

Take the Stress out of the Holidays

A free workshop by Catholic Family Services.

Thursday, December 6, 6:30 to 8:30 pm

219 Argyle Avenue, 3rd Floor

Tel: 613-233-8474

Set up a budget and a list of gifts that you can afford. Learn about nutritious inexpensive meal preparation. Manage holiday stress so you can enjoy yourself.

Christmas Exchange Running on Empties

Saturday, December 8

Donate empty beer, wine and liquor bottles to the Christmas Exchange. This is a chance to get rid of empties while helping a good cause. Volunteers will be outside participating Ottawa Beer Stores to collect your empties which will help provide food hampers and vouchers to people in need this holiday season.

Illumination Ceremony on Parliament Hill

Thursday, December 6, 5:45 pm

Tel: 613-239-5000

Website: <http://www.capecan.ca>

The celebration includes entertainment, bonfires, hot chocolate and "Beaver Tail" pastries (while quantities last). All activities are free.



Museum of Science & Technology Winter Solstice Celebration

Friday, December 21, 7:30-9:30 pm

1867 St. Laurent Blvd. Tel: 613-991-3044

Activities: Indoor and outdoor activities to celebrate the shortest day of the year. Sleigh rides through the Museum grounds, star gazing (weather permitting), hot chocolate and free admission with a donation for the Ottawa Food Bank.



Operation Rednose

819 - 771 - 2886

Please don't drink and drive this holiday season. Call Operation Rednose.

Volunteers will drive you to your destination in your car. Volunteers are available from 8 pm to 3 am

Friday November 30 and Saturday December 1;

Friday December 7 and Saturday December 8;

Thursday December 13, Friday December 14 and Saturday December 15;

Thursday December 20, Friday December 21 and Saturday December 22;

Friday December 28 and Saturday December 29; and

Monday December 31.

This service is free but donations are gratefully accepted! Volunteers are always needed and welcomed.



CCOC Committee Meeting Schedule

STANDING COMMITTEES	DECEMBER	JANUARY	TIME (PM)
Membership & Communications	December 5	January 2	7:00
Development Committee	December 11	January 8	7:00
Finance Committee	December 12	January 9	7:00
Property Management Committee	December 13	January 17	7:00
Rental Committee	December 18	January 15	7:00
Board of Directors	December 19	January 30	7:30



Where: Board Room at 415 Gilmour Street (ring 808). Call 234-4065, ext. 0 to confirm.

Note: CCOC will pay taxi fare and family care for committee members attending meetings.

NewsNotes

CCOC December 2007

Ottawa's Women of Wabano Win Native American Music Award

CCOC tenant Allison Fisher, former CCOC tenant Bev Souliere and Carlie Chase make up the First Nations women's drum group Women of Wabano. The group has won "Best Debut Group of the Year" at the 9th Annual Native American Music Awards.



Their CD, "Voices", was produced by the Wabano Centre for Aboriginal Health to highlight the talent of the Aboriginal community, and to publicize and expand the centre's children and youth programs. The CD can be purchased on the centre's website (address given below) or at the Wabano Centre at 299 Montreal Road. All funds from the CD sales go to this cause. The Wabano Centre provides health services to Aboriginal men, women, and children.

To hear a sampling of, 'Voices' Women of Wabano, go to www.wabano.com.

Bring Holiday Spirit into Your Building



Help decorate your lobby or get a group of tenants together for a holiday gathering.

CCOC has a Santa Claus suit and decorations you can borrow. We may even be able to help fund your building's holiday activities.

Call **Karen** at 613-234-4065 extension 241 to reserve decorations or to discuss ideas.

Holiday Office Closing

The CCOC Office will be closed at noon on Monday, December 24. It will remain closed until 9am on Thursday, December 27.

Fermeture du Bureau

Le bureau de la CCOC fermera à midi lundi le 24 décembre. Il restera fermé jusqu'à 9h jeudi, le 27 décembre.



Inside...



It is the season to give and receive, the 2008 City of Ottawa Budget, a greeting from CCOC staff, celebrating the season, getting home safely

613-234-4065

Maintenance ext. 707

Rental ext. 224/245

Finance ext. 230

Communications ext. 240

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City of Ottawa 2008 Budget Proposal

(these are excerpts from information posted on the City of Ottawa website)

This year, Council will be debating three options for the City's 2008 Budget:

1. a zero per cent property tax increase;
2. 1.4 per cent (equivalent to inflation) increase; and
3. 3.4 per cent increase

To reach Council's option for a zero per cent tax increase, a further \$34 million in new revenues or service/program reductions will be required. A list of options for reducing services/programs and generating increased revenues has been prepared for Council consideration during the budget debate.

1. Revenue Options

The list of revenue options include: new on-street paid parking zones and times; increased fees for use of arenas and sportsfields; recovery of administrative costs for supporting Business Improvement Areas; higher transit fares (proposed increase of 5%) and landfill tipping fees; and increased development applications fees.

2. Service Reduction Options

Service reduction options include: closing 10 library branches; reducing funding to non-profit organizations, community agencies and economic development organizations; reducing community services; closing 9 wading pools and 2 skateboard parks; eliminating outdoor rink grants; closing 5 ice surfaces and 23 community centres; eliminating the graffiti removal program; reducing dry garbage pickup to every two weeks; and reducing rural road ditching work.

3. Other Options

Options also include: deferring some capital projects to future years; not adding new services related to growth and not implementing new or enhanced services that have not yet been provided to the public. Services that are legislated were not considered for reduction, but where service levels were above what was required or above provincial averages, they were included as potential service reductions.

If you have ideas, questions, or opinions about the 2008 Draft Budget the City of Ottawa would like to hear them.

Get in touch with your City Councillor

OR

Contact the City of Ottawa:

E-mail: 311@ottawa.ca

Phone: 3-1-1 TTY: 613-580-2401

Fax: 613-560-6082

Mail: City Treasurer, City Manager's Office,
110 Laurier Ave. West, Ottawa, ON, K1P 1J1



Seasonal Services



Services for those who can give & for those who need.

For those who can give; donations of time, money, food, warm winter clothing are needed. If you can help, please contact the centre of your choice for more information. They would be very happy to hear from you!

For those who may also need services, here is a list of what is available. It is a good idea to call the phone numbers given to get all of the necessary information.

Snowsuits (Free to \$10 each) at the Snowsuit Fund

This service is for people on social assistance and working people who qualify for child tax benefits or GST rebates.

Address: 225 Donald St., Unit 134 (enter through the red door at the back of the building)

Phone: (613) 746-5143

Hours: Tuesday to Friday: 9am - 4pm

Saturday: open during peak season (call to check)

The centre distributes new (\$10) & nearly new snowsuits (free) for children newborn to 14 yrs. They also have some used coats, mitts and scarves for youth and adults.



What you need to bring to get a snowsuit:

Families who get social assistance:

- social assistance or child tax benefit papers;
- proof of child's date of birth (birth certificate & health card);
- drug card

Low income earners:

- an income tax statement showing the total child tax benefit received in 2006, listing the joint family income and number of eligible children;
- your child's birth certificate

To Make a Donation:

The Snowsuit Fund gratefully accepts donations of cash and knitted articles as well as gently used winter outerwear, hats, mitts and boots of all sizes. The following businesses also collect donations on their behalf: any Bank of Montreal (cash), Canadian Tire (snowsuits & cash), and Browns Cleaners (snowsuits & cash).

Free Holiday Dinners

Open to everyone!



Salvation Army - 613-241-1573

171 George Street

Saturday, December 8, noon to 7 pm (every hour)

Tickets - free at 171 George Street

Centre 454 - 613-235-4351

276 Murray Street

Thursday, December 13, 10 am to noon & 1 pm to 3 pm

Tickets - free at centre

The Mission - 613-234-1144

35 Waller Street

Sunday, December 16, 11 am to 5:00 pm

No ticket necessary.

Carleton Tavern - 613-728-7582 (Cheryl)

223 Armstrong

Tuesday, December 25, 11 am to 3 pm

No ticket necessary.

Irish Village Heart and Crown - 613-562-0674

67 Clarence St.

Tuesday, December 25, 11 am to 5 pm

No ticket necessary.

St. George's Anglican Church - 613-235-1636

152 Metcalfe Street

Tuesday, December 25, noon, 1:30 pm, 5:00 pm

No ticket necessary.

Centre 507 - 613-233-5626

507 Bank Street

Wednesday, January 9, noon

No ticket necessary, first come, first served.



Happy New Year!

and best wishes for

2008

from CCOC staff.