

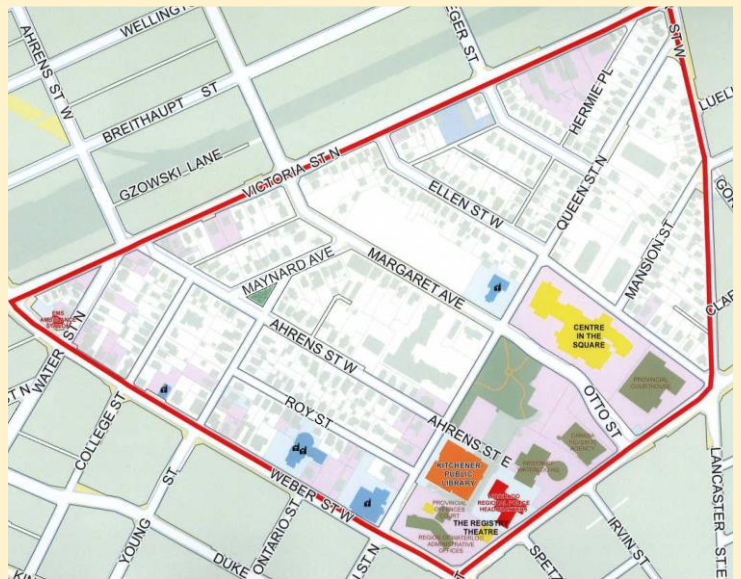


NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWSLETTER

Summer 2024

59th edition

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Boundaries of of Olde Berlin Town neighbourhood

Olde Berlin Town Neighbourhood Association

In the Civic Centre Heritage Conservation District

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Olde Berlin Town Neighbourhood Association

In the Civic Centre Heritage Conservation District Summer Newsletter ~ 2024

Summer is here and gardens are in bloom. Walkers, cyclists and residents are enjoying the outdoors and going to local events and festivals. If you moved recently to Olde Berlin Town (OBT) neighbourhood, sign up on the website or email writeus@oldeberlintown.ca to receive monthly e-News.

It was great to see so many attending the Neighbourhood Association's annual Meet and Greet on March 25th at the K-W Art Gallery, with guest speaker John MacDonald (F.O.N. co-founder). Councillor Stephanie Stretch, Mike Morrice MP for Kitchener Centre and Aislinn Clancy MPP for Kitchener Centre attended and brought greetings. The OBT Neighbourhood Association gained a new representative, Kristen, and another, Peter Vlaard, retired. Thank you for supporting and for caring about your community.

While the Association usually emails a monthly electronic newsletter, periodically a printed newsletter is hand-delivered to reach new residents with information about the neighbourhood. An overview of the Association is on the last few pages of this newsletter.

Introducing New Chair for Olde Berlin Town Neighbourhood Association



Hello! My name is Andrew Milne. Along with my wife and our daughter, we've been proud residents of the Olde Berlin Town neighbourhood (on Ellen St) since 2018. I've been on the OBTNA board since 2022. I have been a faculty member in the Mechanical and Mechatronics Engineering program at the University of Waterloo since 2015.

I'm happy to have taken on the chair role since our AGM. I want to say a huge thank you to Donna Kuehl who has served on the OBTNA, and been its' chair, for many, many years. Our neighbourhood is better for your tireless work, Donna. Thank you.

As a member of the board, I want to support activities that foster connection and community among the neighbourhood residents, and the wider city. Please, contact the board at writeus@oldeberlintown.ca with any ideas you have of what you'd like to see, do, or organize in the neighbourhood. We're especially interested in making more connections with our neighbours living in apartments and condo complexes, so please make it known what would help there. Please contact us with concerns you have so we can help you find the right people at the city to contact.

We are also looking for additional people interested in serving on the board. We meet monthly, typically by zoom, and your commitment can be tailored to your availability.

Community Projects on O.B.T.

SENSORY GARDEN Grant by Jessica Romero

Olde Berlin Town Neighbourhood Association is pleased to announce that a neighbourhood group has been awarded a Love My Hood Grant from the City of Kitchener. The neighbourhood group in partnership with the Kitchener Waterloo Art Gallery, and Centre in the Square will establish a sensory garden named Vera's Garden. The garden will grow on the Centre in the Square grounds outside of the Kitchener Waterloo Art Gallery. The intention for the sensory garden is to create a place for neighbours to gather,



connect, and continue to foster friendships and well-being. Beneficial, native, and pollinator plants will be used to create an accessible community garden space for people to explore, play, rest, learn, and teach. If you are interested in learning more about this project and how you can participate, please contact writeus@oldeberlintown.ca.

FESTIVAL OF NEIGHBOURHOODS – Grant award update by A. Milne



As most hopefully know from previous newsletters/posters/meetings, the OBTNA was awarded \$20,000 at last year's Festival of Neighbourhoods. This money is awarded by random draw, with eligibility determined by attendance at the Festival, by an active neighbourhood association. The money is to be spent on capital project(s) on city property. (In terms of what is city property, think of spaces like the Centre in the Square and the Art Gallery, Parks, the KPL, the Registry Theatre, as well as Boulevards and public laneways). Capital projects are permanent things (though they don't have to be bolted down).

This amount is both a lot and a little. It can do things like benches on a concrete pad, a bike fix station, message board(s), or a pollinator patch. The city has guidelines about accessibility to all residents, and quality of work (so their money isn't wasted), and they won't approve projects with large ongoing costs in terms of electricity, water, ongoing maintenance, etc.).

We have had three public consultations so far (at our AGM, and meetings at the College St and 20 Ellen E apartments). A huge thank you to the residents of these buildings for helping organize the event and for hosting us. Frequent comments relate to:

- Public message boards (in either park(s) or laneways)
- Laneway improvements (beautification, plants, seating, artwork, way finding, walking trails)
- Civic Centre (Firefighters) park improvements (BBQ pits, activities like horseshoe pits, bike lockups etc.)
- Gardens (community food gardens, pollinator plants, sensory gardens, teaching gardens, beautiful gardens, etc.). *Note that a separate Love My Hood grant is being used to create a sensory garden along Queen St.*
- Public art
- We've also heard ideas that are unfortunately out of the scope of the award or otherwise unsuitable, but which we will advocate with the city to complete on their own. These are ideas like:
 - Dog park and/or ice rink in Civic Centre park (too costly, based on feedback from the city)
 - Repairs of the historic street lights along Queen (too costly, and the City's job)
 - Public exercise equipment in the Downtown Community Centre (out of scope of the funds)
 - Lighting in the laneway (too costly, and something that does not have universal support from residents)
 - Indoor improvements to the KPL (too costly)
 - Upgraded playground equipment (too costly, and the City's job)
 - Improvement to Hibner park (*Note that the City has Hibner Park on its' list for improvements in the next few years, so stay tuned for your chance to provide input!*)
 - Replacement of fallen trees with equally large/long lived species (again, part of the City's job)

We are presently preparing ideas to send to the City, for them to review. Within 2-3 months we should get back options, with costs, of what's possible. After this we will poll the neighbourhood again to see which option gives the greatest benefit to residents. If you have feedback on the above (if you think we've missed something or gotten something wrong, etc.), or if there's anything else you want to talk to us about, please let us know by emailing writeus@oldeberlintown.ca or leaving a message at the Downtown Community Centre.

Editor's Note: The Festival of Neighbourhoods celebrated its 30th anniversary on Nov. 19, 2023. Neighbourhoods are encouraged to organize inclusive and accessible neighbourhood gatherings and then submit activities throughout the year. The year culminates with a festival event at City Hall, usually mid-November. Link: www.festivalofneighbourhoods.ca

ACTIVITIES in O.B.T. Neighbourhood

WEAVING EVENT: by Jessica Romero

Come join Agnes from Mindful Makers on **Saturday, July 20 from 12 – 4 pm** at the Civic Centre Firefighters Park for a free weaving event. You will learn how to weave a garden ornament. Invite your neighbours and friends. This is the first of two workshops and the next event will be in November. This event is sponsored by TD Park People Grants in partnership with Mindful Makers and Olde Berlin Town Neighbourhood association

The flyer is for a 'Free Community Weaving Event' organized by the Olde Berlin Town Neighbourhood Association. It is scheduled for Saturday, July 20th, from 12 to 4 pm at Civic Centre Park in Kitchener, ON. The event is free and requires no registration. It is sponsored by TD Park People Grants, TD Ready Commitment, Park People Amis des Parcs, and Mindful Makers. The flyer includes a drawing of a potted plant and a pair of scissors with the text 'bring your clippers!'. Contact information is provided as writeus@oldeberlintown.ca.

Olde Berlin Town Neighbourhood Association

Free Community Weaving Event

Sat. July 20th

Civic Centre Park
Kitchener, ON
12 - 4 pm

Learn to make willow garden items.
No registration required.

Questions? Contact: writeus@oldeberlintown.ca

Thank you to our sponsors:

TD Park People Grants TD READY COMMITMENT park people amis des parcs Mindful Makers

YOGA IN HIBNER PARK by Annie Doran

Mondays, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM until August 26.

The flyer is for a 'FREE Yoga' class in Hibner Park. It is held on Mondays from 7-8 PM from June 17 to August 26. The class is beginner-friendly and welcomes all abilities. It is located at Ahrens/Young/Maynard. Contact information is provided as annemichelle.s@gmail.com. The flyer features a silhouette of a person in a yoga pose against a sunset background.

FREE
Yoga
HIBNER PARK
MONDAYS 7-8PM
JUNE 17 - AUGUST 26

Bring a mat and join a gentle practice with your neighbours.
A few extra mats will be available.
All abilities welcome!

LOCATED AT AHRENS/YOUNG/MAYNARD
QUESTIONS? ANNEMICHELLE.S@GMAIL.COM

I completed my Yoga Teacher Training this past June with the wonderful teachers at The Branches. As part of continuing to build my teacher chops, I want to offer free yoga in Hibner Park over the summer alongside my fellow student, Rod Regier, who also lives in this neighbourhood.

This would be beginner-friendly, which means lots of standing poses, not too much downward dog, all at a gentle pace. The goal is to have a class that anyone can join, and to connect with the community and nature in the lovely space that Hibner has to offer. I have some mats and blocks with the help of the OBTNA, so if you don't have your own, that is not a barrier!

Yoga has been such a balancing addition to my life, and I am eager to share it with others. Classes are every Monday evening, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM until August 26.

Yoga in Civic Centre Park by the Branches Yoga

Wednesdays, starting July 3, 12:30 PM to 1:15 PM

Thursdays, starting July 4, 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Civic Centre Park

Bringing Yoga into the park, as a free event, expresses the true meaning of yoga as unity and invites more equity of access to yoga practice. Each week, trained yoga instructors from The Branches Yoga will walk participants through a series of poses that will help them relax and reset for the rest of the day. All are welcome and the sessions are free to participate. No need to sign up, just show up!

AFFORDABLE PROGRAMS at the Downtown Community Centre

Olde Berlin Town neighbourhood sponsors community sports programs through the Downtown alliance of Neighbourhood Associations (DNA).

DROP-IN: *Basketball ~ Volleyball ~ Badminton ~ Ball Hockey*

Register online at [ActiveNet Kitchener](#) or in person at
Downtown Community Centre, 35B Weber Street West PH: 519-741-2501

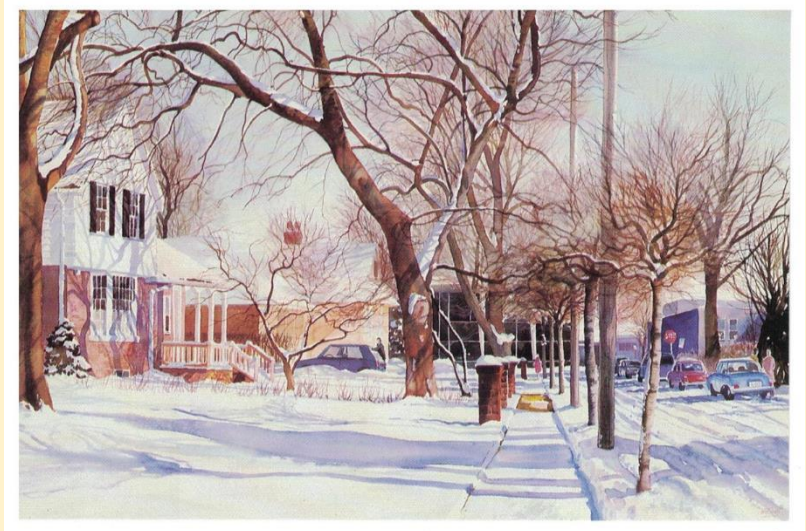
HERITAGE in O.B.T.

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS:

by Roseangela

Help us feature some of the history of our neighborhood in future newsletters! Features can include historical photos, interesting objects found in your home, news clippings, architectural details, family histories etc.

If you would like to share an interesting piece of your home's history, please send information to Roseangela Cappellano at roseangela.cap@gmail.com.



Roy Street, Kitchener – 1991 Watercolour by Bert Williams

SAFETY CONCERNS in O.B.T.

CONSUMPTION AND TREATMENT SERVICES by Neil Jensen

LINK: <https://www.regionofwaterloo.ca/en/health-and-wellness/consumption-and-treatment-services.aspx>,

Consumption and Treatment Services (CTS), located at 150 Duke St. W., is a health care service where people can use their own drugs under the supervision of medically trained workers. It is operated by Sanguen Health Centre (<https://sanguen.com/>) in partnership with Region of Waterloo Public Health. Other harm reduction and associated services are also provided. Check out the online video tour of the CTS (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hytib2ZwxaM>).

Olde Berlin Town has a representative on the CTS Community Advisory Group where we can get updates and provide neighbourhood feedback. When asked about the pick-up of needles in the area, they said that they are limited in what they can do outside of their building. For example, they cannot go onto private property and are too under-staffed to be able to go into the neighbourhood.

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE:

22 Weber Street West - Ontario Land Tribunal appeal revived

by Hal Jaeger

The owner of 22 Weber St W is reviving its Ontario Land Tribunal appeal, starting with a Case Management Conference on August 27, 2024. The appeal was adjourned at the owner’s request in January 2023.

Many might recall the application which seeks Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw amendments to permit unlimited height and minimal front and side yard setbacks in support of the 19-storey (58.6 m) build depicted to the right.

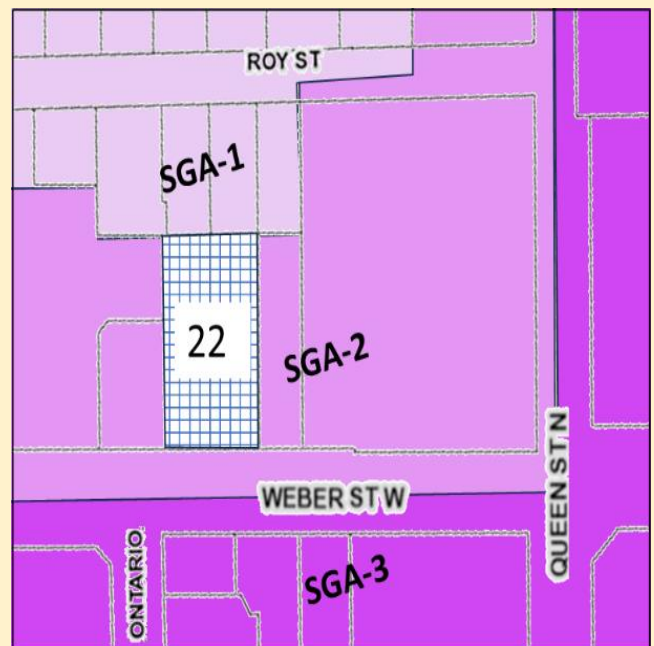


Rendition based on a non-binding conceptual design

New Strategic Growth Area (SGA) zoning was applied by the City of Kitchener to the surrounding properties on March 19, 2024, via the Growing Together project, as shown below. The SGA zoning is subject to Regional approval and any appeals. The City did not re-zone 22 Weber St W, as the case was before the Tribunal. The accompanying table identifies aspects of the developer’s proposed zoning which conflict with the [SGA-2 zoning](#) applied to all properties on the north side of Weber St W, inside the Civic Centre Heritage Conservation District. For context, the rear yard neighbours, which are 2¹/₂-storey builds, are limited to 11m of height, under SGA-1 zoning. It should be noted that a) the full development permissions of SGA zoning are only available to properties meeting lot width and area requirements, b) SGA zones include larger setbacks for storeys above the 6th floor and c) the [Heritage District Plan](#) takes precedence over zoning provisions, in the event of a conflict.

The Tribunal may now decide on the application in the context of the new zoning. More specifically, at the August 27th Case Management Conference, the Tribunal may initiate a reset of the process by which a decision will be made.

When first faced with the appeal, concerned neighbours formed Friends of Olde Berlin Town, a not-for-profit organization in pursuit of an equitable and inclusive community, and attained Party-status before the Tribunal. Concerns include the fair and universal application of the law, appropriate transitions in built form, undue diminishment of sunlight and quiet enjoyment, and that the approval of the application could undermine the viability of neighbouring heritage resources. Friends of Olde Berlin Town welcomes new members. Further information is available at www.obtfriends.ca.

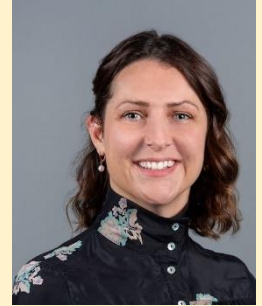


	SGA-2 Zoning	Developer’s Proposal
Max. Height	8 storeys	Unlimited
Min. Front & Side Yard Setback	3m	0.8m Front Yard
		1.2m Side Yard
Min. Front & Side Yard Setback, for storeys 7 and above	6m	0.8m Front Yard
		1.2m Side Yard
Min. Landscaped Area	20%	8%

Stephanie Stretch, Councillor for Ward 10

Hello Olde Berlin Town!

I'm Stephanie Stretch and I'm your representative at Kitchener City Council. As your Ward 10 Councillor and Olde Berlin Town resident, I am really honoured and happy to be serving you. I was appointed to the seat in Jan 2024 after a provincial by-election. I am happy to be serving you and couldn't be more grateful but I am also thankful for the summer months that allow me to jump in with two feet. I have just released a summer newsletter and plan to release another in the fall, and then quarterly. You can sign up for my newsletters and learn more about me on my webpage listed below. Here are a few city and regional projects I would like to bring to your attention.



The Region of Waterloo is improving Victoria St N by replacing the asphalt road surface, storm sewers, sidewalks, curbs, and gutters. They will also add new traffic signals at Victoria St N and Ahrens St, and upgrade the streetlights. A new multi-use path will also run from Victoria St N and Weber St W intersection to the Kitchener GO/Via Rail train station.

The Region is also sharing the preferred option for the modifications of Victoria Street between Weber St and King St in the area of the future Central Transit Hub right in the heart of Ward 10.

You are invited to review and provide input on an online, recorded presentation on the EngageWR project page. <https://www.engagewr.ca/victoria-street-modifications>. The video presentation will include an overview of the problems and opportunities, the alternatives considered, the evaluation of alternatives, and the preferred alternative. Please fill out the survey on the EngageWR page and share your comments until August. Direct any questions about the consultation or project, to: Oriana Aguas 519 575 4400 ex 4558 or oaguas@regionofwaterloo.ca.

Another exciting project that the city is looking for your input is Victoria Park Master Plan. As the oldest park in Kitchener, established in 1896, Victoria Park has grown into a highly treasured public space at the core of the city. To maintain this invaluable asset, we are updating the Victoria Park Master Plan, a guiding document for how we support the park's infrastructure long-term. To update the plan, we will re-assess both public and City priorities within Victoria Park. We will review existing conditions and amenities in the park, as well as analyze how the park is being used and how it will need to support the community in the future. This data-driven process will help us develop a 10-year plan for how the park is improved, maintained, and operated. Get involved! Public input will help us understand what's important for us to consider in the development of the master plan. Your contributions will help us ensure Victoria Park's infrastructure better serves Kitchener residents now and into the future. Project updates and opportunities to get involved on this page. To subscribe for updates, add your email to the Stay Informed box on this page and click 'Subscribe'. <https://www.engagewr.ca/victoriaparkmp>

You will be able to find me this summer in the neighbourhood with my family and at the Community Weaving event on July 20 from 12 - 4 at the Civic Centre - Firefighters Park. You will also usually find me on Friday evenings at Vogelsang Green. The Sunset Sessions start at 7:30pm with a surprise musical guest every week, so you can show up and discover something new each time you visit, every Friday until Sept 21st.

As always, you are invited to reach me directly at 519-741-2786, stephanie.stretch@kitchener.ca or by following me on social media: @stretch_ward10. I would be happy to help connect you with these projects. You can visit my website www.stephanie.stretch.ca and sign up for my newsletter if you are looking for more updates from council and the community.

I also strongly encourage you to contact The City anytime for questions and/or reporting issues. Over-the-phone service can be accessed 24/7 by dialing 519-741-2345.

Looking forward to connecting,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephanie Stretch".

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ABOUT - The Neighbourhood Association

by Donna Kuehl and Neil Jensen

The **Olde Berlin Town Neighbourhood Association** (OBTNA) is located in one of the oldest parts of Kitchener. City of Kitchener land use maps and records identify OBT area as Civic Centre Neighbourhood. A resident's association formed in 1972 (originally named Civic Centre Neighbourhood Association) has run continuously ever since. The name changed in 2007 to Olde Berlin Town Neighbourhood and has since evolved to Olde Berlin Town Neighbourhood Association in the Civic Centre Heritage Conservation District, after its heritage designation under Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act in October 2008 (By-law No. 2008-39).

OBTNA is officially affiliated with the City of Kitchener through the Downtown Community Centre (DCC) who provides support and guidance. The Association is a member of the Downtown Neighbourhood Alliance of Neighbourhood Associations (DNA), a collaboration of Downtown neighbourhoods, offering community programs at the Downtown Community Centre, 35B Weber St. W., Kitchener.

Mission:

To be a neighbourhood that: ♦ maximizes quality of life by encouraging interaction between residents, visitors, and businesses alike; ♦ nurtures participation for the well-being of individuals and the community as a whole

Aims:

♦ Promote community awareness ♦ Foster pride in our neighbourhood ♦ Advocate for a safe and inclusive community

If you're a newcomer to the city, the websites for the Region of Waterloo (<https://www.regionofwaterloo.ca>) and the City of Kitchener (www.kitchener.ca) are great resources. A one-stop site for online engagement opportunities across Waterloo Region is www.engagewr.ca; just choose a municipality to view engagement topics currently open for your input/participation.

Neighbourhood Focus Groups

The Neighbourhood Association focuses on communication, safety issues, activities & event and civic concerns such as new developments, heritage conservation, parks and infrastructure. In 2023 the OBT board expanded the focus to include 'Community Improvement' projects such as a Community Bulletin Board and green space improvements. Additional volunteers are needed to plan or help with events and assist focus groups. If you are interested in volunteering for a group please email: writeus@oldeberlintown.ca.

Neighbourhood
VOLUNTEERS



ACTIVITIES & EVENTS:

This neighbourhood group looks for ways to bring neighbours together for fun, fitness, education, garden tours, social gatherings and so on. Activities are open to all residents, accessible and promote community involvement. While organizing a special events or activity requires takes energy and a bit of time, joining a group or helping at a special event opens doors to new opportunities, making new friends and learning more about the community. There are different ways to connect with neighbours.

- Join an existing program or sports activity at the Downtown Community Centre
- A recent suggestion was the need for a 'Welcome Kit' for new people moving into the neighbourhood. More help is needed to get this project started.
- Start a new activity; contact OBT at writeus@oldeberlintown.ca for help and spread the word

Current events include, Free Yoga this summer on Monday nights; 7-8 pm in Hibner Park, and Weaving in Civic Centre Park 12-4 pm on July 20.

SAFETY MATTERS

The main focus is to promote a safe and welcoming neighbourhood. The OBTNA board does its best to keep residents informed about safety matters and review certain issues as they arise, such as **Fraud Prevention**. Awareness and education are crucial to avoid becoming a victim of fraud. Criminals and scammers extort money with numerous schemes by phone, mail and via cybercrime, often targeting vulnerable populations, but everyone is a potential target. Most incidents are not reported to the police. BE SMART – DON'T be TRICKED into responding. BE VIGILANT against identity thieves. Protect your personal information. If you have been a victim, report the incident at 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 or call 1-888-495-8501. Any crime should also be reported to Crimestoppers <http://www.waterloocrimestoppers.com/sitemenu.aspx?ID=152&P=home>. The OBT neighbourhood Safety pamphlet with tips and who-to-call for help sources is available at on our website at <https://oldeberlintown.ca/welcome-to-olde-berlin-town/>.

Robbery of high-end vehicles and identity theft is increasingly profiled in the local news with tips on how to protect your assets. This concern would be a good topic for the Safety Committee to explore with residents and share the results.

We try to do Safety Audits of the neighbourhood as often as we can. Our last one was in 2023 and we are looking for volunteers to enable us to continue doing them as there are ongoing issues that we need to address. Speeding is always one of the concerns. All Kitchener neighbourhoods are expected to be converted to the lower 40 km/h speed limit by the end of 2024. It's already in effect in OBT with "Gateway" signs installed at the entrances and exits to the neighbourhood.



City of Kitchener transportation projects at: www.kitchener.ca/speedlimit inform about 'Complete Streets', 'Pedestrian-first streets', 'Bike Infrastructure' and 'Vision Zero'. Vision Zero is about creating safer roads; a Dashboard maps collision statistics on Kitchener roads. Learn more, including a street safety video at: www.engagewr.ca/visionzero.

Other kinds of safety issues may arise due to non-compliance with **Property Standards** and city By-Laws. The **Neighbourhood By-Law Guide** can be found at <https://www.kitchener.ca/en/bylaws-and-enforcement/bylaw-guide.aspx> or call 519-741-2345; check regulations before starting a project.

COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

This group endeavours inform residents with timely information in a non-partisan manner. The OBT Neighbourhood social media keeps people informed through the website, E-News, Facebook, X (aka twitter) and Instagram. Occasional printed newsletters and flyers about special events/projects, developments and public meetings are hand-delivered door-to-door by neighbourhood volunteers.

The team shares details about activities and events within the OBT neighbourhood and sometimes with the greater K-W community, particularly if there may be an impact on the people living in OBT. Publications promote the aims of the Association – to have a safe neighbourhood, community awareness and pride in our community. The website, www.oldeberlintown.ca, has lots of information for residents, including back issues of newsletters and E-News. **You can stay in touch with the most up-to-date neighbourhood activities and issues by:**

- **Signing up for our monthly e-Newsletter at www.oldeberlintown.ca**
- **Connecting with us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/OldeBerlinTown>**
- **Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/oldeberlintown/>, or X at <https://x.com/OldeBerlinTown>**

To contact the Olde Berlin Town Board, email writeus@oldeberlinetown.ca.

DEVELOPMENT & LAND USE

This group endeavours to keep abreast of development and heritage issues/concerns in the neighbourhood. Members meet monthly to consider land use issues, including Official Plans, Zoning By-Law, Minor Variances and Heritage Permit applications. The committee shares information with the Olde Berlin Town community via the Association's communication platforms.

Kitchener's website has a comprehensive overview of the process for development applications and how to find out information about a specific property at: [Neighbourhood development guide - City of Kitchener](#). Specific regulations for Olde Berlin Town neighbourhood are found under Civic Centre.

The Region of Waterloo identified ION stops as Major Transit Station Areas (MTSAs). Significant growth in Kitchener is occurring around the ION LRT system. Some MTSAs now have unique policies as City Council approved parts of the Growing Together project on March 19, 2024. The Growing Together West section includes a portion of the OBT neighbourhood due to its proximity to the downtown ION station. For information, visit. www.kitchener.ca/en/strategic-plans-and-projects/growing-together.aspx.

Key development matters covered in 2023-2024:

- Provincial legislation (Bill 97, 162, 185) and proposed changes to the Provincial Policy Statement
- Region of Waterloo directions, including the Wilmot Land
- Expropriation
- Enabling Four Units
- Eviction Prevention
- Affordable Housing
- Lodging House Bylaw Review
- Parkland and Green Spaces (Places & Spaces)
- Growing Together: updates the planning framework for Kitchener's Major Transit Station Areas (MTSAs) through land use policies and revised zoning regulations
- Introduction of inclusionary zoning within major transit areas
- Committee of Adjustment applications within OBT neighbourhood
- Ontario Land Tribunal case for 19 storey development at 22 Weber St W. still pending resolution

An OBT representative attends meetings of the Kitchener Citizens for Livable Development group; members are from several Neighbourhood Associations.

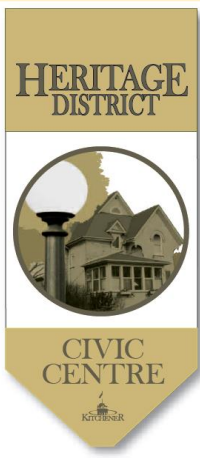
HERITAGE:

Most properties in Olde Berlin Town neighbourhood are within the Civic Centre Heritage Conservation District (CCHCD). If you are planning to make changes to your property, you will likely need to apply for a heritage permit.



The OBT neighbourhood has a volunteer representative on the City's Heritage Kitchener committee. This city committee meets the first Tuesday of each month and advises planning staff and Council on conservation of publicly- and privately-owned cultural heritage resources. Heritage Kitchener reviews Heritage Impact Assessments (HIAs) and Heritage Permit Applications against the requirements of the Ontario Heritage Act, Kitchener Official Plan and HCD plans.

City of Kitchener Heritage Grant Program: If you are looking to restore or conserve a property in the District, grants are available for eligible projects. Applications for the year are due annually by May 31st. Go to www.kitchener.ca/heritagefunding for information.



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

The Plan contains guidelines and policies to protect and conserve the Civic Centre neighbourhood. This unique neighbourhood is linked to several key periods in our city's development, and contains many buildings associated with community leaders: Find information at:

https://www.kitchener.ca/en/resourcesGeneral/Documents/DSD_PLAN_Heritage_Plan_Civic_Centre.pdf

Property changes may require a heritage permit. Other resources:

- City of Kitchener: Heritage & Policy Planner; call: 519-741-2200
- 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>

IMPORTANT THINGS to KNOW

- ◆ Gas Leaks (519) 741-2529 or (519) 741-2540
- ◆ Police (519) 653-7700 or 519-570-9777 (including noise and fireworks complaints)
- ◆ Property Standards – report a problem (519) 741-2345; see full list at www.kitchener.ca/bylawguide
- ◆ Waterloo Regional Crime Stoppers 1-800-222-TIPS (8477); waterlooRegionalCrimeStoppers.com
- ◆ City of Kitchener's Contact Centre (519) 741-2345
- ◆ Kitchener Utilities for natural gas and water meters 519-741-2450
- ◆ Garbage: Miller Waste Systems at area22@millerwaste.ca or call 1-888-852-3450.
- ◆ Ward 10 Councillor, Stephanie Stretch (519) 741-2786 stephanie.stretch@kitchener.ca
www.stephaniestretch.ca @stretch_ward10

BLUE BOX & RECYLCYING – revised March 2024

The Region has transitioned recycling responsibilities to Circular Materials, part of a provincial initiative, with a producer-responsible recycling focus. It focuses “on increasing landfill diversion and the continued promotion and adoption of the 4Rs: reduce, reuse, recycle, and recover.” As of March 2, residents have a new contact for blue box issues or concerns - Miller Waste Systems at area22@millerwaste.ca or call 1-888-852-3450.



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