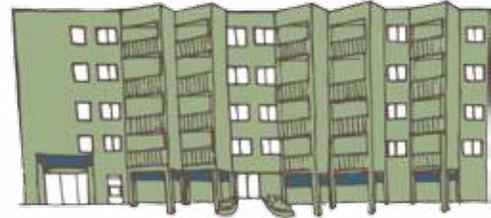




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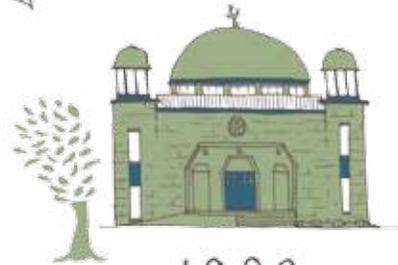
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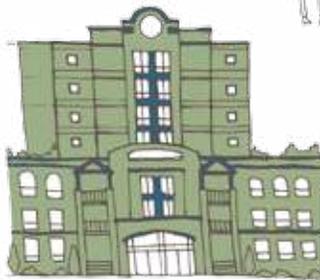
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530 - 544 McLeod, CCOC's first homes.

## Reflecting on 40 years...

Centretown has changed a lot in 40 years – and we like to think we've played a big role in that.

You can't walk more than a few blocks in this neighbourhood without seeing a CCOC property, and you can't spend much time around here without seeing CCOC tenants out in the neighbourhood. Of course, CCOC isn't just in Centretown anymore. CCOC properties and CCOC tenants can be found in neighbourhoods from west of Woodroffe to East of the Rideau River.

CCOC has changed a lot in 40 years too. In the past ten years alone, we've added over 300 homes to our portfolio – homes for more than 500 people. We are up over 50 full time staff now. Our operating budget is over \$20 million and the value of our properties over \$200 million.

But some things don't change. We still hold strong community values: a belief in the power and resiliency of diversity, the importance of working together to make Ottawa better. To make our lives better.

Partly this is because of the strength of our volunteers. Some of the same people who originally shaped CCOC are still involved and connected today. As President, I work every month with volunteers who have been helping CCOC for decades. Staff too have a great commitment to CCOC: forty of them have worked full time for CCOC for over a decade. Nineteen of those have served over 20 years.

Our commitment to our tenants and the neighbourhoods in which they live is long-term.

We are very fortunate that so many tenants return the favour. Most of our tenants have been with us longer than five years. In fact, the average is close to 8 years. And that average length of stay just grows each year because many of our tenants are the original occupants of their homes. More than one in ten tenants have been living with CCOC for more than twenty years.

That kind of stability matters to a neighbourhood. The kind of commitment shown by CCOC tenants, staff and volunteers is what builds community.

So if Centretown and other downtown neighbourhoods have changed for the better in 40 years, it's partly from the steady consistency of the people who make up CCOC.

**Calinda Brown, CCOC President**

## CCOC Presidents 1974 - 2014

Irving Greenberg	1974 - 1975
Brian Atkinson	1975 - 1976
Martin Dunn	1976 - 1977
Rod Manchee	1977 - 1979
Jeanne Burgess	1979 - 1982
Carol Timusk	1982 - 1983
Glenn Allen	1983 - 1985
Allan Huntley	1985 - 1987
Derek Ballantyne	1987 - 1994
Ken Gardner	1994 - 1999
Nancy Campbell	1999 - 2004
Sue Lott	2004 - 2007
Luke Pelot	2007 - 2010
Calinda Brown	2010 - today

## Staff

### 30+ YEARS:

Karen Batsch  
Catherine Boucher  
Perry Freda

### 25 - 30 YEARS:

Debbie Barton  
Virgelina Castro  
Peter Haughton  
Martin Ivall

### 20 - 25 YEARS:

Julie Boucher  
Jim Gleason  
Rick Hawkins  
Rod Howe  
Terry Ivall  
Jack Killeen  
Suzie MacDonald  
Carolyn McGuire  
Jacques Paquette  
Brian Rafter  
Bruce Robinson  
Rick Routhier

### 15 - 20 YEARS:

Glenn Allen  
Dennis Carr  
Shawn Guenette  
Connie Ivall  
Merv Ivall  
Naser Yazdekhashti

### 10 - 15 YEARS:

Curtis Boone  
Reuben Castro  
Lance Clark  
Leanna Falkenhagen  
Roger Lacoste  
Nicole Lortie  
Anna Malles  
April McMillan  
Miguel Mercado  
Joan Pei  
Lorraine Salvo  
Lisa Seguin  
Carol Sherman  
Ray Sullivan  
Vera Theokritoff

## Volunteers

### 35+ YEARS:

Glenn Allen  
Brian Bourns  
Diane Holmes  
Alison Kar  
Rod Manchee  
Patrick Savoie

### 20 - 35 YEARS:

Judy Forrest  
David Gladstone  
Michelle Hlavacek  
Christine Keess  
Suzie MacDonald  
Carolyn McGuire  
Linda Morrison  
Aron Spector  
Doris Zastre

### 15 - 20 YEARS:

Richie Allen  
Toby and David Brooks  
Doug Campbell  
Evelyn Casey  
Janet Pyefinch  
Vera Theokritoff

### 10 - 15 YEARS:

Brian Atkinson  
Derek Ballantyne  
Kerry Beckett  
Sulaina Bonabana  
Jeanne Burgess  
Pam Christie  
John Connolly  
Leanna Falkenhagen  
Judy Gerber  
Sue Lott  
Arlene Moke  
Raymonde Numa  
Luke Pelot  
Miike Reynolds  
Bill Rooney  
Karen Sexsmith  
Peter Thorn  
Carol Timusk

**Memories get fuzzy over time... please let us know if we've missed someone!**

# We've got staying power

CCOC's greatest strength is it's people. And the fact that so many of our people have stayed with us throughout so many years shows the strength of our combined commitment to our mission of

*creating, maintaining and promoting affordable housing for low and moderate income people.*

## Tenants

### 30+ YEARS

#### 5 tenants

*The tenant with the longest in-situ tenure moved in to his current home on September 1, 1977.*

### 25 - 30 YEARS

#### 46 tenants

*This spring CCOC is recognizing tenants of 25+ years with a \$100 gift certificate from the Bank Street BIA.*

### 20 - 25 YEARS

#### 135 tenants

*23 tenants at 145 Clarence have lived there since the building opened in 1993.*

### 15 - 20 YEARS

#### 138 tenants

*This was our biggest period of growth. We added 229 units in 4 buildings in one year alone!*

### 10 - 15 YEARS

#### 101 tenants

*More than a quarter of our tenants have lived with CCOC for more than a decade*

## Community partners

1987 Project Upstream  
1988 Bruce House  
1989 Cornerstone  
1989 PCIL  
1993 DPCR/ The In Community  
1997 CMHA  
2009 Options Bytown  
2010 Ottawa Salus  
2012 Live Work Play  
2014 Visiting Homemakers

## Founders

Brian Atkinson  
Gertrude Delorme  
Naomi Duguid  
Irving Greenberg  
Brian Bourns  
Abe Feinstein  
Nan Griffiths  
Brian Hierlihy  
Sandra Kuntze  
Bruce McFarlane  
Barry Padolsky  
Connie Penwarden  
Lyn Smith  
Donald Swartz

## The Centretown Plan: Where it all began...



L-R: Some of CCOC's forefathers and foremothers: Brian Bourns, Judy Forrest, John Leaning, Nan Griffiths, Marion Dewar, Joe Cassey and Jim Hayes celebrating the 30 year anniversary of the Centretown Plan in 2006.



CENTRETOWN PLAN Report Card 2006		OVERALL GRADE: <b>B+</b>
<b>Goals of the Centretown Plan:</b>		
1: To maintain and enhance the residential character of Centretown while allowing for a moderate increase in population	A/B	Residential character preserved and enhanced. AMI limited under (21,000) compared to 1971 (24,000)
2: To accommodate persons of all age groups, income levels, cultural backgrounds, lifestyles and households more wishing to live in Centretown with good quality, affordable housing	A/B	Diversity in high and strongly valued. Centretown C 1985 - 1995, but there has been little program since.
<b>Objectives:</b>		
1: To protect, maintain and improve existing good quality housing	A	Conditions stayed largely after the Centretown Plan
2: To increase the amount of family housing, especially in low profile residential areas	B-	Many new family oriented housing units built, but the
3: To provide housing which meets the needs of handicapped persons, senior citizens, single parent families and other groups with special needs	B+	Centretown performed well in meeting these needs, pro
To encourage innovative building and site development which will contribute to the physical environment of the community and enhance the ability of Centretown as a place to live	B	Induced land value makes innovative design difficult, but
To protect, preserve and encourage sensitive rehabilitation of buildings and historical, architectural or cultural significance	A	The Centretown Plan led to other heritage preservation
To protect residential areas from adverse effects of adjacent commercial or major traffic nodes	B-	There are still some areas around some land use that in

In the mid-seventies, neighbourhood and community groups all over North America realized that they had to defend their communities from the development of high-rise office buildings and the threat of highways. In Centretown, the Centretown Citizens Community Association (CCCA) worked with the City of Ottawa to develop the Centretown Plan. With community members involved as fully as possible in the process, the Plan outlined a vision of a thriving downtown neighbourhood that maintained and enhanced the residential character of Centretown. Once the plan was approved, the community created CCOC as one way to make sure Centretown stayed a vibrant and affordable residential neighbourhood.

The Centretown Plan is still in place today.



## Celebrating 40 years of success



Creating



Maintaining



Promoting



Some of the CCOC originals: L -R: Peter Haughton, Lance Clark, Brian Bourns, Diane Holmes, Jeanne Burgess, Catherine Boucher, Rod Manchec and Glenn Allen celebrating paying off the mortgage at 258 Lisgar.



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CCOC is a community based, tenant and member directed organization.  
We need everyone involved: staff, tenants, members and volunteers, to bring our vision to life.

### **GET INVOLVED AT YOUR BUILDING**

Weed, water and tend your front garden. Host a tenant gathering. Start a bike club. Decorate your lobby during the holidays. Set up a “have a book / leave a book” shelf. Help a neighbour. Share your garden produce. Start a recycling campaign. Lead a green team.

We can help! We have funds to help get your projects off the ground, and staff who can provide advice and assistance to turn your ideas into actions.

### **BECOME A CCOC MEMBER**

With a CCOC membership, you will get our NewsNotes delivered each month, packed with articles and information. You'll also get invitations to CCOC events and meetings. Membership lets you become a committee member, stand for election to the board and vote at our AGM. Membership costs \$3 a year, but it's worth a whole lot more!

### **JOIN A COMMITTEE**

Everyone is welcome to attend the monthly committee meetings where we get into detailed discussions about how our housing is run. To become a voting committee member, you have to attend more than three meetings and be a CCOC member. CCOC has a fund to pay costs of family care and transportation, and there are always snacks at the meetings. Committee dates are listed monthly in the NewsNotes.

### **RUN FOR A SEAT ON THE BOARD**

Every year there are seven positions up for election on CCOC's board of directors. Board terms are two years long, and board members are strongly encouraged to also sit on at least one CCOC committee during their term. So if you love CCOC and enjoy the thought of spending at least two nights per month talking about housing with a great group of committed volunteers, consider running for a seat on the board!

### **GET INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY**

Join a class. Take a workshop. Join your community association. Have your say at a city meeting. Plant a tree or join a community garden. Take a walking tour. Share your ideas about how you'd like your neighbourhood to grow with your friends and neighbours, your local businesses, your councillor and community groups. CCOC is about more than just our buildings - it's about where we all live.



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