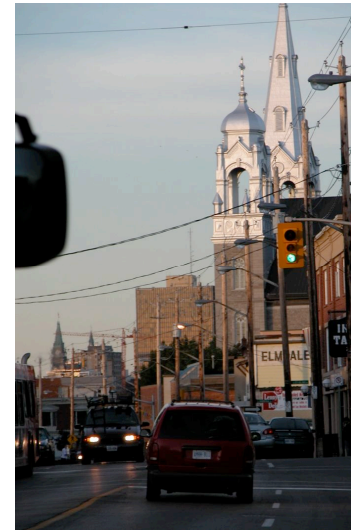




Neighbourhood Planning Initiative (NPI)

Creative Neighbourhoods became actively involved in facilitating citizen participation in the City of Ottawa's Neighbourhood Planning Initiative (NPI).

The NPI seeks to increase citizen participation in a better-coordinated planning process. The initiative begins with the Wellington West Mainstreet District in a year-long pilot project.






Wellington West Mainstreet District

The District includes our core commercial streets and the surrounding neighbourhoods:
Hintonburg, West Wellington, Mechanicsville and Champlain Park.

At the centre is the Mainstreet: Wellington West,
extending from the O-train line to Island Park Drive.

Other commercial streets, like Holland and Parkdale, play an important role;
so does Tunney's Pasture.





Wellington West Mainstreet District

Methodology



- * Over 2 years of community engagement
- * Map analysis
- * Surveys and interviews (formal & informal)
- * Focus groups

Collecting community visions at garage sales, barbeques, neighbourhood events, local businesses, restaurants, cafes, parks...

Neighbourhood Vision Themes

- * Accessible & mobile
- * Artistic & distinct
- * Diverse & well-served
- * Economically vibrant
- * Engaged & empowered
- * Green & sustainable
- * Progressive & innovative
- * Safe & secure

Accessible & Mobile



- Sidewalks: uncluttered, wide, continuous, flatter, free of pot holes, clear of ice in the winter, double sidewalks, better street lighting, benches
- Crosswalks: more pedestrian-activated cross walks, crosswalks for the visually-impaired
- Traffic calming: barriers, speed bumps, bollocks
- More bike racks, creative and artistic bike racks
- Parking: metered, stroller parking, well thought-out bicycle
- Public transit: More Paratranspo, a bus at the Queensway, free/discounted transit, free shuttle between District neighbourhoods

Artistic & Distinct

- Recognition of heritage buildings; documenting the history
- Preserving the community character, cohesion rather than gentrification
- Artistic roadways, lighting, sidewalks (cobblestone crosswalks) and sidewalk furniture
- Welcome to Wellington West signage
- Healthy and diverse retail services
- Public art
- 1% arts funding

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Diverse & Well-Served

- Medical services; walk-in centre
- Community Centres: more support to centres, more resources for youth programs, more equipment
- Programs: affordable children's programs, more free programs
- Affordable housing
- Recreation facilities: skate park, play structures, winter activities
- Homeless shelter, employment centre

Economically Vibrant



- Support and development for small businesses
- Indoor market
- Improved communication between businesses and municipal departments
- Diverse services and products for a diverse customer-base from across the city
- Maintain Hintonburg as a destination

Engaged & Empowered

- Maintain communication between the City and the residents
- Engage a diverse population
- Community-minded development
- Artist engagement as vital part of the process from start to finish
- Involve the public

Green & Sustainable

- Parks: larger, more, better use
- Community garden, rooftop garden, more flower gardens
- More trees and flowers along mainstreet
- Landscape parking lots
- Maintain and enhance green space, walkable greenspace
- Recycle bins in the winter
- Promote other forms of transportation (other than cars)
- Enforce property standards, maintenance of both public and private spaces (garbage, weeds)



Progressive & Innovative

- Access to wireless technology
- Explore progressive solutions to sex trade, drug use, illegal taxis
- Bury hydro lines
- Encourage volunteership
- Assign designated graffiti areas



Safe & Secure

- Better lit streets
- Policing: more effective policing, more appropriate policing (machine guns visible in neighbourhood for drug arrests)
- Improve security in the evening in Wellington West
- Illegal trade in area: sex, drugs, taxis

Be a Part of Creative Change



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