Committed to engaging you on City efforts

The City is committed to engaging you on efforts that affect your quality-of-life and your city – and has been developing a public engagement framework and a new online platform to guide consultations in a consistent way.

**Public engagement framework nears adoption**
The City has been consulting with interested residents to develop the public engagement framework and its supporting worksheets since 2015. Over the past couple of years, residents have participated in workshops, focus groups, pop-up events, open houses, online surveys and a tweet chat to offer feedback to guide when and how the City engages them in its efforts. Their input was used to revise the draft public engagement framework, its supporting documents and a public engagement charter, which were all presented to the administrative policies committee on Sept. 14.

Once the public engagement framework is finalized, the implementation plan will continue to focus on collaboration and outreach, training and awareness-building, communications and ongoing evaluation to ensure a consistent approach.

**New online platform offers consistent approach**
To help make the City’s presentation of engagements more consistent, an online public engagement platform called *Get Involved Kingston* will be launched in October. The platform will allow you to sign up to follow projects, provide online input and to bring your ideas forward. You will be able to find it through the Get Involved button on the home page of the City’s website at CityofKingston.ca or go there directly using *GetInvolved.CityofKingston.ca*. The City will pilot the engagement platform over the next 18 months, starting with fall consultations. It offers a number of online tools that may be used to receive input. These include:

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Mayor’s message

Introducing the Mayor’s Innovation Challenge

As Mayor, I’m committed to fostering an innovative community. Right now there are many exciting projects underway in Kingston that are helping to establish our community as a smart, livable, 21st century city. This is an exciting time for Kingston!

One of the great things about embracing innovation is that we can make real improvements to the way we deliver City services. Recently, Kingston Transit added the ability to find out the exact time any given bus will arrive making it easier than ever for people to ride the bus (use it on your favourite transit app). We also saw the introduction of the Utilities Kingston sewer overflow notification system so now residents always know when the water is safe to enjoy. In the coming months we will see the launch of a pilot project that will allow people downtown to pay for parking by phone making it faster and more convenient to park. These are just some of the ways we’re adopting innovative technologies to provide City services.

Innovation is more than just adopting new technologies; it’s also about embracing new approaches to how we build our community. It’s about finding unique solutions to problems by engaging with the community and providing opportunities to engage our youth. That’s why I’m very excited to announce the launch of the Mayor’s Innovation Challenge. The innovation challenge is a pitch competition in collaboration with Queen’s University, St. Lawrence College and Royal Military College. Teams of students from these post-secondary institutions will compete to develop innovative solutions to several problems that we face as a city. Creating innovative solutions that can then spread to other cities and towns will help to establish Kingston as a leading city that can make a global impact.

I look forward to hearing your thoughts. Follow me on Twitter and Instagram @MayorPaterson or connect with me by email mayor@cityofkingston.ca.

2018 election to include question on ranked ballots

The 2018 municipal election ballot will include a yes/no question about whether Kingston residents want to use ranked ballots in future elections.

What is a ranked ballot?
A ranked ballot allows the voter to rank candidates in order of preference – first choice, second choice, third choice, etc. – instead of just voting for one candidate.

For the 2018 election, voters will continue to vote for one candidate for mayor and their district councillor based on a list of candidates running to represent their area. This is known as the “first past the post” system and is familiar to voters.

A ranked ballot election would be a big change for voters, candidates and City staff. If, in 2018, enough Kingston voters answer “yes” to ranked ballots, they would be used to decide the 2022 election.

Education campaign starts in 2018

• Early next year, the City will launch an education campaign to help make sure voters know:
  • A referendum question about ranked ballots will appear on the 2018 ballot
  • How a ranked ballot system works
  • About how much a ranked balloting system costs
  • Other details they may need to make a decision

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The online public engagement platform will complement meetings, coffee chats, pop ups, open houses and other in-person consultations which the City will continue to offer. The platform will allow residents who are interested in participating to do so at their convenience.

Once the platform is live in October, be sure to sign up at GetInvolved.CityofKingston.ca to provide input, receive updates and to bring your ideas forward.

Public engagement encourages participation, action, personal responsibility and democracy.

Developing the City’s public engagement framework processes and tools helps deliver on the City’s Open Government strategic priority outlined in the 2015-2018 Kingston Strategic Plan.
Rideau Heights Community Centre to offer programs for all ages

The Rideau Heights Community Centre is going to be a lively hub of activity when it opens in 2018. In August, the City announced three main community partners that will offer low or no-cost programs at the new centre. To get an idea of the kinds of programs they may offer, please visit:

- Boys and Girls Club of Kingston & Area - BCGKingston.ca.
- Seniors Association – SeniorsKingston.ca.
- Loving Spoonful – LovingSpoonful.org.

All three organizations will deliver programs at least three days a week, along with numerous other community partners also involved to provide programming at the site. Watch for more details in the Rideau Heights Community Centre Program Guide available later this fall.

“We know the neighbourhood is going to love the programming offered by these organizations. And other not-for-profit agencies and groups that deliver low or no-cost programs open to the community will be offered free space to do so as well,” says Jaclyn Grimmon, manager of recreation programs.

This approach supports the City’s strategic priority to plan a livable city. The Rideau Heights Community Centre on MacCauley Street will be attached to Rideau Heights Public School and a new branch of the Kingston Frontenac Public Library. It will have a full-size gymnasium, large hall, meeting spaces, youth and senior spaces and a teaching kitchen.

Creating this community hub is part of a larger plan to revitalize this area.

For more details on the Rideau Heights Community Centre and Shannon Park, see CityofKingston.ca/Projects.

The City’s data is yours to use!

Did you know that the City of Kingston makes sets of data freely available for anyone to use? The City makes the information available as part of its ongoing commitment to open government and transparency. The City’s data catalogue offers information on neighbourhoods, parks, parking areas, buildings, points of interest, sidewalks, roads, paths, real-time transit schedules and much more. The City is also developing an Open Data portal to make it even easier to find and view its data.

“We have already seen a lot of interest in the data catalogue. Many of the available datasets have been downloaded hundreds of times per month since we launched the catalogue in January,” says Jeff Bumstead, the City’s chief information officer.

You can review the City’s datasets at www.CityofKingston.ca/Explore/data-catalogue.

Didn’t find the dataset you were looking for? Send an email to Contactus@CityofKingston.ca to suggest a new dataset.

Anyone is free to use the information, so long as they agree to the Open Data Licence. The terms address security, privacy and accessibility concerns.

City to launch next phase of the North King’s Town Secondary Plan

The City of Kingston is launching phase two of the North King’s Town Secondary Plan – the plan that will shape Kingston’s Inner Harbour and Old Industrial areas. Once again, residents will be invited to engage with the City to offer input at many points during this phase of the plan.

“This project has already benefitted from the input from our very engaged community. We know they will be interested in following the progress of the plan to ensure the very best future for this well-loved area,” says Greg Newman, manager, policy planning. He confirms that the City will be looking at alternatives to the Wellington Street Extension as it completes the transportation plan during phase two.

Phase one: community vision and market analysis

Now complete, the extensive community consultation throughout phase one in 2016 resulted in the creation of a community vision statement, planning principles and design directions for the secondary plan. The preliminary market analysis was aimed at supporting the development of a realistic, balanced, and achievable vision for North King’s Town by reviewing local economic factors and broader development market trends.

Phase two: technical studies

Phase two of the plan will involve completing a number of technical studies, including:

- a land-use plan and urban design guidelines
- a transportation plan – this will include a look at alternatives to the Wellington Street Extension
- a cultural heritage resources plan
- a servicing plan (for other infrastructure such as water and sewer) and
- a financial and implementation plan (how the City will finance any of the necessary improvements to infrastructure and public facilities and services).

See the latest updates and public engagement opportunities for the North King’s Town Secondary Plan at CityofKingston.ca/NorthKingsTown.
Make your home safe from fire

You regularly check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to make sure their batteries are working – but that’s only one way to practice fire and home safety. Kingston Fire & Rescue offers a Home Fire Safety Checklist to help you think about how best to keep your household safe from fire. The checklist is just one of many fire safety resources that can be found on the City’s Fire Prevention web page: CityofKingston.ca/FirePrevention.

“Staying safe is all about preparation. The checklist helps you focus on fire safety and reminds you of a number of fire prevention measures you can easily take to reduce the risk of fire – or the risk of injury in the event of a fire – in your home,” says Fire Chief Shawn Armstrong.

The one-page checklist includes tips on:
- Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms;
- Home fire escape planning;
- Cooking fire safety; and
- Other things to consider to prevent fire in your home.


Share your fire safety know-how!

“I think about fire all day long – that’s my job. So I know how incredibly important it is for you and those you care about to take the time and effort to think about fire safety. Please take a look at these resources and share what you learn,” says Armstrong.

The City's Fire Safety and Prevention webpage offers hundreds of fire-safety tips for every situation and occasion. Can your home, family or workplace use a review of any of these?
- Construction fire safety
- Outdoor fire safety
- Personal fire safety
- Power outage fire safety
- Student fire safety

CityofKingston.ca/FirePrevention.

Plan your active fall!

Looking to add fun and activity to your fall? Go to CityofKingston.ca/Recreation to find recreational programs and facilities to help you have a good time staying active.

“City programs and facilities are open, welcoming and affordable. We have a wide variety of registered programs for people of all ages and interests – and plenty of drop-in activities,” says Luke Follwell, director, recreation and leisure. In addition to swimming, yoga, skating, fitness and sports classes, the City also offers general interest programs on subjects like making a cigar box guitar, conversational Spanish and photography. Programs and activities are scheduled in the City’s recreation centres and in other places in the community including schools, museums and outdoors.

Registration has already begun for the fall programs that require it. Explore them in your Leisure Guide or by browsing the catalogue at CityofKingston.ca/eCity. Get your Family Account PIN to register for classes online by calling 613-546-4291, ext. 1700 or 1800. You can also register in person at Artillery Park Aquatic Centre, 382 Bagot St., or the INVISTA Centre at 1350 Gardiners Rd.

The City also offers fee assistance to residents from low-income households who wish to participate in its programs. For more details, see CityofKingston.ca/FeeAssistance.

Meet OSKAR – the City’s mobile waste diversion station

Watch for “OSKAR,” the On Site Kingston Area Recycler, at an upcoming event – that’s the name picked for the City of Kingston’s new mobile waste diversion station. The naming of the waste diversion station followed a one week poll which attracted 756 participants with many more offering suggestions on social media.

“We asked you to suggest names and, boy, did we get them! Getting them was so much fun. It was so heart-warming to see how excited everyone is to be involved with this waste-diversion piece of equipment,” says Heather Roberts, manager, solid waste.

Although the generic names suggested by the City got a lot of votes, the solid waste division chose one of the unique names suggested by several members of the public. Not to be mistaken for the angry character living in a garbage can on a beloved children’s show, this OSKAR is serious about collecting recyclables and organics generated at events. This guy does not want any garbage!

Use OSKAR to recycle or compost at City events. He can be requested (subject to availability) by contacting customer service at 613-546-0000. Other ways to book OSKAR will be available by spring 2018.
The fall is brush and leaf collection season!

- See the map to find the collection weeks for your area.
- Have your brush or leaves out by 8 a.m. on the Monday of your week – (and don’t put them out more than two weeks before).
- Leaves will not be picked up during brush collection weeks and vice versa.

Collectors may pick up some brush and leaves early, but they will always be back to your neighbourhood on your collection week.

**How to give brush the brush off:**

- Brush collection starts Oct. 2. See the map for your week.
- Brush – trimmings from bushes and trees – must measure 15 cm (six inches) or less in diameter and be less than 90 cm (three feet) in length.
- Logs and root balls are not considered brush and will not be picked up.
- Stack your brush at the curb with the butt ends facing the street – do not bundle it!

**How to put your leaves out:**

- Leaf collection starts Nov. 6. See the map for your week.
- Place your leaves and yard waste (like vegetable garden waste or small twigs) at the curb in brown paper (kraft) yard waste bags, or loosely in rigid-sided, open-top containers like a garbage can or bushel basket.
- The paper bag or container must not weigh more than 20 kg (44 pounds).
- The City does not collect yard waste stuffed in garbage bags.
- Do not rake leaves onto the curb or boulevard as this creates unsafe slippery road conditions (it is also against City bylaws).
- Clearing catch basins of leaves helps roadways drain properly.

**Have more yard waste?**

You can bring your yard waste to the Kingston Area Recycling Centre (KARC) at 196 Lappan’s Lane, open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

KARC accepts:
- tree limbs and root balls up to 40 cm (15”) in diameter and up to 90 cm (3’) in length.
- sod if most of the soil is removed.
- Christmas trees
Kingston Transit now offers expanded Sunday and holiday service on all express routes and Routes 1, 7 and 15. The extended service on these routes now matches Saturday hours of service. Find the new schedules on the City’s website and on Google Maps. Updated schedule information can also be found in the September 2017 Ride Guide.

We heard you!
“Improving the service on Sundays and holidays will definitely benefit riders working within the retail and service industries,” says Jeremy DaCosta, general manager, Kingston Transit. “The extended Sunday service was a popular request from our riders during the development of our 2017–2021 Kingston Transit business plan. We want you to know that we heard you, and changes have been made.”

The extended service also addresses community requests to provide service to/from fireworks displays on Victoria Day and Canada Day. This change does not include expanding service to operate on Good Friday, Christmas Day, or New Year’s Day.

Get a new Ride Guide.
The updated Ride Guide includes:
- changes to the 602 Express Route Business Park loop
- added information about Park & Ride and
- the new layout of the updated Downtown Transfer Point.

Ride Guides are available on most Kingston Transit buses, or at City Hall, the Cataraqui Centre and most Kingston Transit sales outlets. Remember to plan your bus trip at KingstonTransit.ca/Tripplanner. Transit trip planning apps now show where Kingston Transit buses are in real time!

Questions? Call customer service at 613-546-0000 or email contactus@cityofkingston.ca.

Kingston Transit extends service on Sundays and holidays

No parking on streets overnight starting Dec. 1

Starting Friday, Dec. 1, parking is prohibited on all City streets from 1 to 7 a.m. - and from 12 to 7 a.m. on the streets that surround Kingston General Hospital. The overnight winter parking bylaw ensures that cars are kept off the streets so that snow plows can effectively respond to winter weather events. Vehicle-owners who contravene the bylaw risk receiving a fine of up to $30, or possibly having their vehicle towed. The parking prohibition remains in place until the end of March, 2018.

Have you used Dropbike - Kingston’s Bike-Share Pilot Program?

Bike-sharing programs are meant to offer cyclists convenient and economical use of a rented bike when and where they are most likely to want it.

Kingston launched a “dockless” pilot program with Dropbike at the beginning of July that will wrap up at the end of October. Dropbikes are stationed at havens and use a smartphone app to lock/unlock bikes making docks unnecessary.

You may have noticed or used one of Dropbike’s orange bicycles in the downtown and waterfront areas this summer. To use the bikes, cyclists:
- download the Dropbike app on a smartphone.
- scan the QR code on the bike to get the combination to unlock it.
- pay $1 an hour for the use of the bike.
- return the bike to any Dropbike haven.

Once the pilot program comes to an end, the City will ask for your input on the pilot program as it considers rolling-out a city-wide bike-share program. To learn more about Kingston’s pilot bike-share program and offer your input, please visit: CityofKingston.ca/Projects.

It’s time to jump on board!

Kingston Transit’s ridership is growing! It’s up 16.4 per cent this year as of June 30. And more commuters than ever are taking advantage of their employers’ Transpass program – a program that allows you to automatically renew your monthly pass at a reduced rate through payroll deduction. This program has seen a 20 per cent jump in participation.

Kingston Transit’s convenient express routes, flexible fare options and comfortable transfer stations are great reasons to use this active and green way to get where you are going.

Plan your route by bus at KingstonTransit.ca/Tripplanner, Google Maps or your favourite transit app and see why it’s time for you get on board!

Show us your Kingston winners

Winning shots of Kingston! This photo of the Kingston waterfront by John Laframboise and “Sunlit Pearls” by Manfred Rupp were winners of this year’s Show us YOUR Kingston contest. (See third winning shot on p. 1.)
Kingston Airport’s terminal is going to be upgraded as part of a $16.1 million plan to expand the airport and extend its runway. The airport remains open for business throughout the upgrade work expected to be completed by fall of 2018. Starting in late October, the terminal will be expanded and reconfigured to increase the number of passengers who can be accommodated. All upgrades will comply with international airport standards and the City and passengers can look forward to:

- check-in, baggage processing and delivery systems that can comfortably handle peak demand.
- enhanced accessibility features.
- improved energy efficiency.

**Expanding the airport sets the stage for improved air service**

More than 70,000 passengers use Kingston’s Norman Rogers Airport each year. The expansion is aimed at:

- capturing a greater share of the more than 650,000 Kingston passengers who fly each year.
- setting up a framework to support improved air services to and from our region.

See renderings of the upgraded terminal – and find out more about the runway extension and why Kingston Airport is being expanded – at CityofKingston.ca/Airport.

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**Runway extension consultation update**

The City intends to start work to extend the runway by 1,000 feet this fall. The City conducted public consultation on the runway extension and incorporated input into a 2016 Environmental Assessment. Over the last two months, an Aerodrome Work Consultation – a new regulated consultation introduced by Transport Canada this year – provided an added opportunity to consult with residents on the runway extension. The consultation ran from Aug. 1 to Sept. 18. Watch for a summary of input received from this consultation on the City’s website.
What’s the City working on this season?

You may see City workers picking up your brush and leaves, driving the bus, helping kids across the street or at your favourite City recreation facility – but we are also working on a number of projects behind the scenes. Watch the City’s website, Twitter feed or Facebook page for updates on these and other projects (better yet, sign up at CityofKingston.ca/News to subscribe to our news feed).

Designing the Kingston East Community Centre
The City is working on plans for a community centre to be located at Highway 15 and Grenadier Drive in the city’s east end. A consultation in fall 2016 gathered feedback on programs, services and amenities residents want to see at the new facility. The City is in the process of developing designs incorporating that feedback for further input. Watch for them later this fall.

Walk ‘n’ Roll will get Kingston on the move
Walk ‘n’ Roll will be Kingston’s Active Transportation Master Plan aimed at supporting walking, cycling, wheeling and other non-motorized forms of travel. The City aims to have at least 20 per cent of all peak-hour trips made using active transportation by 2034. Watch for a draft of Walk ‘n’ Roll to be available for public review this fall. It will reflect the input received on this project over the last year.

Developing Vision Zero Road Safety Plan
Motor vehicle collisions in Kingston result in more than 300 personal injuries and approximately two fatalities every year. The City is developing a strategic road safety plan incorporating the “Vision Zero” model used around the world. This model strives to eliminate deaths and serious injuries on our roads. Plan to participate in input opportunities on this project this fall.

Illumination Policy helps brighten downtown
If you were down at City Hall at night on Canada Day weekend you may have seen the new lighting system in action. The Illumination Policy outlines when and how the City will use the lighting system to mark special occasions, draw people downtown and highlight events, celebrations and issues that promote a sense of community. Watch for implementation details later this fall.

Final stage of remaking lower Princess Street
Work to completely rebuild Princess Street from Clergy to Division is set to start in 2018. This project will also rebuild Barrie Street from Princess to Queen and Division Street from Brock to Colborne. The City is working closely with business owners to determine construction schedules and minimize disruption. Watch for construction timeline details in early January.

Tell us who is making Kingston more accessible!
Starting Wednesday, Oct. 4, the City and the municipal accessibility advisory committee will be seeking nominees for the annual Celebrating Accessibility Awards. The awards recognize those making a significant contribution toward improving access for people with disabilities in Kingston (beyond legislated requirements). Nominations are due by Wednesday, Nov. 1 and awards in several categories will be given out at a ceremony on Thursday, Nov. 30. For full details on how to nominate a person, group or organization for this award – and to see who won last year – please visit CityofKingston.ca/Awards.

Put batteries out for collection November 6-10
Batteries should never go in your regular garbage.
The week of Nov. 6-10 the City will pick up batteries on your collection day.
• Put them in a clear, sealed plastic bag
• Put them on the ground beside your recycling box or other waste containers where they can be seen by your collector.

See RawMaterials.com or Call2Recycle.org for a list of places where you can drop off your batteries all year long.

#WasteNotYGK
Space provided through a partnership between industry and Ontario municipalities to support waste diversion programs.