP

**22 Weber St W:** On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, the **City of Kitchener Planning Division** held a virtual Neighbourhood Meeting to share details on the revised application from 30 Duke Street LTD to amend the Official Plan and Zoning By-law regarding 22 Weber St W. The Neighbourhood Association delivered a 1-page notice in advance of the meeting to the neighbourhood. At the meeting, Garrett Stevenson, a senior city planner, explained the amended application is seeking additional floor space and an increase from 15 to 19 storeys. He reviewed Kitchener's various by-laws and Heritage Kitchener's involvement. In addition, he explained the application is under appeal with the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT). The process is similar to a court case. The meeting was recorded and should soon be available on the "[Current Planning Applications](#)" page of the city's website. In the question and answer session following the presentation, Stevenson provided limited responses, as the matter is before the OLT. **You can still send comments and concerns to the City by March 20th** to Senior Planner, Craig Dumart, [craig.dumart@kitchener.ca](mailto:craig.dumart@kitchener.ca), (519) 741-2200 ext. 7073. "Friends of Olde Berlin Town", an independent neighbourhood group and party at the OLT hearing, offers more information at [www.obtfriends.ca](http://www.obtfriends.ca).

On March 1<sup>st</sup>, **Heritage Kitchener** acknowledged letters sent in advance of the online meeting and heard several citizens and a heritage planner challenge the revised Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) submitted by the applicant for the 22 Weber St W development. You can watch the meeting at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=1\\_Q1BLeLOkU&t=1538s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=1_Q1BLeLOkU&t=1538s). The comments submitted by the public and Heritage Kitchener Committee members were collected by the City.

**Updating the Region of Waterloo Official Plan:** A consultant's report estimates the regional population will reach 923,000 people and 470,000 jobs by 2051. The Province requires completion of a Land Needs Assessment by July 1, 2022 to accommodate this growth. The Land Needs Assessment will, in turn, inform the Regional Official Plan (ROP), a key document guiding long-term growth and development in the Region.

Regional planning staff are also soliciting public input on policies governing Major Transit Station Areas (MTSAs), the lands within a 10-minute walk (500 to 800 metres) of an ION stop. Most of the Olde Berlin Town neighbourhood is expected to be within a MTSA. You can see the draft policies and the online means of delivering feedback at <https://www.engagewr.ca/regional-official-plan>. You can reach out to the region by email at [regionalofficialplanreview@regionofwaterloo.ca](mailto:regionalofficialplanreview@regionofwaterloo.ca).



**SAFETY COMMITTEE** The Committee considers ways to help with concerns. Printed newsletters and E-News often cover topics promoting a safe and welcoming neighbourhood. An Association pamphlet with tips and ‘who to call’ is posted on the website. If you have internet access, download this at <https://oldeberlintown.ca/welcome-to-olde-berlin-town/>. Olde Berlin Town has a neighbourhood representative on the Community Advisory Group for Region of Waterloo’s Consumption and Treatment Services site at Duke and College streets. A work-in-progress is a community Safety Audit. If you have been a victim of a scam and suffered a loss, report the incident at [www.wrps.on.ca/onlinereporting](http://www.wrps.on.ca/onlinereporting) or call the police non-emergency number 519-570-9777. You can also email the *Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre* [www.antifraudcentre.ca](http://www.antifraudcentre.ca) or call 1-888-495-8501.

**Property Standards and City By-Laws** are featured most months on the Association’s electronic E-News with useful tips and reminders about checking regulations before you start a project on your property. The city has an online **Neighbourhood By-Law Guide** which can be accessed at [https://www.kitchener.ca/en/resourcesGeneral/Documents/CSD\\_BYLAW\\_Community\\_Guide.pdf](https://www.kitchener.ca/en/resourcesGeneral/Documents/CSD_BYLAW_Community_Guide.pdf) or call 519-741-2345. The featured by-laws for January and February were Snow Removal and Home Based Business. Bylaws enable the city to maintain a high standard of safety and respect for our community, and for one another. **It’s about keeping our city beautiful and safe.**

## **OTHER NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES**

**Bike Trail on Margaret Avenue:** Darren Kropf, Active Transportation Planning Project Manager announced “the construction to install a multi-use trail along Margaret Avenue and Otto Street has been deferred to 2023. The overall Downtown Cycling Network project remains on schedule to be completed in 2023, but the Margaret/Otto portion was adjusted to better fit construction timelines.” 519-741-2200 ext.7314 [darren.kropf@kitchener.ca](mailto:darren.kropf@kitchener.ca).

**Volunteer Opportunity with City to Shape the future of Downtown . . .** We’re looking for someone to represent our neighbourhood as part of a Downtown Community Working Group. This committee will support the development of a new vision and equity-based principles to guide the next generation of community-led transformation in Downtown Kitchener. Deadline to apply is Friday, March 25, 2022. See information on city website: [kitchener.ca/volunteer](http://kitchener.ca/volunteer)

**Neighbours Day 2022 . . .** Want to be part of Neighbours Day 2022 and help bring live music to your neighbourhood? This year, the City is aiming to offer 100 concerts . . . across the City on **Saturday June 18, 2022**. They are looking for musicians to perform and music ambassadors to host performers. Or, if you prefer to host your own event - apply for up to \$200 gift card for event supplies. Submit application online by March 31<sup>st</sup> at <https://www.kitchener.ca/en/arts-culture-and-events/neighbours-day.aspx>.



### **Two Funding Opportunities for Community Projects**

#### **LoveMyHood Neighbourhood Matching Grant**

This grant supports resident-led projects, like little libraries and pollinator patches, across the city. Do you have a project idea or interested in learning more? **Connect with our team of Neighbourhood Liaisons to get started!**

Project applications for the LoveMyHood Matching Grant and the RISE Fund are reviewed each season on the following dates:

- Thursday, March 17, 2022
- Thursday, May 19, 2022
- Thursday, August 18, 2022
- Thursday, November 17, 2022

Learn more about both grants by visit the **LoveMyHood Matching Grant page** and **RISE Fund page** to get started.

#### **Racialized and Indigenous Supports for Equity (RISE) Fund**

This new grant program is for organizations and groups run by and for Black, Indigenous, and racialized community members to support community-led programs, initiatives, and events.

Applications are now open for the City of Kitchener's new fund.

## Councillor Sarah Marsh Ward 10, Kitchener



Dear neighbours,

Happy Spring to you!

**Downtown Kitchener Vision:** With all the changes happening in and around Downtown Kitchener, we are developing a long-term vision document to help chart the course for the next 10 years. Do you want to be a part of it? Search for Downtown Community Working Group on our website to learn more and to apply to sit on our committee. Deadline to apply is March 25th. If you are interested to stay in touch about that, let us know and we can add you to the list of contacts for engagement opportunities throughout the year-long process.

**Post-COVID Economic Recovery:** Our community's post-pandemic economic recovery is already underway, and although the road ahead is as yet uncertain, long and difficult, we do see light at the end of the tunnel. Our local businesses and organizations need our support in order to succeed. Please keep this in mind when making your purchasing decisions. Also, we expect to see a return of many in-person festivals and arts-based offerings this summer. Check out [downtownkitchener.ca](http://downtownkitchener.ca) or tune in to local social media channels to learn more, including: @DTKitchener @KWFamous.

Feel free to reach out with any questions or ideas. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

[sarah.marsh@kitchener.ca](mailto:sarah.marsh@kitchener.ca) 519-741-2786 or 519-807-8006

### ZONING BYLAWS

#### Important Information for Land Owners

City of Kitchener has two zoning bylaws:

Zoning bylaw 85-1 (in force and effect)

Zoning bylaw 2019-051 (Stage 1 non-residential zones, in effect);

Note: *the zoning section for residential and urban growth centre (downtown) is 'reserved' and not in effect*

**Zoning bylaws** state *how land can be used; location and types of buildings/structures allowed and how they may be used*

The **Comprehensive Review of the Zoning Bylaw (CRoZBy)** is being **completed in stages; used to update zoning bylaws in ways that complement and support growth.** Ward 10 is slated for review in early 2022.

For more information contact city Planning Division at [519-741-2426](tel:519-741-2426)

### Important Numbers To Know

- ◆ Ward Councillor, Sarah Marsh (519) 741-2786 [sarah.marsh@kitchener.ca](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.regionofwaterloo.ca/waste)  
Download My Waste app recycling schedules & reminders

### **OBTNA Volunteer Board ~ 2021**

Noam Miller, Jane Parmley, Donna Kuehl,  
Rosemary Coleman, Stephen Pedersen, Leslie Stallard

E-Mail: [writeus@oldeberlintown.ca](mailto:writeus@oldeberlintown.ca)

For updates/e-news: <http://oldeberlintown.ca/signup>

Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/oldeberlintown/>

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/OldeBerlinTown>

Heritage Kitchener representative - Ilona Bodendorfer

**We want to hear from you!** [writeus@oldeberlintown.ca](mailto:writeus@oldeberlintown.ca).

### Residents of Olde Berlin Town neighbourhood

Volunteers are invaluable.

Volunteers are the lifeline of neighbourhood success.

Volunteers keep connections and make new connections.

Volunteers bring fresh ideas and new approaches to old concerns.

Volunteers see things, hear things, and are eyes into the needs of the community.

Volunteers put a tremendous effort watching out for the safety and well-being of those who live here.

Volunteers strive to create a place where residents feel connected, know each other and care about their neighbours

**... a place people are proud to call home.**

Editor Note: Printed newsletters are normally delivered 3 or 4 times a year with news about the neighbourhood, events and activities, municipal information, heritage and items of interests. We also share neighbourhood news via our Facebook page. **Subscribe at <https://oldeberlintown.ca/signup/>**



### March

- March 8. International Women's Day.
- March 14. Daylight Savings Day
- March 20. First day of Spring
- **March 26. Olde Berlin Town Neighbourhood AGM**

### April

- April 1. April Fool's Day
- April 7. World Health Day
- April 22. Earth Day

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

Be an  
Olde Berlin town  
Neighbourhood  
**VOLUNTEER**



IT Technical Support  
Deliver Newsletters  
Association Leader  
Editorial Member  
Web Coordinator

**YOU ARE NEEDED**

### Downtown Community Centre

Our Neighbourhood Association is affiliated with the City of Kitchener and the Downtown Community Centre at 35B Weber Street West. While the pandemic restrictions had a major impact on programs, most were lifted at the beginning of March. You still need to wear a mask at the Centre. Exercise programs and other activities such as line dancing, gymnastics for kids, and card games are now up and running. You can register online at [www.kitchener.ca/downtowncc](http://www.kitchener.ca/downtowncc), then select 'Find a Program'. Or contact the Centre by phone, 519-741-2501.