

NewsNotes

CCOC

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Beaver Barracks project launch

On Friday, July 10th CCOC celebrated the launch of Phase I of the Beaver Barracks project with an event on the site attended by roughly 50 people, including politicians from all levels of government, CCOC staff, board members and tenants, and community friends and partners. CCOC President Luke Pelot spoke on our behalf, saying "We've been developing and managing affordable housing for over 35 years, but this is our largest and greenest development so far. It's exciting because this is the new way to build cities: intensive urban developments that are affordable, sustainable and accessible, and that support a diversity of ages, abilities, family types and sizes." The event recognized the first phase of construction of the affordable housing project at Beaver Barracks of which \$18.3 million is from the Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program. This federal and provincial funding for this project is complemented by more than \$11.9 million in municipal financial incentives. CCOC's own equity and mortgage borrowing make up the balance of the project's financing for a total investment of more than \$51 million.



From left to right: Somerset Councilor Diane Holmes, Dennis Carr, Ottawa Centre MPP Yasir Naqvi, Rideau-Vanier MPP Madeleine Meilleur, Acting Mayor Doug Thompson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Jim Watson, Ottawa-Orleans MP Royal Galipeau, Luke Pelot, Jean-Marc Lalonde, Glengarry-Prescott-Russell MPP, Catherine Boucher, Community & Protective Services Committee Chair Diane Deans

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Placement Opportunities for Women 18 to 30 Years of Age

Deadline - August 31, 2009 ● 12 positions available

The Anti Poverty Project (TAPP) is now accepting résumés from women for twelve (12) positions in the Female Employment Mentorship (FEM) program starting in October.

The women selected will work on a paid 18-week work placement under the mentorship of the FEM program. They will learn skills in technology, office management, publicity and focus groups, writing and presentation, project planning, organizing meetings and other areas during a paid 6-week placement preparation period. They will be challenged to focus their lives and to set and achieve personal/career goals for themselves during 1-day workshops. For information, contact Jeannette Robert at (613) 248-1189 or at JeanRobe@TAPP.org



Program Requirements - Applicants must be one or more of the following:

- a single parent
- not receiving Employment Insurance (EI) benefits
- a public housing resident
- a Canadian citizen, landed immigrant or a person with refugee status
- need assistance to overcome employment barriers
- unemployed and not in school
- on social assistance
- homeless or in danger of becoming homeless
- an aboriginal

Job Qualifications

- be ready and willing to challenge yourself
- be ready to work hard
- be on time

Resumes

- fax to (613) 248-1207
- e-mail to JeanRobe@TAPP.org
- mail to: TAPP, Attn: Female Employment Mentorship Program
312-211 Bronson Ave.
Ottawa ON K1R 6H5

Fire Safety & Insurance

Fire escape planning...

- ✓ Develop and practice a fire escape plan with everyone in your home.
- ✓ Draw a floor plan of your unit showing all possible exits from each room. Try to plan a main route and an alternate exit route from each room.
- ✓ Know the location of exits and fire-alarm pull stations.
- ✓ In an emergency, hallway and exit lighting may be out. Make sure you can follow your escape plan in the dark.
- ✓ Decide on a meeting place outside your home.

If you hear a fire alarm...

- ✓ Turn off all appliances.
- ✓ Check the apartment door before opening it. If it is hot or smoke starts to enter, stay in your unit and call 9-1-1.
- ✓ If the door is not hot and smoke is not coming in, open the door and check the hall. If there isn't a lot of smoke in the hall, close the door behind you and go to the nearest stairway exit. Make sure you take your key, in case you have to return to your unit.
- ✓ If smoke is heavy in the corridor, it may be safer to stay in your unit with the door closed and wet towels against it.
- ✓ If the stairway is full of smoke, use an alternate exit or fire escape. If all stairways are full of smoke, it may be safer to stay in your unit.

If you stay in your unit...

- ✓ Keep smoke out of your unit by sealing cracks around the door with wet towels, sheets, etc. Also seal vents or air ducts.



- ✓ If smoke still enters your unit, call 911 - tell them where you are and move to the balcony. If there is no balcony, go to the most smoke-free room, close the door. Seal it with wet sheets and towels. Open the window for fresh air.
- ✓ Show rescuers where you are by hanging a sheet from the window or balcony.
- ✓ Keep low to the floor where the air is cleaner.

Lifesaving basics...

- ✓ Check your smoke detector every month. Press the test button. The detector should beep or ring loudly.
- ✓ If your detector runs on batteries, change them when you change your clocks, at daylight saving time.
- ✓ If your smoke detector is chirping or beeping off and on, change the batteries.

2 very important reasons to get tenants insurance...

1. CCOC is **not** responsible for loss or damage that occurs in your unit (unless it can be proved that CCOC was negligent). So it's up to tenants to insure their own personal property.
2. You are responsible for damage you cause to any part of the building. For example, if you leave the water running in your bathtub and it leaks to the apartment below, you are liable for that damage. You could end up owing hundreds or thousands of dollars to CCOC.

SoHo is tenant insurance designed for residents of social housing. Call SoHo at 1.866.440.2492 or visit their website at www.sohoinsurance.ca.



CCOC's office will be closed Monday, September 7 for Labour Day.

Notre bureau sera fermé lundi le 7 septembre pour la fête du travail.



Centretown Movies

Outdoor Film Festival

Dundonald Park (512 Somerset W)
Fridays & Saturdays from July 24 - August 22
Screenings start at 9:00PM

Friday, July 24
Saturday, July 25

Bend it Like Beckham hosted by Ladyfest
Monty Python and the Holy Grail
The Professor and the Blind Girl a short by Penny McCann

Friday, July 31
Saturday, August 1

How to Cook Your Life hosted by Good Food Box
Batman Begins Flow
a short by Cheryl Pagurek

Friday, August 7
Saturday, August 8

Blood Diamond hosted by Engineers Without Borders
Willy Wonka Hate Machine
a short by Phil Caron

Friday, August 14
Saturday August 15

Mad City Chickens hosted by Just Food
Roman Holiday Street Dreamz
a short by Deniz Berkin

Friday, August 21
Saturday, August 22

Hummingbird hosted by World Inter-Action Mondiale
C.R.A.Z.Y. Lustrale
a short by Izabel Barsive

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centretownmovies.org



Free Events

The Ottawa Lumière Festival

Bring a lantern to the Ottawa Lumière Festival; an exciting celebration of the magic and beauty of light featuring funky costumes, magnificent glowing lanterns and over 100 artists and performers.

Date: Saturday August 8

Time: 5 pm to midnight

Location: Stanley/New Edinburgh Park at the corner of Stanley Ave & Crichton St.

Information: www.lumiereottawa.com



Art on the Farm

Artists working in various formats will display and sell their original works under the trees in the Arboretum.

Date: Saturday, August 15 - Raindate August 16

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Location: Arboretum, Central Experimental Farm (next to Dow's Lake off Prince of Wales Dr.)

Information: www.friendsofthefarm.ca/events.htm



Capital Pride Festival

The high point of the Pride Festival is the Pride Parade, which begins at the Garden of the Provinces and Territories (Sparks and Wellington Street) and ends at Marion Dewar Plaza at Ottawa City Hall (110 Laurier Avenue West)

Date: Friday, August 21 to 30 - many events at various times... visit website for more info.

Pride Parade: Sunday August 30, 1 pm

Information - www.capitalpride.ca/2009/



CCOC Committee Meeting Schedule

STANDING COMMITTEES	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	TIME (PM)
Membership & Communications	August 5	September 2	7:00
Development Committee	August 11	TBD	7:00
Finance Committee	August 12	September 16	7:00
Property Management Committee	August 13	September 17	7:00
Rental Committee	August 18	September 15	7:00
Board	August 26	September 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 & family care for committee members attending meetings.