

Olde Berlin Town Neighbourhood Association

In the Civic Centre Heritage Conservation District Spring Newsletter ~ 2025

Winter is almost over, and spring will soon be here. Thank goodness! However, the vast amount of snow and blustery weather this winter did not deter the walkers, outdoor enthusiasts, and the daily dog treks. Cyclists didn't fare as well with the excessive amount of snow in January and February, but the city did their best to keep the bike trails ploughed.

Special thanks goes out to all the mystery 'Snow Angels' who helped Olde Berlin Town neighbours by shoveling or blowing snow from sidewalks, ploughing driveways or clearing ice & snow at street drains during this winter's series of storms.

You can nominate a 'good neighbour' any time of the year by going to the city's [Good Neighbour recognition program - City of Kitchener](#) for who someone who makes our neighbourhood a better place to live.



Annual Meet & Greet

Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

March 22, 2025

K-W Art Gallery
101 Queen Street North, Kitchener



Connect with your neighbours
Share ideas for our neighbourhood
Learn more about the \$20,000 FON grant



*Let's Talk
Bring your ideas
Join the conversation*

AGM Invitation

We are pleased to once again to host our AGM at the beautiful KW Art Gallery. Mark your calendars for Saturday, 22-March from 1:00-3:00. We will have light refreshments.

After initial introductions and elections, the majority of the time will be spent on discussions of the \$20,000 Festival of Neighbours grant, along with other funding opportunities available to OBTNA and what events/initiatives the neighbourhood would like to see in the short and long term, in the neighbourhood, the Downtown Community Centre and elsewhere.

We are only as strong as our membership, so please come out to listen and have your voice heard, and please consider volunteering to help run activities.

Our printed newsletter is hand-delivered to reach residents with information about the neighbourhood. An overview of the Association is on the last few pages of this newsletter. 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. Thank you for caring about our neighbourhood and our community.

Civic News has consumed a lot of attention lately regarding voting for the Provincial election held in February and the Federal election looming on the horizon. Canadian citizens are granted various rights, including the right to vote, the right to run for political office, and the right to enter and leave Canada freely. Alongside these rights, citizens also have responsibilities, such as obeying the law, serving on a jury when asked, and voting in federal, provincial, territorial, and



local elections. There is an essential guide for newcomers preparing for the citizenship test that provides a comprehensive overview of what it means to be a Canadian citizen.

[Discover Canada - Rights and Responsibilities of Citizenship - Canada.ca](#). If you want to learn about city elections, go to [Municipal elections in Ontario - Open Council](#) or www.kitchener.ca (search for elections). Kitchener's municipal election is next year, October 2026.

Board Members for Olde Berlin Neighbourhood Association

Andrew Milne, Chair

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, and took on the chairship just under a year ago, since our 2024 AGM.

The last year has been a learning process for me, and I want to thank everyone on the board (Donna, Kirsten, Jess, Neil, and Rosemary) for the work they've done. We've made some progress on the Sensory Garden on the grounds of the KW Art Gallery/Centre in the Square (look for an update below and come on out in the spring for a planting party). We've made progress (not as quickly as anyone would like) on the Festival of Neighbourhoods Grant (see update below and come on out to the AGM to discuss next steps).

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 also 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 online, and your commitment can be tailored to your availability and interests.

Neil Jensen

Neil Jensen, who maintains the monthly OBTNA eNews, is retired and has lived in the neighbourhood for 8 years. He enjoys playing pickleball at the Downtown Community Centre, bringing grandkids to Hibner and Civic Centre Parks, and strolling through the neighbourhood to admire this heritage oasis so close to the downtown core.

Jessica Romero

I have lived with my family on Queen Street North since 2014. We appreciate the character of the neighbourhood and the walking distance to some of Kitchener's best places, like the Kitchener Public Library, Centre in the Square, Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery, and the downtown area. As a member of the board, I hope to create opportunities for neighbours to feel safe and connected to each other and the spaces they visit.

Kirsten Johnson

My name is Kirsten Johnson. I have lived in Kitchener for over 25 years, previously in the Central Frederick Neighbourhood and for the last 6 years I have lived here, in Olde Berlin Town. I love our neighborhood and believe it is important that we all work together to nurture a strong sense of community and belonging.

Rosemary Coleman

Rosemary has been a volunteer for 20+ years with the OBT neighbourhood. Early on she was very active with the annual Picnics and later was the coordinator for distributing the printed newsletters several times a year . . . before electronic "eNews" came along. She feels it's important to have a safe neighbourhood for kids to live, make friends and grow up.

Donna Kuehl

I've been a member of Olde Berlin Town Neighbourhood Association in the Civic Centre for many years in roles such as chair, event planning and communications including editor of the printed newsletter. I value living in a Heritage District that honours the history of Kitchener (formerly Berlin). Knowing your neighbours and being part of a proactive and involved community has always been important to me.

VOLUNTEERS

Ilona Bodendorfer – Representative for Civic Centre Heritage Conservation District

It was an honour and a pleasure to serve as the Civic Centre Heritage Kitchener representative from May 2021 until December 2024. I am very passionate about advocating for upholding the policies and guidelines of the Civic Centre Heritage District Conservation Plan (CCHCDP) to protect the beauty and character of this unique neighbourhood that tells an important story about our past.

Editor Note: The HCD volunteer representative attends monthly meetings of the Heritage Kitchener Committee. The committee advises the city on conservation of publicly and privately-owned cultural heritage resources. And, it reviews Heritage Impact Assessments (HIAs) and Heritage Permit Applications against the requirements of the Ontario Heritage Act, Kitchener Official Plan and HCD plans.



Many more volunteers over the course of a year help to make Olde Berlin Town neighbourhood a great place to live. You are so important.

Thanks for making time to support your local neighbourhood.

Thanks for sharing your skills and forging new connections.

Thanks for saying YES, I can help.

Your help with proofreading, website administration, communications support, delivering printed newsletters, Facebook posting, consulting & support on development concerns, safety issues, sharing concerns and ideas is much appreciated. Thanks to:

Roseangela, George, Laura, Hal, Annie, Leslie, Aileen, Jane, Karine, Ilona, Roy, Laura & Paul, Sibylle, Tom, Kate, Peter and more.



FESTIVAL of NEIGHBOURHOODS – Grant award update by A. Milne

As has been discussed in previous newsletters and meetings, the OBTNA was awarded \$20,000 at the Festival of Neighbourhoods in late 2023. 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.



After three in-person meetings and several online consultations, the OBTNA board put forward three major ideas to the city: 1) A (heritage style) message board in the Civic Centre (“Firefighters”) Park, 2) Improvements to the laneways (plantings, art work, etc.), and 3) Improvements to Civic Centre Park (such as BBQ stands, a concrete ping pong table, etc.). Other ideas (dog parks, skating rinks, etc.) were deemed too expensive by city staff after initial consultations.

Unfortunately, the city has returned with the message that laneway improvements would require multiple consultations, etc., which would delay the implementation timeline too much. We’ve been advised to apply for a Love My Hood grant to do this work.

Message boards, a BBQ stand, and other improvements like a concrete ping pong table have all been tentatively priced at ~\$12,000 each, due to rising costs of materials and labour, permitting etc. on city lands, and work to make sure the units are accessible to all people.

As written in the AGM invite, the majority of that meeting will be given to discussing next steps for the FON funds. Please, come on out to have your say. If you can’t make it to that meeting (or if you think we’ve missed something or gotten something wrong, etc.), you can either email us at writeus@oldeberlinton.ca, look for upcoming opportunities to provide feedback online, or leave 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.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS in O.B.T.



Veradis Sensory Garden and Willow Weaving

Last year, a group in Olde Berlin Town led by Jess and Andrew were awarded a Love My Hood Grant from the City of Kitchener to revitalize a garden on the Kitchener Waterloo Art Gallery/Centre in the Square grounds. Since then, design work has been ongoing with all groups, along with the talented Michelle Purchase and Agnes Niewiadomski. We are pleased to share the plans below for spring planting, along with a look back on the work that's been done this last year.



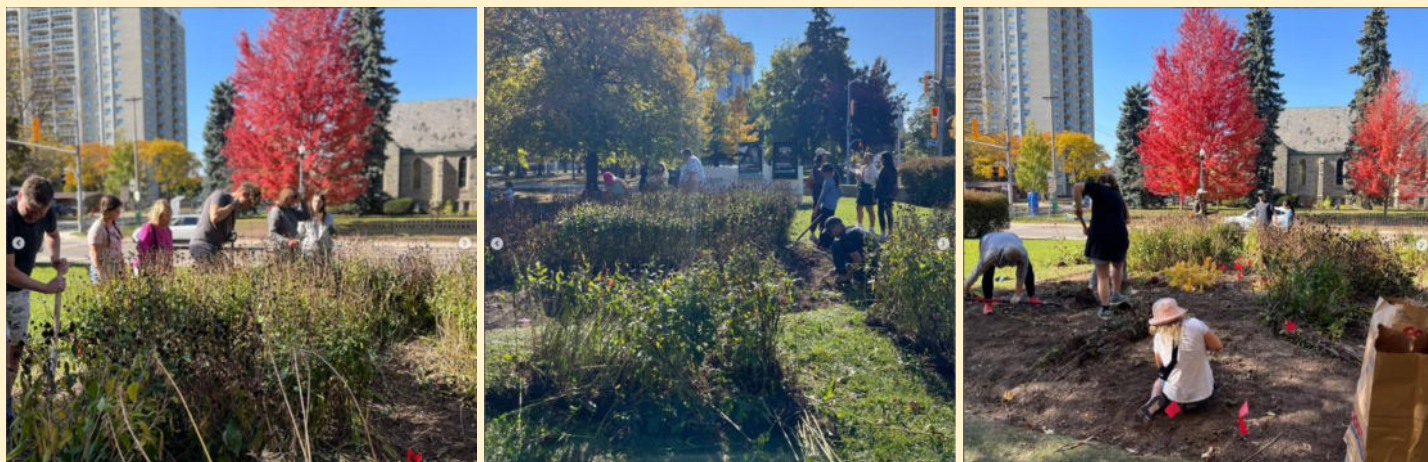
The current plan for the garden (left) includes a winding path through the middle of the garden to allow for maintenance of the plants. Two curved willow walls and a willow arch (illustrative images bottom right) will give year round structure to the garden, and plants have been selected to give varying colour and texture throughout the seasons.



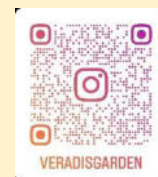
Summer Willow Weaving: Dozens of people arrived on a beautiful day last July to learn to weave flowers and other garden structures from willow, led by the wonderful Agnes Niewiadomski of Mindful Makers and a wonderful group of volunteers. It was supported with a TD Park People Grant.

Winter Lantern Willow Weaving: Our second willow weaving event last December, also supported by the TD Park People grant, was held indoors at the Church of the Good Sheppard. Participants learned to weave lanterns out of willow and paper.

Bed prep 20-Oct: Many hands made short the work of bed preparation in the fall. Nearly all the plants (Black Eyed Susan, Shasta Daisy, Cone Flower, and Hostas) were removed from the bed to allow for more open design and planting this spring. Some of the plants were brought to temporary beds to be replanted back in the new garden. The rest were distributed to the volunteers helping to clear the bed, and to other community gardens in the city by our Love My Hood Liaison, and wonderful person, Laura McBride.



If you're interested in helping with the garden in the spring/onward, please drop a line to writeus@oldeberlintown.ca to be put on the garden's mailing list, or follow the garden's growth at <https://www.instagram.com/veradisgarden/profilecard/?igsh=MTU5MzJwdnlpZ3hkMA==>.



Activities in Olde Berlin

NEIGHBOURHOOD YOGA by A. Doran 2nd and 4th and Mondays of each month – 7:00 pm



When Yoga in Hibner Park ended in the fall, we were not ready to give up the opportunity to connect with each other through practice, and so migrated to an indoor space located within the neighbourhood. Our group meets every **2nd and 4th Monday at 7pm for an accessible, free and friendly class** with our instructors Anne Michelle and Rod. If you are interested in joining us, please email annemichelle.s@gmail.com to be added to the mailing list, which will keep you up-to-date about location and any changes in schedule that may happen. We have some mats and blocks available to borrow, but if you have your own, you are encouraged to bring them along, as well as any other props that would make you comfortable!

AFFORDABLE PROGRAMS at the Downtown Community Centre

Olde Berlin Town sponsors Drop-In sports programs through the Downtown alliance of Neighbourhood Associations (DNA).

Basketball ~ Volleyball ~ Badminton ~ Ball Hockey

Downtown Community Centre

35B Weber Street West PH: 519-741-2501

Register: **online at ActiveNet Kitchener or in-person at the Centre**

Mark your calendars with these upcoming 2025 registration dates:

Spring programs: 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 11

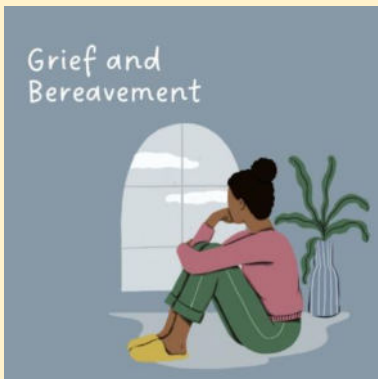
Summer camp (Kitchener residents): 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 18

Summer camp (non-Kitchener residents): 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 25

Citizen Concerns, Outreach & Active Involvement

GRIEF SUPPORT - Bereaved Families of Ontario – Midwestern Region

Grief is a universal experience, yet it is often isolating and misunderstood. BFO-MR has been providing grief support and education in Waterloo Region since 1996, creating connection and community for children, individuals and families who are grieving the death of someone in their life. They have a small but mighty team of four staff and is supported by almost 40 volunteers who facilitate our programs. BFO-MR is fully funded by community and receives no government support.



Grief support is offered to peer support groups:

- For parents grieving the death of an infant or child
- Mixed-loss, open groups for adults grieving a death, and one specifically for individuals grieving a death by substance use.
- Healing Little Hearts for children 4-12 is facilitated by therapists and features a concurrent group for parents/caregivers.
- Good Grief for teens 13-17

Programs are offered free of charge: Two memorial events are hosted during the year to provide an opportunity for our community to come together and honour their loved ones.

Education & Outreach: BFO works in partnership with local libraries to educate communities about grief, and launched Grief at Work, an education program for businesses. In partnership with community organizations, they provide outreach programming to support the clients with whom they work.

For more information, visit www.bfomidwest.org or contact support@bfomidwest.org



CONSUMPTION AND TREATMENT SERVICES - Advisory Group update by N. Jensen



Ontario Bill 223 has banned CTS sites from within 200m of childcare centres. The Sanguen Health Centre, (<https://sanguen.com>) which runs the CTS, is part of a group that has launched a court challenge against the legislation, arguing that the law violates the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Unless there is a last-minute reversal of the legislation, the CTS at 150 Duke St. W. will close.

Some potential impacts include:

- 1) Possibility of more open drug use in surrounding areas, increase of discarded needles in public spaces;
- 2) Loss of wrap-around services for drug users;
- 3) Loss of early intervention of overdoses, resulting in a higher need for emergency services. More information is available at www.sanguen.com.

Their legal team was looking for statements from community members (ideally close to the CTS, and who lived here before the CTS opened) who can speak to the site's benefits and could attest to the safety and importance of the service. They would need to be willing to swear an affidavit that would become part of the court case.

Several of our neighbours came forward to offer their support. Sanguen was very appreciative of the support from the community and a big thank you to those who spoke up. The case is still before the court.

HERITAGE in Olde Berlin Town Renewed call for contributions by R. Cappellano



We are seeking articles that feature the history of our neighborhood for newsletters and potential inclusion on the website such as historical photos, interesting objects found in your home, news clippings, architectural features, family histories, stories about the people who lived here in the past and so on.

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

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE: Ontario Land Tribunal Appeal by H. Yaeger

22 Weber Street West

APPLICANT SEEKS FURTHER REVISIONS by N. Jensen

Following a 1½-year adjournment, the owner of 22 Weber St W requested that their appeal of the Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw be revived. The Tribunal obliged, setting a new hearing date. Then, on Christmas Eve, December 24, 2024 — after the Parties had adopted a revised Procedural Order, Issues List, and Witness List — the owner announced their intention to seek further revisions to their application (as shown below). The hearing is now set to begin on April 22, 2025.

Car and bicycle parking spaces are no longer under dispute. A visual comparison of the owner's proposal relative to the flanking zoning -- which was put into effect in 2024, in full compliance with provincial, regional and municipal legislation, policy and guidelines, after due public consultation — can be seen below, or find further details at the Friends of Olde Berlin Town (FOBT) website www.obtfriends.ca.

Friends of Olde Berlin Town continues to pursue an appropriate transition, to maintain the viability of neighbouring properties and the Civic Centre Heritage District as a whole.



Rendition based on a non-binding conceptual design



Stephanie Stretch, Councillor for Ward 10



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Hello Neighbours,

Greetings and warm sunny wishes to you and yours. After a classic Canadian winter with lots of snow I couldn't be more pleased to see the crocuses start to make an appearance. As your city councillor and also as an Ol'Berlin Town resident I want to share some neighbourhood news around Policing, Community Safety and Neighbours Day with you as we transition into spring. I am available for meetings, conversations and feedback.

WRPS has announced the launch of a Stratified Policing Model, a pioneering approach to proactive crime reduction and enhanced accountability. Stratified Policing is a structured, evidence-based approach that focuses on identifying and developing tailored effective responses for areas and locations with high levels of victimization, chronic offenders, and the most serious crimes. *This means reporting to the police is more important than ever to make sure that our neighbourhood is getting the policing attention it deserves.* For emergencies please continue to contact 911, for non-emergency's you can report on line (wrsp.on.ca) or by calling **519-570-9777**.

This is going to be important as we try to mitigate the social impacts from the closure of the CTS and the King Street Emergency Shelter on March 31st and the opening of Kitchener's Hart Hub. The city has initiated a series of short-term actions to respond to downtown safety concerns while the larger planning effort continues to progress. The City has also increased hours of the Downtown Safety Ambassadors (bylaw officers focused on connecting people with social supports), added a second downtown security patrol and launched morning inspections consisting of both by-law and downtown operations staff.

Data gathering is an important part of the work of these teams, as we seek to understand the nature, frequency and location of challenges. This will enable us to clarify the problems and target future actions. Let's keep working together to support all of our neighbors.

If you are unsure if calling the police is the right course of action, or if you get no response and would like someone to come help, or need a health check for someone that looks unwell you can always reach out to a Downtown Safety Ambassador directly 548-398-2342 or 548-398-1174. They work 7-days a week, 10am - 9pm and will respond either in person or with another plan of action to support you and the situation at hand in the neighbourhood.

This year, Neighbours Day is Saturday, June 21st and we are looking for 100 residents who are interested in volunteering their porch, driveway or front yard to host a musician for a one-hour performance for your neighbours. All are welcome! Contact mary.dowhaniuk@kitchener.ca or call 519 741 2345 to get involved. A big thank you to all the volunteers and participants who make it all happen. Rain or shine let's work together to make it another beautiful day Neighbours Day.

You are invited to reach me directly at 519-741-2786, stephanie.stretch@kitchener.ca or by following me on social media: @stretch_ward10. 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 City of Kitchener anytime for questions and/or reporting issues. Over-the-phone service can be accessed 24/7 by dialing 519-741-2345.

Wishing you all the best,

A handwritten signature of Stephanie Stretch in black ink on a white background.

ABOUT – The O.B.T. Neighbourhood Association

Website: www.oldeberlintown.ca,

Email: writeus@oldeberlintown.ca

The **Olde Berlin Town Neighbourhood Association** (OBTNA) in the Civic Centre is located in one of the oldest section of Kitchener. Formed in 1972 as Civic Centre Neighbourhood Association it has 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, and liaises with the Downtown Community Centre (DCC). 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.

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.

Board Committees & Focus Groups

The Olde Berlin Town Neighbourhood Association mainly focuses on communication, safety issues, activities & events and civic concerns such as new development projects, heritage conservation, community improvements, parks and infrastructure. There is a dedicated committee or an ad hoc committee for the following areas:

1. Activities & Events
2. Safety Matters
3. Communications Team
4. Development & Land Use
5. Heritage Conservation

Volunteers are needed to plan or help with events and assist focus groups. If you are interested in volunteering please email: writeus@oldeberlintown.ca.



ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

This 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 event or activity 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, volunteer for a project or initiate a new activity.

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 as they arise, and about Fraud Prevention, awareness and education to avoid becoming a

victim of fraud. Be Vigilant. Protect your personal information. Some help sources are available on our website at <https://oldeberlintown.ca/welcome-to-olde-berlin-town/>.

If you have been a victim:

- Report incidents online: www.wrps.on.ca/onlinereporting, or call police non-emergency number at 519-570-9777
- Email the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre www.antifraudcentre.ca or call 1-888-495-8501

COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

This group endeavours to inform residents with timely information in a non-partisan manner. The OBT Neighbourhood social media platform keeps people informed through the website, monthly E-News, Facebook, and Instagram. Occasionally printed newsletters and flyers about special events, projects, land-use developments and public meetings are hand-delivered door-to-door by neighbourhood volunteers. You can stay in touch about activities and issues by:

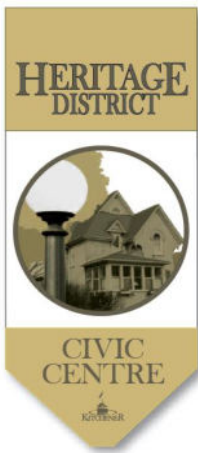
- Signing up for the monthly e-Newsletter at www.oldeberlintown.ca/signup
- Connecting through Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/OldeBerlinTown>
- See Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/oldeberlintown/>

DEVELOPMENT & LAND USE

The board endeavours to keep abreast of development and heritage issues/concerns in the neighbourhood and share pertinent information with the Olde Berlin Town community. A group meets as needed to consider known land concerns, including Official Plans, Zoning By-Law, Minor Variances (via Committee of Adjustment) and Heritage Permit applications. The City of Kitchener website explains their process for development applications (building permits, zoning, city rules, etc.) and how to find out information about a specific property at: [Neighbourhood development guide - City of Kitchener](#). Unique policies apply to certain properties in proximity to ION train stops (aka Major Transit Station Areas (MTSAs)).

HERITAGE CONSERVATION

Most properties in Olde Berlin Town are within the Civic Centre Heritage Conservation District (CCHCD) that outlines special regulations. Buildings and properties throughout Kitchener are important to the community's cultural heritage. The Ontario Heritage Act requires the city to maintain a register of these properties and oversee preservation. Some grants are available for eligible projects. 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. A representative for Civic Centre sits on the City's Heritage Kitchener committee. If you are planning to make changes to your property, you will likely need to apply for a heritage permit. Contact Heritage & Policy Planner; call: 519-741-2200. Some important links: [Cultural heritage in Kitchener - City of Kitchener](#) and [Heritage properties and districts - City of Kitchener](#).



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>

LIVING in OLDE BERLIN TOWN - Important Things to Know & WHO TO CALL

- ❖ 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)
- ❖ 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
- ❖ Waste Management: <https://www.regionofwaterloo.ca/en/waste-management.aspx>
- ❖ City of Kitchener: Heritage & Policy Planner; call: 519-741-2200
- ❖ Give feedback on City projects and initiatives: [Engage Kitchener](#) | [EngageWR](#)
- ❖ Engagement opportunities across Waterloo Region: [Home](#) | [EngageWR](#)
- ❖ Ward 10 Councillor, Stephanie Stretch (519) 741-2786
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CIVIC CENTRE NEIGHBOURHOOD HERITAGE CONSERVATION DISTRICT PLAN

STREETSCAPE DESIGN GUIDELINES

Section 7.3.5 Lighting

How a street is lit can be a defining feature within a streetscape, not only because the quality of light provided can significantly enhance our night environment, but also because the form of the light standard can significantly affect the character of a street during the day. The lighting that exists throughout the study area currently is the utilitarian Cobra head light fixture mounted on wood hydro poles. These fixtures are not sensitive to the heritage character of the neighbourhood, but do at least provide continuity in that they are used consistently throughout the study area.



The Kitchener Downtown Lighting Design Study prepared by John MacDonald Architect Inc. in April 1998 for the City of Kitchener recommends a *Distinct “civic” fixture type for Queen St. from Lancaster to Schneider Haus*. Currently the fixtures are discontinued at Weber Street, but do thread from Weber up to Lancaster Street along Queen Street, one of the boundaries for the study area. As is often necessary, this plan cannot be read in isolation, but must be reconciled with

the numerous other studies whose boundaries may overlap the study area.

As part of the natural course of street lighting repairs and upgrades, and subject to funding availability, the following recommendations are made (refer to Figure 7):

- The City of Kitchener should move towards establishing a lighting hierarchy that is more sensitive to the heritage character of the study area.
- Two styles of street lighting may be considered, one for the interior of the study area, where a more residential scale exists, and one for the boundary streets such as Victoria and Weber, where the commercial scale is more prevalent. Light standards such as the Regal Family, a luminaire such as Capricorn pendent globe, and scroll arms with decorative scrolls in Chicago Bronze available from King Luminaire are recommended.
- The existing lighting on Queen Street should be maintained, and any new lighting styles introduced should be complementary to it, as well as the downtown district lighting.



132 Queen Street North,
watercolour by Bert Williams

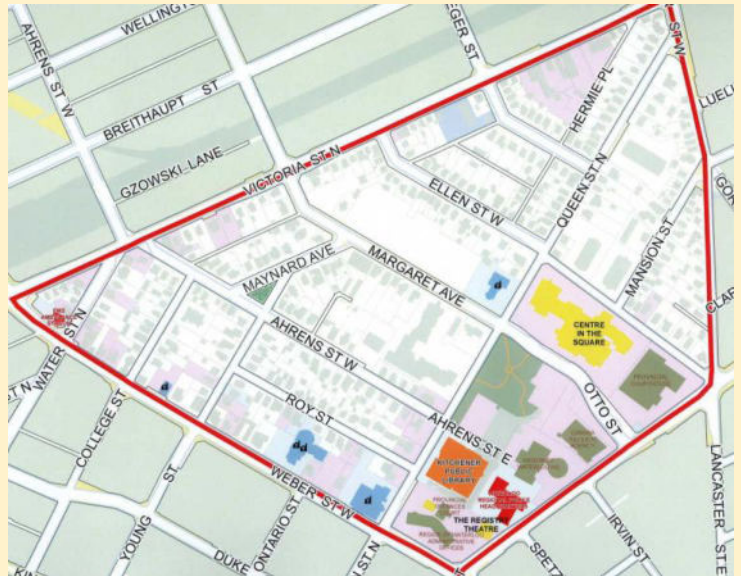


NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWSLETTER

Spring 2025

60th edition

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monthly online e-Newsletter
at: www.oldeberlintown.ca/signup*



Boundaries of Olde Berlin Town neighbourhood

Olde Berlin Town Neighbourhood Association

In the Civic Centre Heritage Conservation District

Mail: c/o 35B Weber Street West, Kitchener, ON

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