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## CITY HALL SAVED!

The big news on the heritage front this summer was the controversy over Ottawa City Hall on Sussex Drive.

Following a recommendation by a committee of aldermen that the building be demolished and replaced with a new one, Heritage Ottawa joined the City's heritage committee, architectural experts and residents in voicing protest.

Erected in 1958, the City Hall falls under the International Style of architecture, with its cubic shape and extensive use of glass. In a statement, the City's heritage committee wrote that "Beautifully-proportioned, well-detailed and carefully finished, the Ottawa City Hall is a prime Canadian example of architecture of the modern era."

In August, by a narrow margin, Ottawa Council voted to renovate the existing building and add a new wing.

Special thanks to Mayor Jim Durrell whose influence played a decisive role in the vote to save the building.

## LEBRETON FLATS PLAN INCLUDES CULTURAL/HERITAGE FACILITIES

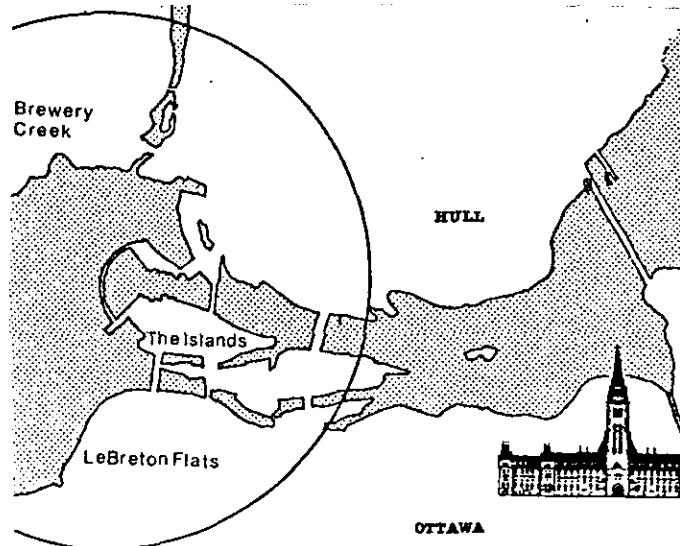
The National Capital Commission's draft plan for the development of the Core Area West includes proposals for a national cultural centre, a waterfront development, housing, and parkland. This area of 556 acres covers LeBreton Flats in Ottawa, the Victoria, Chaudière and Lemieux Islands, and Brewery Creek in Hull.

Options outlined for the national cultural centre are of particular interest. They feature restoration of the 113-year-old aqueduct running along the south end of LeBreton to the Fleet Street water pumping station, and preservation of the pumping station, Pooley's Bridge, and the Thompson Perkins Mill.

The three islands may include an industrial heritage park linked with the National Museum of Science and Technology. Centred on the Chaudière Falls, it would focus on the forest and hydro-electric industries currently located there.

In the 62-acre Brewery Park area, the former Hull train station could be restored as the departure point for the Wakefield steam train. Also, a nearby industrial building, known as the Connors Building, could be renovated for transportation exhibits managed by the Museum of Science and Technology.

In mid-August, the NCC presented for public comment this draft plan, which sets out broad planning guidelines for the Core Area West. Public response to the proposals has been generally favourable.



Information kits outlining these planning guidelines, as well as questionnaires for public comment, are available from the Planning Branch of the National Capital Commission at 239-5432.

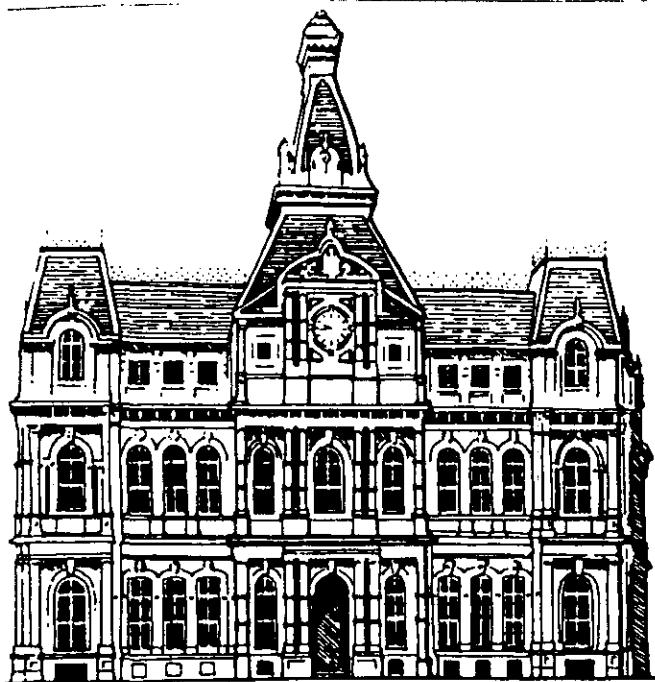
The Commission plans to hold further public workshops on specific areas (e.g. heritage, waterfront development, transportation) later in October and November. Watch local newspapers for more details.

### FRASER SCHOOLHOUSE GALLERY NEWS

The Gallery Committee has been busy the last few months mounting exhibits and promoting Heritage Ottawa.

The Rideau Chapel exhibit in the Fraser Schoolhouse Gallery during the summer proved very popular.

Beginning in September, the Gallery will have a permanent exhibit. An exposé of lost, preserved, and renovated buildings in



*Post Office, constructed 1872-76, demolished 1938.  
Elgin Street. D.P.W. Supervising Architect  
Walter Chesterton*

*Sketch by Lyette Fortin,  
OUR ARCHITECTURAL ANCESTRIES*

Ottawa, comprising some 60 photos from the Public Archives, will be on display between visiting exhibits.

Heritage Ottawa was invited to participate in a display at the Billings Estate on August 9 with several other groups. The exhibit, explaining what Heritage Ottawa is all about, was very well received.

On October 9 and 10, Heritage Ottawa has been asked to exhibit at the Bayshore Shopping Centre in connection with the opening of the re-vamped mall. This provides an excellent opportunity to let the public know who we are and what we do.

If readers know of anyone who might have an exhibit (for example, architectural drawings or photos) which could be displayed in the Gallery, please contact us at 745-0551.

### SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE IN 1987 "HERITAGE LECTURE SERIES"

Local history buffs, heritage homeowners, and those with an interest in period costumes will all enjoy Heritage Ottawa's 1987 Lecture Series.

The lectures will be held October 15, 16 and 17 at the National Research Council on Sussex Drive. Lecturers are all experts in their fields.

On Thursday, October 15, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., you can choose between "A History of Architecture in Ottawa" with Barbara Humphreys; "A History of the Rideau Canal" with Marian Stranak; and "True Lies, Damned Lies and Statistics: A lopsided look at Ottawa's History" with Hugh Halliday.

Heritage homes are the focus of the Friday evening lectures with a choice of "How to Research Your Heritage Home" with Dave Bullock and Veronica Vaillancourt; "How to Decorate Your Heritage Home" with Gudrun Losos; and "The Availability of Restoration Grants" with Jean Yves Leduc and Richard Kilstrom.

The Saturday session, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., is entitled "Making a Period Costume". This session, with Ruth Mills, includes two coffee breaks and lunch (\$5 members/ \$7 non-members).

Coffee will be served following both evening sessions.

Registration fees are \$30 for members for all three sessions, or \$10 per day, and \$45 for non-members, or \$15 per day. The deadline for registration is September 30th. For more information, or to obtain registration forms, call the Heritage Ottawa office at 745-0551.

### HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU CELEBRATES



**THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
OF THE GATINEAU**

Congratulations to the Historical Society of the Gatineau which celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary this summer.

If you're planning a visit to Wakefield, be sure to include a stop at the Society's Museum in the MacLaren House, the Wakefield Grist Mill, and the MacLaren Cemetery (site of Lester B. Pearson's grave).

### VIDEO ON RENOVATION AND THE ECONOMY AVAILABLE

The Buildings Revival Coalition has produced a seven-minute videotape, "For Economic Renewal", on the importance of building renovation for the national economy.

Heritage Ottawa has a copy available to groups, and can also provide an accompanying speaker.

## UPDATES

The battle to save the Aberdeen Pavilion (also known as the Cattle Castle) and the East-end cemeteries continued with no major developments during the summer months.

Similarly, the OMB hearings into the case of 99 Rideau have been in recess over the summer but are scheduled to resume in September.

## NEWSBRIEFS

**City Heritage Designations** - The City of Ottawa has issued new guidelines for heritage designations. Heritage Ottawa has commented on them, and President Marc Denhez says the new guidelines appear to be positive and "are an admirable refinement of the rules."

**Regional Official Plan** - Heritage Ottawa officers have reviewed the new Regional Official Plan and expect they'll have comments later.

**Municipal Planning Proposals** - Heritage Ottawa's position on municipal planning will be out this fall. It will present a comprehensive series of proposals designed to improve the atmosphere for saving buildings, and significantly stimulate renovations. Private sector participation is expected to play a key role.

**494-504 Albert Street** - Heritage Ottawa has called upon the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton (RMOC) to proceed with the expropriation of these two houses on Albert Street, close to Bronson Avenue. Their owner plans to demolish them to construct a 17-storey building. Such a development would close some of the options open to the RMOC for the transit tunnel route, which is still in the early planning stages.

While expropriation by the RMOC may only delay demolition of these two houses, it does at least allow a fighting chance to save them depending on RMOC plans.

## THE URBAN LEAGUE OF OTTAWA

A lively new organization has appeared on the Ottawa scene. The Urban League of Ottawa is a group of young architects and others concerned with architecture and urban development—especially as they relate to Ottawa.

The Urban League provides a forum to discuss these issues. Among the sometimes controversial topics addressed so far have been "A Proposal for Confederation Square" by Carleton University Professor of Architecture Nan Griffiths, and "Market Courtyard Linkages", with presentations by the NCC and landscape architects who submitted a proposal to link the courtyards.

But all is not total seriousness. A masked ball held in March was a roaring success and a field trip to New York or Boston is coming up.

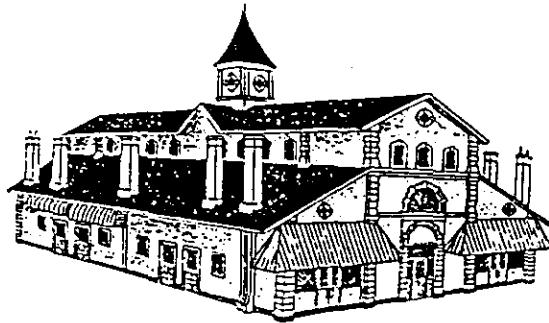
Meetings are held twice a month on Wednesday evenings at the Macdonald Club, Gilmour at Cartier. Annual fees of \$25 include the benefits of corporate membership in the Macdonald Club (which has the best apple pie in all of Ottawa).

Anyone interested in joining the Urban League of Ottawa — or attending one of the meetings — should call Mark Brandt, president, at 234-4445.

## EXPLORE OTTAWA'S HERITAGE! TAKE A WALKING TOUR

This fall Heritage Ottawa is offering guided walking tours of three of Ottawa's major heritage areas.

The Sunday tours include New Edinburgh, Sussex Drive and its Courtyards, and the Byward Market.



Tours begin at 11 a.m., last one to one and a half hours, and cost \$3.50 per person.

The schedule is as follows:

September 6: Byward Market  
September 13: Sussex Drive & its Courtyards  
September 20: New Edinburgh  
September 27: Byward Market  
October 4: Sussex Drive & its Courtyards

To book a tour, please call Heritage Ottawa at 745-0551, leave your name and number and mention which tour you're interested in, and someone will return your call.

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to Fay Lum of Ottawa, who was the lucky winner of \$1,000 in the 1987 Lott-Heritage Draw.

Special thanks to Jennifer Roddick for word-processing this issue.

The editor welcomes articles and items of interest for the Newsletter. Call Ruth Hornsby at 825-1941.

**HELP WANTED!****HELP! WE NEED VOLUNTEERS**

Heritage Ottawa has had the benefit of Jennifer Roddick's expertise in ensuring the smooth running of the organization and staffing the gallery since Stella Kirk's retirement in June.

Special thanks to both Stella and Jennifer for all their help.

In mid-October, Jennifer is moving on to other interests, so we're looking for help. We need assistance with staffing the gallery (let us know the days and hours you'd prefer) and office work (greeting visitors, answering written and phone enquiries, collecting and opening the mail, updating the mailing lists and other miscellaneous duties).



The HERITAGE OTTAWA Gallery  
62 John Street (at Sussex)

We also require a recording secretary to take the minutes at monthly board meetings.

If you can help out with any of the above, please call the Heritage Ottawa office at 745-0551.

**Printing Help Wanted**

If anyone has access to printing facilities we could use for running off copies of Heritage Ottawa's Newsletter (we'll cover the cost of paper), please contact the editor at 825-1941.

**Help Wanted - No Experience Necessary!**

Volunteers are required to fill the following exciting positions; can we count on you to apply?

**Re-enactment Dinner:**

A period dinner to be held in honour of Heritage Day (the third Monday in February) is planned as a fundraising event. The dinner will be held in collaboration with another heritage group which will arrange a dinner party as would have been held between 1840 and 1860. Everything will be authentic: the costumes, the meal, the entertainment, the location. Organizing this event will be fun, but requires the assistance of at least three people.

**Walking Tour Booklets:**

The walking tour booklets: "Walking in Sandy Hill" and "Walking in New Edinburgh" are very old and somewhat outdated. Assistance is required to research and publish these two books.

**NAC Benefit Production:**

The NAC has agreed to allow us to purchase from them, at a reduced price, tickets for a premiere showing of one of their Christmas productions. Assistance from at least three people is required to co-ordinate the evening and the reception, which will be held after the performance where the audience can meet the author and cast.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these projects please contact Jennifer Roddick either at home: 832-2938 or at the office: 745-0551.

**PROVINCIAL HERITAGE POLICY UNDER REVIEW**

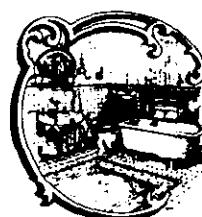
Heritage Ottawa has played a major role commenting on the Province's proposals for amending its heritage policy.

In May, Heritage Ottawa President Marc Denhez presented a detailed brief to officials of the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture in response to their document "Giving Our Past a Future".

Heritage Ottawa's brief emphasized three major items: (1) the need for a coherent planning system (instead of the existing fragmented and often contradictory planning system); (2) more effective protection for heritage properties; and (3) more attractive inducements for investments in heritage properties.

The Ministry will produce revised proposals for a new heritage policy this fall.

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## CALENDAR

### Architecture Week

Architecture Week takes place in mid-September.

Films and an exhibit on preservation and the future of architecture will be shown September 12, 13 and 14 at 7:30 p.m.

The films and exhibit are open to the public and will be shown at the Bank of Commerce on Sparks Street. Admission is free.

### Architectural Tours - A New Feature of Festival of the Arts

The 1987 Festival of the Arts will offer a new area of cultural interest - architecture. Local architects Pat Murray and Helene Tremblay-Alien will host two bus tours of architectural sites on Sunday, September 20 (in English) and Sunday, September 27 (in French) from 1-3 p.m. The tours cost \$5 per person and depart from Confederation Square.

This year's Festival promises to be bigger than ever with over 20 events scheduled between September 17 and October 3.



For more details on the architectural tours or other events, contact the Council for the Arts in Ottawa at 237-4806.

### The Urban League of Ottawa

The Urban League of Ottawa is holding a forum re: Confederation Square.

For information call Mark Brandt at 230-3763 or 234-4445, or Mark Glassford at 238-4903 or 226-8322.

### Heritage Canada's 14th Annual Meeting

The Heritage Canada Foundation's 14th Annual Meeting will be held September 24-27 in Quebec City.

This conference's theme is "Heritage Tourism: Developing a Sense of Place". Sessions include: Preparing for heritage tourism: the visitor and the visited; Going beyond touristic cliches; and Turning heritage resources into tourist attractions.

For further details, contact the Foundation at P.O. Box 1358, Station B, Ottawa K1P 5R4.

### ICOMOS Canada Cultural Resource Recording Symposium

A two-day Cultural Resource Recording Symposium will be held in Toronto October 9 and 10 to examine the role of recording in historic conservation, the need for Canadians to share recording resources, to integrate information on existing records, and to implement a Summer Recording Training Program.

Fifty Canadian historic conservation specialists have been invited to participate, representing private industry, the federal, provincial and municipal governments, and universities and colleges teaching cultural resource management. The specialists invited are currently involved in developing recording standards and guidelines related to their particular fields of expertise.

The preliminary program is now available. Registration fees are \$75. For information, call Bob Mitchell at (613) 563-4549, or write Robin Letellier at: Cultural Resources Symposium, ICOMOS Canada, Box 1482, Station B, Hull, P.Q. J8X 3Y3.

### Aylmer Antique Fair set for October

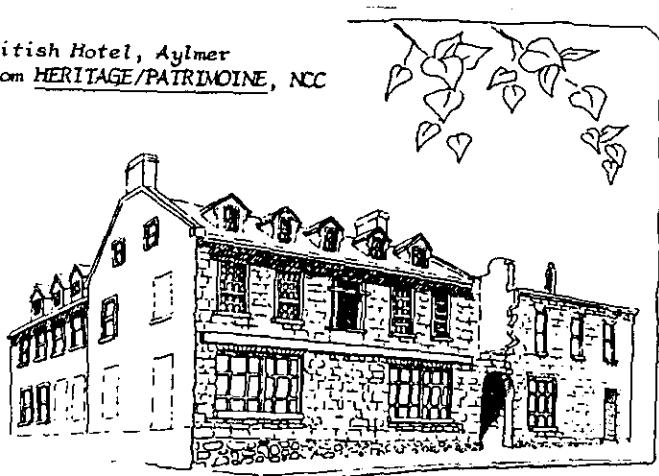
The Aylmer Heritage Association's 13th Antique Fair will be held at The Barn, 95 Albert Street in Aylmer, on Friday, October 16 from 6-10 p.m. and on Saturday, October 17 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Entrance fee is \$2 per person and refreshments will be provided by the Aylmer Heritage Association.

This popular fall event will feature 25 dealers from Quebec and Ontario selling a wide selection of antique furniture, jewellery, silver, china, glassware, lumbering tools, oriental carpets, linens, clothing and collectibles.

For more information, contact Diane Aldred at 770-4204 or Hazel Farnham at 684-3723.

British Hotel, Aylmer  
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## **History & Folklore of Pontiac County**

**AUTUMN - 1987**

This workshop/bus tour series with Venetia Crawford, well-known author on Pontiac lore (Treasures of the Pontiac) explores the history and folklore of Pontiac County, Quebec, through visits, stories of local folklorists and historians, and documents.

The series consists of five day-long, guided bus tours, leaving and returning to the City of Ottawa parking lot at 280 Laurier Street (free parking on Saturdays). Buses leave at 9:00 a.m. and return at

6:00 p.m., stopping in Aylmer on the way.

Cost: - \$195.00 per person  
- over 55 years of age  
\$147.00 each  
- \$45.00 per day trip

(Includes full lunches, bus transportation, boat and ferry rides and course fee).

#### ITINERARY

Saturday, September 12 - GUYON

Saturday, September 19 - CALUMET ISLAND

Saturday, September 26 - PORTAGE DU FORT - BRYSON

Saturday, October 3 - UP THE PICANOC

Saturday, October 11 - FORT WILLIAM

For more information or to register, call Continuing Education, Heritage Campus, Hull, P. O. 778-2270

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