# **LCA Friends of Lowertown Parks (and facilities) AGM June 2022**

**Chair - coordinator: Sandra Milton**

**The Committee continued to fulfil its key mandate to promote our Lowertown parks and the protection of our parks and parkettes especially those with historic significance and revitalisation.**

**Heritage Conservation Plan The MacDonald Garden Park Conservation Plan by the City of Ottawa will set out a policy and strategy in order to preserve the heritage attributes of Ottawa’s unique heritage cultural landscape. The plan will have specific guidelines for the park features – to provide direction for maintenance and any future renewal and life-cycle projects in the park. This work has been underway in collaboration with Friends of MacDonald Gardens 2021-22.**

**Revitalisation Bingham Park is close to revitalisation. The City of Ottawa survey to residents for their input to the park, the results are with the Parks Planning group and collaboration with Friends of Bingham Park. The plan may be presented this fall and work will begin thereafter once funding is approved.**

**Adopt a tree Again this year the Spongy Moth aka Gypsy Moth are back. This caterpillar is ready to feast again on our tree’s which causes widespread defoliation. Several communities and individuals have adopted a tree and wrapped them with burlap. Thank you to the City of Ottawa for providing burlap to the Friends of Lowertown Parks.**

**City of Ottawa Meetings Engage Ottawa, Parkland Dedication By-Law**

**Facilities The Champagne Baths are open only for the gymnasium the city is working with the councillor for reopening of the pool. The Routhier Centre has been used for covid isolation centre by Ottawa Public Health and we have been informed it will be turned back to the city in September. At this time we do not know when it will reopen and hope for engagement with the community for programming.**

**Engagements During this Covid period, the opportunities for engagement with residents and the city were limited and we have just started park walkabouts with city officials, staff and residents.**

**Theatre in the park The 2022 season for theatre in the various parks begins this weekend at Bordeleau Park Saturday 18th June at 7pm.**

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