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The first annual Glow of Love Mother's Day concert held on May 9 was a huge success raising over \$2,000 for the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario. PHOTO SUPPLIED

## Fundraising event a true labour of love

By Fred Sherwin  
The Orléans Star

Several hundred people came out to the Shenkman Arts Centre on May 9 to celebrate mothers, the community and beautiful music performed by a group of gifted young singers at the Glow of Love Mother's Day concert in support of the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario.

The event was organized by the Labelle family, most notably Julianna Labelle, who is just 10 years old.

When Julianna, who is a gifted singer and has performed for years around Orléans and Ottawa, wanted to organize a fundraising event for the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, a concert seemed the most obvious choice. So the family booked the Shenkman Arts Centre

and Julianna invited seven of her friends to perform with her.

The result was a magical evening that actually began earlier that day with a vendors' market in the Shenkman Arts Centre foyer where people could purchase items made by local suppliers and have their picture taken with the CHEO Bear.

Each singer performed on stage in the middle of over 1,000 candles formed into a large heart. Every performance reminded the audience why the event meant so much in "bringing families, community, and love together under one glow".

The most popular attraction of the event, besides the concert itself, was "The Wall of Love" photo booth, where people could write messages, share memories, post photos or take

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(L to r) Former Ottawa mayor Jim Watson, Orléans MPP Stephen Blais, Orléans North-Cumberland Coun. Matt Luloff, Bob Monette and Mayor Mark Sutcliffe gather for a group photo in front of the newly named Bob Monette Community Centre in Queenswood Heights. Bob Monette served on the former Cumberland town council in Heights Ward from 1985 to 1991 and then on Ottawa city council representing Orléans Ward 1 from 2006 to 2018. PHOTO SUPPLIED

## Challengers line up to run against Orléans East-Cumberland incumbent

ORLÉANS – There is no shortage of people looking to unseat Orléans East-Cumberland ward incumbent Matt Luloff in next fall’s municipal election. The first day of summer hasn’t even arrived and there are already five candidates registered for the Oct. 26 vote. That leaves the total only two below the number of candidates registered to take on Mark Sutcliffe so far. Barbara Dzaniela Gandolfo was the first person to register, doing so on May 1, which was the day nominations opened. Orléans lawyer Sherif Rizk followed suit on May 4, followed by Bob Bell and Tammie Trellett on May 5. The fifth challenger to register as of last Friday, May 22, is high tech entrepreneur and Cumberland Heritage Village Museum board chair Mazhar Choudhry. All five challengers will now begin the process of recruiting volunteers, raising money and knocking on doors. The *Orléans Star* will be running stories on all the candidates over the coming weeks as the election draws nearer. As for the other east wards, Catherine Milburn is the lone candidate to so far challenge Beacon Hill-Cyrville incumbent Tim Tierney. Orléans West-Innes incumbent is Laura Dudas is so far running unopposed and Orléans South-Navan candidate Catherine Kitts had yet to register as of last Friday.

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## CHEO fundraising event was a true labour of love

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pictures of themselves in front of a large heart.

Besides Julianna, the other performers included Romy Mounzer, Liana Molinaro, Jhune Ernesto, Sharlee, Chelsea Palmer, Stefan Keyes and Caroline Coderre all performing with the theme of “Making memories. Spreading love. Supporting CHEO” through the power of live music.

Other than ticket sales, the event also benefited from the support of sponsors like the Donnelly Automotive Group, McDonalds Orléans, and TFI Food Equipment Solutions as well as dozens of other companies and businesses which provided items for a giant gift basket.

By the time all of the proceeds have been counted the event will have raised over \$1,500 for CHEO.

Glow of Love will be back next year even better so make sure to follow them on Facebook (A Glow of Love) and get your tickets early.



The Glow of Love Mother’s Day concert was the brainchild of 10-year-old Julianna Labelle. PHOTO SUPPLIED

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# Blackburn ball diamond named after 'Mayor' Kazmierski

By Fred Sherwin  
The Orléans Star

The Blackburn Hamlet baseball diamond located next to the Lois Kemp Arena has been renamed in honour of a local legend who is no longer with us and was affectionately known as the "Mayor of Blackburn Hamlet".

Greg Kazmierski was a constant fixture at the Metro grocery store in the Hamlet, greeting customers and stocking shelves for over 30 years.

Away from the store, Greg could always be found watching a hockey game in the Blackburn Arena or a baseball game on the nearby diamond. He was also at every social function in the community from the Blackburn Fun Fair to whatever political event was happening at the time. And all along the way and at every encounter, whatever he did he always had a huge smile on his face and a twinkle in his eye. He loved his community and the community loved him.

Sadly, Greg passed away last June at the age of 50, a victim of early onset Alzheimer's disease.

On May 9, Greg's family and friends gathered together to dedicate the Greg

Kazmierski Memorial Ball Diamond, cementing the legacy of someone who meant so much to so many in the community.

Orléans West-Innes councillor Laura Dudas summed up the event and what Greg meant to the community best.

"Greg led by example, showing us all that a community is built on small acts of kindness and a genuine care for those around you," said Dudas, "From now on, when players of all ages take the field, they'll be playing on a diamond that represents kindness, resilience and a life lived with an open heart."

The fact that Greg lived such a long and impactful life is a testament to his love of life, positive attitude and the strength of a mother who never wanted her son to be treated differently than any other kid.

Greg faced an enormous challenge right out of the gate. Shortly after being born in Germany on July 9, 1972, the doctors discovered that he had two holes in his heart. But that wasn't all of it. He was also born with Down Syndrome.

His parents Mary Anne and Carl were told that Greg had little to no hope of seeing his first birthday – or whether it was even worth



fighting to save him.

With a strong sense that the German doctors were wrong, Mary Jane and Carl decided to immigrate to Canada to seek a second opinion.

Once here, they had to convince Canadian Immigration officials that Greg's life had sufficient value to offset the potential costs to Canada's health and social services.

Greg not only survived to see his first birthday party, but many more. When it came time to attend elementary school, Mary Jane had to fight once again, this time to allow her son to attend classes at Good Shepherd Catholic School rather than go to a special

needs school.

Greg soon became the most popular kid in the school. It was the same when he went to Lester B. Pearson High School, and when it came time to graduate with the rest of his class, he was given a lengthy standing ovation.

Greg was special and he made everyone who met him feel special too.



Greg Kazmierski

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# Western alienation

By its very nature, Canada is an imperfect country. It was founded by the French and then the English, on land that was already occupied by the First Nations, something this country has yet to come to terms with.

Then during the Seven Years War, the British defeated the French on the Plains of Abraham. In 1763, the Treaty of Paris was signed to end the war and gave possession of parts of New France to Great Britain, including Canada.

Ordinarily, the Treaty would have resulted in the Anglicization of New France, but the French population wouldn't have it and Quebec evolved with its own identity as Lower Canada, right beside English Upper Canada. The Act of Union 1840, maintained the idea of French Canada and English Canada existing together, which was later codified in the British North America Act of 1867 which created the Dominion of Canada.

Since then, English and French Canada have continued to co-exist with a few bumps along the way including two referendums on the issue of Quebec separation, both of which failed. Now it's Alberta's turn. The ruling United Conservative Party of Alberta (UCP) won a slim majority in 2023 on the promise that it would hold a referendum on separation during its current mandate.

Western separation sentiment has been around since the first homesteaders settled in Alberta and Saskatchewan and were forced to purchase Canadian farm equipment thanks to tariffs put in place by Ottawa.

But it wasn't until Ottawa passed the National Energy Program, in 1980, forcing Alberta to share its oil revenues with the rest of Canada, that separation sentiment began to really heat up and its been simmering ever since.

The UCP had been hoping to hold a referendum on separation next fall. In fact, they managed to get 310,000 signatures on a petition that paved the way legislatively for a referendum, but a recent court decision has put the breaks on it.

On May 14, a provincial court judge ruled the government "failed in its duty to consult First Nations before setting Alberta on a process that could substantially impact Indigenous treaties with Canada".

Both the provincial government under Premier Danielle Smith and separatist lawyer Jeffrey Rath are planning to appeal the ruling.

All of which maybe moot. Recent surveys indicate that less than a third of Albertans would vote to separate. That's far fewer than the number of Quebecers who voted "Qui" in the 1995 referendum.

Nationalist sentiment for a united Canada carried the day back then and it will carry the day again if and when a referendum is ever held in Alberta.

— Fred Sherwin



## Orléans MP asks the question: Who is this government working for?

There is an old rule in politics: mistakes happen, but coverups destroy trust.

Lately at Queen's Park, it feels like we are watching the same pattern repeat itself over and over again with this Conservative government.

Not honesty first. Not transparency first. Not accountability first. Instead, this government only seems to come clean when it gets caught.

We saw it with the Greenbelt scandal. For months, the government insisted everything was above board. Then investigations revealed that politically connected insiders stood to benefit from decisions made behind closed doors. The government reversed course only after public outrage and mounting pressure.

We saw it again with recent changes to Ontario's Freedom of Information system. At a time when people already feel cynical about politics, the government moved to make it harder for journalists and the public to access information about how decisions are made. Openness should be the default, not something reluctantly provided after backlash. And now we have the luxury private jet controversy.

Families across Ontario are struggling with groceries, housing, gas and hydro bills. Yet somehow, at exactly

this moment, the government decided it needed a luxury private jet for political travel and photo ops.

The justification? Turbulence.

Seriously.

Most Ontarians would love to live lives where "too much turbulence" was among their biggest problems.

The province already had access to aircraft through the Ontario Provincial Police. This was never about necessity. It was about entitlement and political image.

And that is the deeper issue tying all of these stories together.

People feel like government is becoming disconnected from the lives of ordinary Ontarians. They see insiders getting access. They see announcements before action. They see spin replacing straight answers.

People do not expect governments to be perfect. They understand mistakes happen.

But they do expect honesty.

They expect humility.

And they expect a government that remembers who it is supposed to work for.

Ontario deserves better than government by damage control. Because accountability after getting caught is not real accountability at all.



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# The traditional idea of retirement has become a dream for the very few

The traditional idea of retirement is becoming a pipe dream for many Canadians, if it isn't already?

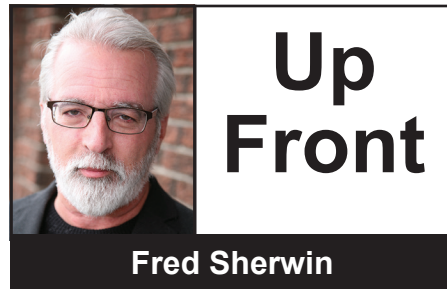
Let's face it, unless you're a teacher or work in some other unionized profession, are a member of the military, or work for the federal government or one of its many agencies, your chances of achieving "Freedom 65" is about as likely as winning the Mega Millions lottery.

Personally, I'm on the Freedom 85 plan, unless, of course, I die first, which at this point seems like the only shot I have at "retirement".

And I'm not alone. I fit in that category of self-employed individuals who own their own business and face the daily challenge of paying rent and utilities, making the car payment, paying for insurance, the cell phone bill, and a host of expenses, all of which seem to go up year after year, while private sector incomes remain stagnant.

As if that financial strain isn't enough, the price of gas has increased 30 to 40 per cent since the start of the U.S.-Iran War which has led to even higher grocery prices.

The cost of living is outpacing the cost of ever retiring at a dizzying pace.



And while those fortunate enough to have a union job enjoy cost of living increases every year, the rest of us are left to pay for those increases through higher taxes and user fees.

We've reached the point where retirement has become an unattainable dream unless you happen to be married to someone who is also gainfully employed, preferably with a pension of their own or are in line to get a hefty inheritance.

Most of the people I know who are retired are either former teachers, former members of the military, or former government employees who were able to maximize their RRSP contributions every year.

My favourite letter was the one I would get from Revenue Canada every year, informing me of what my maximum

contribution limit was.

I actually have a friend, who didn't fall under any of the aforementioned job descriptions I listed. He paid for everything in cash and never borrowed a cent to avoid paying any interest. Although he owned a credit card, he would pay it off every month. And he saved every cent he could. Whatever he didn't spend on RRSPs, he put away in a tax free savings account all with the goal of retiring at the age of 55.

After achieving that goal, his savings were swallowed up by the high cost of living and he soon realized that he couldn't afford to grow old without going back into the workforce as a consultant. Now he is "semi-retired", which is code for someone who wishes they were retired but can't afford it.

Of course, there is that other category of "semi-retired" who are retired but are bored to tears and need to keep busy so they find something to do past the time.

If you happen to fall in the latter category, congratulations. I, and thousands of others like me, don't. We are frantically trying to figure out how we can survive on our combined CPP and Old Age Security

earnings and the answer is, we can't. Not unless, to borrow the words from the late Chris Farley, we "live in a van down by the river".

Forget a retirement residence, or a seniors home. The best we can hope for is an in-law suite, assuming we have children who can afford to buy a home with an in-law suite.

Speaking of which, as bad as it is for people of my generation who are already of retirement age, the picture is even bleaker for young people.

A lot of folks in their 50s and 60s hopefully have a home that is paid off, or near to being paid off, which contains enough equity to form a nest egg.

For a lot of young people today, owning a home is an even bigger pipe dream than being able to one day retire. Heck, retirement hasn't even entered their consciousness.

As prices and the cost of living continue to rise, the possibility of being able to afford to retire becomes more and more distant. Add on top of that the fact that people are living longer. It's a conundrum, without any easy answers. But it's a conundrum that needs to be addressed sooner rather than later.

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## Letter to the editor

# Quebec stands to benefit the most from high speed rail

To the editor:

I read your interesting editorial in the May 14 edition of the *Orléans Star*.

I'm betting that Quebec would love to have a high-speed rail system from Quebec City to Montreal with stops along the way. (a commuter train, in other words). Problem is, they have no money to pay for it.

So how could they make this happen? I know, get the feds involved and extend this system into Ontario and get the rest of Canada's sparse population to foot the bill.

I'm feeling that this plan was hatched in Quebec City.

If Alto/SNC, the winning bid, wants to enter Ontario with this "intrusion of a 60-meter corridor", then we should suggest that we (Canada), should be allowed to lay down an energy east pipeline through Quebec, which would benefit the whole of Canada by bringing in much needed revenue, and not the pittance that the U.S. is giving us for our oil. Quebec doesn't care about this because they only allow things when it benefits them the most. Some food for thought. Keep up the good work!

Doug K.  
Orleans

# Happy 40th anniversary

Congrats on the milestone anniversary. You are doing excellent work. I am a proud former employee of the paper, having worked for paper back in the day.

My wife and I live in Chapel Hill now after moving from the Fallingbrook area last summer. I'm really glad to see that *The Star* is still serving the community.

Hope you are doing well and if you ever need a hand with anything I am in semi-retirement from comms work now and I would be happy to help out if I could.

All the best,  
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# More needs to be done to make Ottawa more user-friendly

Between mortgage renewals, rising grocery bills, and inflation, residents in Orléans are watching every dollar. That's why I have always believed that local government should make life easier, not add more paperwork, stress and financial burdens to our plates.

Unfortunately, common sense is not always the default at City Hall.

There is a frustrating trend where municipal policies and programs create cumbersome, bureaucratic headaches for law-abiding homeowners. A prime example is the City's Vacant Unit Tax. The intention of this policy was noble, targeting wealthy property speculators who are leaving homes empty to turn a profit. Instead, the reality is that it has cast far too wide a net, turning what should be a targeted tool into an intrusive, city-wide compliance trap. It is exactly why I voted against its creation and remain opposed.

I have heard from homeowners confused about whether their in-law suite needs to be

rented out, and increasingly from families caught in stressful audits and appeals, forced to prove that they live in their own homes.

When City policies treat residents like suspects in their own neighbourhoods, they have missed the mark. No level of government should ever be so rigid or self-assured that it cannot acknowledge a mistake and take a step

back with fresh perspective.

The City needs to design policies around the needs of everyday citizens, ensuring that municipal operations support your life rather than complicating it. The focus should always be on getting the basics right - delivering reliable transit, safe roads, and quality parks - not on placing additional regulatory burdens on residents.

There needs to be a refocus on accountability and outcomes, not process for the sake of process. Residents deserve a City Hall that listens, adapts, and corrects course when something is not working. That is how trust is built, and it is how all governments should operate.



**Laura Dudas**

Orléans West-Innes Ward 2

# Big Wheels event part of National Public Works Week

National Public Works Week may have wrapped up, but the work behind it never really stops and neither does the opportunity to celebrate the people who keep Ottawa running every day.

From clearing snow during winter storms to maintaining roads, sidewalks, water systems, parks, traffic infrastructure and public spaces, Public Works staff are often the people residents rely on most without even realizing it. Their work touches nearly every part of daily life in Ottawa, and when things are working well, it is usually because a dedicated team has been working behind the scenes to make sure they do.

This year's National Public Works Week theme, "Rooted in Service, Powered by Community," could not be more fitting. Public Works is one of the clearest examples of how city services directly impact residents. Whether it is repairing roads after a harsh freeze-thaw season, collecting waste, maintaining safe drinking water, keeping traffic moving or

responding during emergencies, these teams continue to deliver every day across Ottawa.

One of the best ways to see that work up close is through the return of the Public Works Big Wheels Expo on Sunday, June 7 at the Ottawa Stadium.

The event has become a favourite for families, especially for children fascinated by the massive vehicles and equipment that keep the city operating day and night. Residents will have the opportunity to get up close to snowplows, garbage trucks, road painting vehicles and more while meeting the operators behind them.

The City has also continued making the event more inclusive with a dedicated sensory-friendly opening from 9 to 9:30 a.m., featuring reduced noise, smaller crowds and limited announcements.

The Public Works Big Wheels Expo runs from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Admission is free, and beginning at 10:30 a.m., the first 100 attendees will receive free tickets to an upcoming Ottawa Titans game.



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# East end athletes in top form at high school T&F championships

By Fred Sherwin  
The Orléans Star

Orléans-area athletes had a successful National Capital secondary school track and field meet last week with several athletes winning multiple titles starting with Maxime Cazabon from École secondaire catholique Garneau who swept the senior boys high jump, long jump and triple jump events.

Samuel Pamale from St. Peter High School won both the junior boys 100 and 200 metres and placed fourth in the long jump.

Teammates Cassidy Sookocheff and Jorai Ma Oppong-Nketiah from École secondaire publique Louis-Riel were also multiple event winners sweeping both the 100 and 200 metre sprints in the junior and senior girls levels respectively.

One of the revelations of the day was St. Matthew High School's Frida Isaac-Ighodaro. The tall Grade 9 student swept the novice girls sprints in impressive fashion, winning the 100 metres by two or three strides and the 200 metres by nearly a full second.

But the most impressive performance of the meet was turned in by Louis-Riel's Mallea McMullin who set a meet record in the javelin competing in her first year as a

senior. She won the event with a throw of 42.23 metres, which was 10 metres farther from her nearest rival and nearly half a metre farther than the previous record which was set in 2018.

McMullin went into the city championships with a little extra motivation having just missed breaking one of the oldest high school records on the books in the East Conference meet the week previous.

The holder of both the East Conference and city championship records at the junior level, McMullin fell just 20 centimetres short of breaking the senior girls record at the East Conference meet which was set in 1981 by De La Salle's Lucie Archambault.

"I knew I was near the record, but I didn't know how old it was," said McMullin who won the event with a throw of 42 metres.

Besides winning the senior girls javelin at the city championships this year, McMullin also won the senior girls discus.

She will be among 21 fellow athletes from Louis-Riel who will be competing at the OFSAA East Regional meet in Brockville this week for a chance to qualify for the provincial championships taking place in St. Catherine's from June 4-6.



Louis-Riel's Mallea McMullin set a new meet record in the senior girls javelin at the National Capital secondary school track and field championships last week. FRED SHERWIN/PHOTO

Other local athletes who will be competing at the East Regionals as city champions include Audrey Lovric from Gloucester High School in the novice girls shot put, Matilda Edwards from Colonel By in the junior girls triple jump, Keshia Chivaza from Louis-

Riel in the junior girls high jump, Laurina Nganzeu from Gloucester in the junior girls javelin, Finley Labrach from Colonel By in the junior boys javelin, and Tasei Tan from Béatrice-Desloges in the senior boys 400-metre hurdles.

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family festival weekend full of fun activities for people of all ages.

**Bracelets** – This year's fair will be offering affordable all-weekend bracelets available for unlimited rides on all inflatables. Buy it early and use it all weekend for only \$20! Want to avoid lineups? Bracelets can be pre ordered online and picked up at the Blackburn Public Library in advance. More details at QR code below.

**Free shows are back** – Guests raved about the added free attractions introduced last year and they're all back! Come enjoy hourly free shows including Mojo Magic magician Ben Lavalee, Little Rays Reptiles, stilt walker Luciano Lu, comedian Chris Pilsworth, juggler Jean-Guy Beaudry, Princess Elsa and Demon Hunter Rumi sharing their story tales in the arena all weekend.

**Pony Rides - are back with no waiting in line this year.** Register for a spot between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., Saturday and Sunday weather depending. Don't horse around. Sign up before all spots are gone!

**Casino Night** – This year's fair will host a Casino Night Friday night from 7-10 p.m. and include popular games like poker, blackjack and roulette. Please note the event is a fundraiser with prizes for the winners and not a cash tournament. More info online.

**But there's no midway!** Sadly true, but that's how our local fair keeps costs down and still makes it a fun affordable time. New to this year's inflatable lineup is:

- Soccer darts – It's a World Cup summer so show off your kicking prowess!
- Pony hop racetrack – Race your friends and win!
- Returning favorites include the Big Red Baller, 19-foot mega slide, 50-foot extreme obstacle course, 3-lane bungee run and the Funhouse maze.

**50/50 Raffle** – Last year's winner won almost \$500! Support a local community event by purchasing entries to our 50/50 Funfair Raffle at the QR code below.

Other well-loved returning and new events include:

- Free kids movie Friday June 5 in the arena
- Free Saturday parade down Bearbrook Ave. at 10 a.m.
- Free fireworks show Saturday at 10 p.m.
- Pancake breakfast Saturday at 8 a.m.
- DND tournament Saturday at 1 p.m. in the community hall: register online
- Bingo in the hall Saturday at 2 p.m.
- Weekend softball tournament.
- Cornhole tournament: register online.
- Showcase of 60 vendors in the Lois



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Kemp arena all weekend long.

- Online Silent Auction raising money for community programming. Check out what's available at the QR code below.
  - Music Friday night and all day Saturday leading up to the main act: SOS: The ABBA Experience. Other featured acts include Where's Mike, Right On! C-Sonic and Green's Creek Revival
  - Beer garden open Friday evening and Saturday.
- Come see what Blackburn Hamlet has to offer this summer. Visit <https://blackburnfunfair.ca> for up to date info and event registrations.

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This year's Funfair is offering online sales for three events items and early access to our Silent Auction. Skip the lines and get your Funfair music, raffle and ride bracelets early! More info at [blackburnfunfair.ca](http://blackburnfunfair.ca)

Use promo code **ORLEANS30** and get SOS tickets for only **\$30!**

<p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">SOS</p> <p>The ABBA Experience</p>	<p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">50/50 Raffle</p> <p>Draw at noon June 7, 2026</p>	<p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">Silent Auction</p> <p>Early access to bid online!</p>	<p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">\$20 Ride bracelet</p> <p>Unlimited rides all weekend!</p>
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# Notice of Open House # 2

## Terms of Reference for the Environmental Assessment of the Proposed Waste Connections of Canada Inc. Navan Waste Recycling and Disposal Facility Landfill Continuation

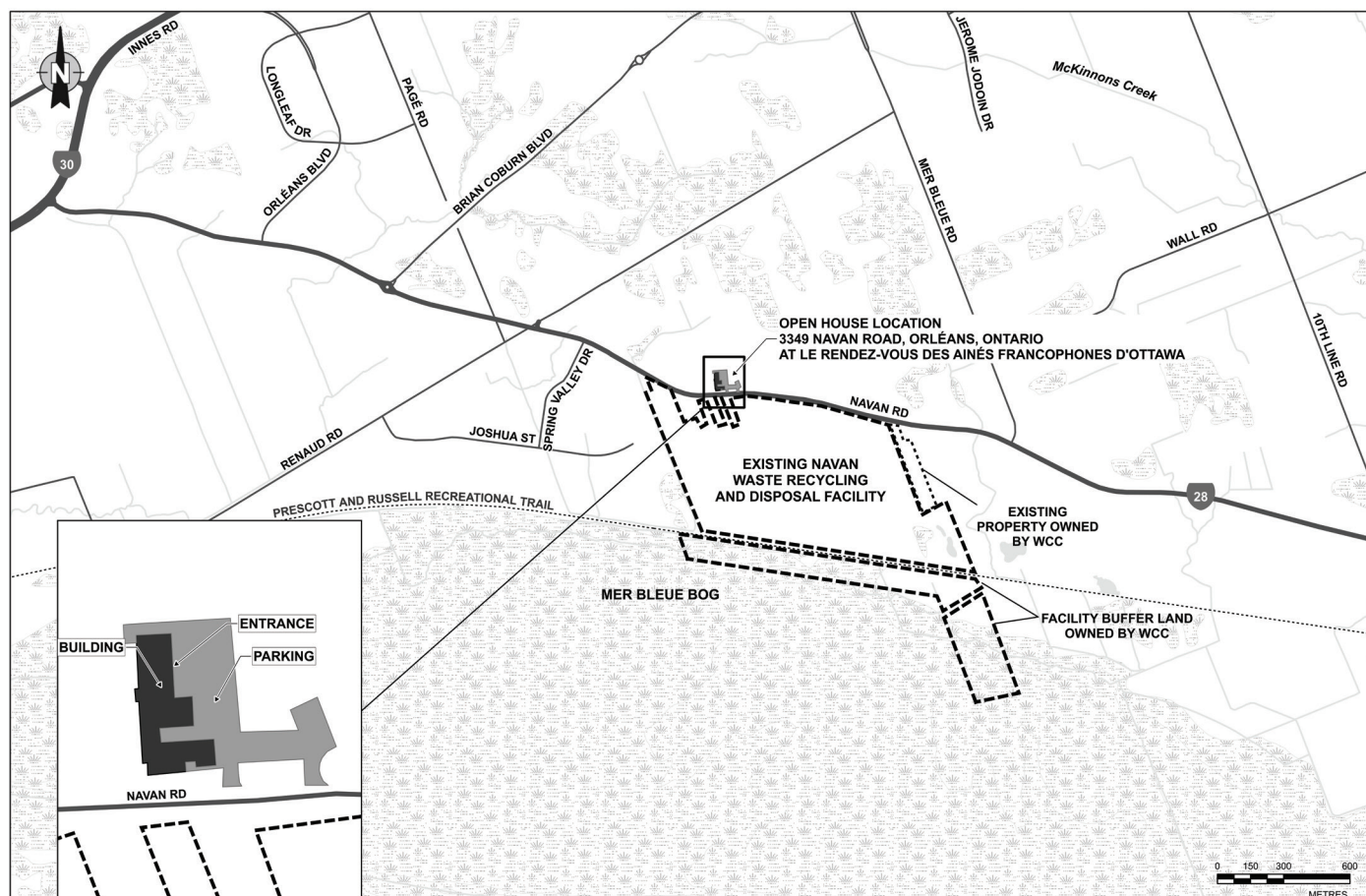
Waste Connections of Canada Inc. (WCC) has initiated the Terms of Reference for an Environmental Assessment under the Environmental Assessment Act for a continuation of its Navan Waste Recycling and Disposal Facility (Navan WRDF or the Site) operations. It is estimated that at current disposal rates the Site could reach its approved final contour waste elevation in late 2027.

WCC has identified an opportunity to continue providing residual waste disposal capacity for users of the Navan WRDF public drop-off area and Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional (IC&I) generators of solid non-hazardous waste by developing additional disposal capacity at the Navan WRDF.

WCC would like to receive community feedback on the proposed landfill capacity increase and is hosting its Open House #2 event:

**June 18, 2026**  
**from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM**  
**at Le Rendez-vous des**  
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Through Open House #2, the public will learn about proposed content of the Draft Terms of Reference, a summary of feedback received during the first Open House, the target additional airspace and operating life, the potential areas being considered for additional disposal capacity (referred to as the 'Alternative Methods'), the environmental components proposed to be studied in the EA and the associated work plans, upcoming



opportunities for public input, and next steps for the Project.

For further information on the proposed study and to sign up for e-mail notification, please visit our website ([www.wasteconnectionsCanada.com/ottawa-landfill/ea](http://www.wasteconnectionsCanada.com/ottawa-landfill/ea)) or contact:

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Members of the public, Indigenous communities, agencies, and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process by attending Open House #2.

All personal information included in a submission – such as name, address, telephone number and property location – is collected, maintained, and disclosed by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) for the purpose of transparency and consultation. The information is collected under the authority of the Environmental Assessment Act or is collected and maintained for the purpose of creating a record that is

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May 28, 2026

*Veillez noter qu'il vous est possible de nous communiquer vos commentaires ou vos questions sur le projet en français en les adressant à Yannick Marcerou au 613-592-9600 ou par courriel à [Yannick.Marcerou@wsp.com](mailto:Yannick.Marcerou@wsp.com)*

# COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

**FRIDAY, MAY 29**

**KARAOKE NIGHT** from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Stray Dog Brewing Company, 501 Lacolle way in the Taylor Creek Business Park.. Come as you are, sing what you love, and have a blast. Take your talent out of the shower or car, and bring it to our stage. Every voice belongs here. Judgement free.

**SATURDAY, MAY 30**

**GREATER ORLEANS GARAGE SALE** from 8 a.m. across all Orleáns. Download interactive map showing participating locations at <https://linktr.ee/GOGS2026>. For more information visit [facebook.com](https://facebook.com).

**SDBC TAPROOM SERIES** presents Numbers Station live and in concert at the Stray Dog Brewing Company, 105 Lacolle

Way in the Taylor Creek Business Park. Tickets \$10 in advance at [straydogbrewing.ca](https://straydogbrewing.ca).

**SATURDAY, MAY 30  
SUNDAY, MAY 31**

**GIVEAWAY WEEKEND** – Treasure hunters, get ready! Giveaway Weekend is back in Ottawa. Place your gently used, unwanted items at the curb and let someone else give them a second life. Then, explore what your neighbours have put out because their trash may be your treasure!.

**SUNDAY, MAY 31**

**THE GLOUCESTER COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND** presents “Melodies in Motion” from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at École secondaire catholique Béatrice-Desloges, 1999 Provençe Ave. Admission is free with the donation of a non-perishable food

item to the Orleáns-Cumberland food bank.

**MONDAY, JUNE 1**

**TRIVIA NIGHT** from 7:30 p.m. every Monday night at the Royal Oak Pub Orleáns. Free to play. Prizes for the winning team! The Royal Oak Pub is located at 1981 St. Joseph Blvd. near Jeanne d’Arc. For more info visit [facebook.com/RoyalOakPubsOrleans](https://facebook.com/RoyalOakPubsOrleans).

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3**

**TRIVIA NIGHT** from 6:30 p.m. at the Stray Dog Brewing Company. Exercise your gray matter while having tons of fun. Reservations are a must to secure your spot. Send your team name and number of people to [info@straydogbrewing.ca](mailto:info@straydogbrewing.ca). The Stray Dog Brewing Company is located at 501 Lacolle Way.

# IN MEMORIAM



**Erma Lefebvre, 83**  
Passed away on May 17, 2026

**Christopher Edward Olson, 54**  
Passed away on May 14, 2026

**Gustave Emond, 90**  
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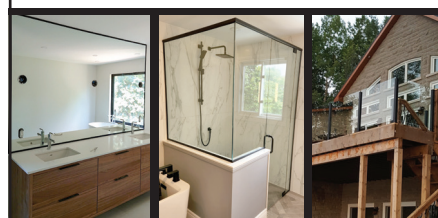
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