

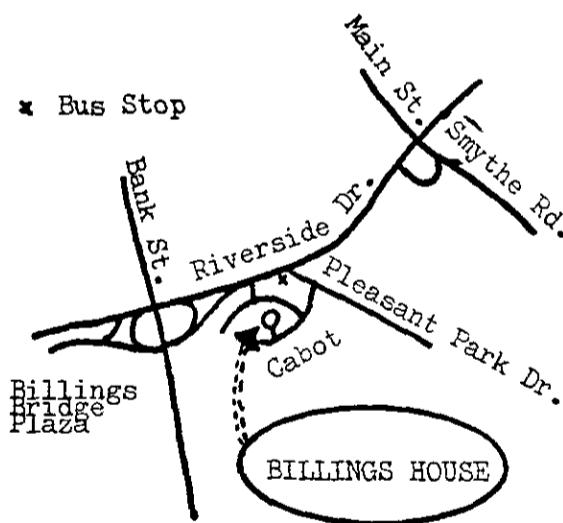
# NEWSLETTER

September 7, 1977

## SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

The BILLINGS HOUSE will be the scene of the WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 meeting of Heritage Ottawa, when members are invited to convene at 8:00 p.m. for a tour of, and a talk about, this 149-year-old mansion.

The Billings House is the oldest remaining home in Ottawa. Built by Bradish Billings, the first white settler in what was then Gloucester Township, the house remained in the Billings family until 1974 when the City purchased it and its 13 surrounding acres. It is the City's first big venture into heritage preservation, so members can look forward to an interesting and enlightening evening. O.C. Transpo advises that bus No. 85 from Billings Bridge proceeds east along Riverside Drive and up Pleasant Park Road. Disembark from the bus on Riverside Drive at the corner of Pleasant Park Road, walk up the hill to Cabot, and proceed along Cabot to the end of the street to the house. Billings Bridge is served by buses No. 1 and No. 5. For persons driving, the following map should be helpful in getting to the Billings House.



## HERITAGE OTTAWA MEMBERSHIPS

Renewal time for memberships is fast approaching - October 1 is the deadline. Members will soon be receiving a letter reminding them of this. Let's increase the number of Heritage Ottawa members... encourage a friend or neighbour to join. At the beginning of January, all paid-up members of Heritage Ottawa will be listed on a Membership Roster which will be printed and distributed with the first 1978 Newsletter. Make sure that YOUR name is on that list.

## MONTHLY PROGRAM EVENTS

October: Wednesday, October 26, 8:00 p.m. (place of meeting to be announced in October Newsletter). The Alexandra Bridge and Other Heritage Bridges in Ottawa - an illustrated talk by Jacques Beauchamp, Chief Bridge Engineer, Department of Public Works.

November & December: Mondays, November 21 and 28, December 5 and 12, 8:00 p.m., Algonquin College, Lees Ave. Campus. Restoring the Paint of Your Heritage Structure - four seminars covering both exterior and interior paint problems and solutions, conducted by leading authorities in the field, including Nigel Hutchins and Dorothy Duncan.

January: Date to be announced. The event will take place at The Rideau Club in celebration of its 100th Anniversary.

February: Date and place to be announced. Designing Your Own Period Garden - an illustrated talk by John Stewart, Restoration Landscape Architect, Restoration Services, Department of Indian and Northern Affairs.

## HERITAGE WEEK - SEPTEMBER 26

Heritage Week in Ottawa will be celebrated commencing September 26. The City is providing each school with a kit of information about the history and heritage of Ottawa. The kit includes Robert Haig's City on the Big Ears. Heritage Ottawa will formally present to the City Archives, the information gathered by the three summer students who researched early Ottawa newspapers (the August Newsletter gives a full report on the project).

Other celebrations are planned, and will be announced in the daily newspapers. Earlier it was intended to make the plight of the Rideau Club a major news event of Heritage Week, but it has been recently learned that any development scheme for the south side of Wellington Street is many months in the future, pending numerous feasibility studies and investigative reports.

## PLEASE HELP!

There is still room on several of the committees listed in the August Newsletter. Please consult it, and choose an area in which you would like to work. Fill in the Coupon at the end of the Newsletter. Documents for the Fraser Schoolhouse Gallery are always needed, as are volunteer typists. The Board of Directors is eager to have someone experienced in sales, to set up a Marketing Program for Heritage Ottawa publications. Call Stella Kirk, our Executive Secretary, 745-0551 if you can help.

## BYTOWN HERITAGE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Heritage Ottawa was advised by the City of Ottawa that at the August 13 meeting of City Council, approval was given for Heritage Ottawa to use the name "Bytown Heritage Development Corporation." The Corporation will be established to administer a revolving fund for the purchase, rehabilitation, and reselling of heritage properties.

M.E.W. and J.M.

## LOWERTOWN - MARKET AREA HERITAGE IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM

The pro-tem committee described in the August Newsletter has had three meetings at which it defined its terms of reference, discussed alternate types of operational structures, and voted that the best means of implementing its mandate was with a non-profit development corporation. The multi-faceted program is being established to preserve the distinctive character of the neighbourhood, to protect, rehabilitate, and restore heritage buildings, to coordinate heritage activities being carried out by different governments and the private sector, to guide and advise on restoration and infill, to administer funds and grants, and generally to promote heritage conservation in the area.

## PRETORIA BRIDGE

At its meeting of August 10, the Council of the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton approved the recommendations of the Transportation Committee concerning the Pretoria Bridge, which were described in last month's Newsletter. A new Pretoria Bridge will be built "to simulate as much as possible the design of the existing bridge." Heritage Ottawa will be represented on the committee that will implement the project.

H.D.K.

## SILVER JUBILEE SALUTE

The I.O.D.E. is mounting an exhibition of Royal Commemoratives from the reigns of monarchs from King George III to Queen Elizabeth II. The collection, which includes china, glass, medals, photographs and prints, is believed to be the largest of its kind assembled at any time in Canada. It will be on public display in the foyer of City Hall from October 17 until November 6.

J. Morgan

## FEDERATION OF CITIZENS ASSOCIATIONS LA FEDERATION DES ASSOCIATIONS DE CITOYENS

The Federation is seeking funds necessary if it is to carry on its work of presenting a case on the Ottawa-Carleton Regional Plan before the Ontario Municipal Board Hearings. Anyone wishing to make a donation to this effort may mail a cheque to the Federation at 70 Nicholas Street. If more information is desired, telephone Charleen Gorget, Chairperson of the O.M.B. Task Force, at 729-0996, or Diane Wood, at 234-1082.

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YES, I would like to participate in the activities of Heritage Ottawa.

NAME .....

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I have the following skills (eg. typing, writing, design, carpentry)  
which I would like to use .....

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I would be particularly interested in serving on the following  
committee(s) .....