

Community Development Framework Update



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Journey Update

In the previous issue, we announced that the Bayshore, Carlington, Overbrook-McArthur and West Centretown neighbourhoods are the first neighbourhoods to engage with the CDF.

Since that time, the Neighbourhood Steering Committees have been established that will provide the overall vision and local support to implement the CDF. Members of Steering Committees include residents, local agencies, City Councillors, businesses and other interested individuals. Community Developers are working closely with the residents and partners to build the relationships necessary to move forward.

Here are more highlights of our travels together over the past few months:

- * Steering Committee members are focusing on smaller pockets of their neighbourhoods to be better able to focus community development efforts. Each will then further expand from there.
- * Bayshore residents and partners established an action group, Hand in Hand ~ Bayshore, comprised of members from the neighbourhood, residents' associations, OTNIM, and others. Hand in Hand ~ Bayshore will be coordinating community engagement in the Bayshore neighbourhood.
- * In West Centretown, the Steering Committee decided to begin the CDF neighbourhood-level process in Rochester Heights and add another soon after.

- * In Carlington, the Steering Committee will begin their work in the Caldwell/Bellevue neighbourhood.
- * In the Overbrook-McArthur area, the resident engagement started at 255 Donald Street and will be expanded to Lola/King George neighbourhood in the near future.
- * The Community Development Roundtable (leadership table) has approved the Evaluation Plan for CDF — the research and evaluation tools that will be used to measure neighbourhood level efforts, progress and successes.
- * One of these tools, a neighbourhood survey will engage residents in assessing strengths and assets as well as identifying the pressing issues in their neighbourhoods. This survey is ready and being launched in all four neighbourhoods now.
- * The Community Table met for the first time. This table has representatives from each of the Steering Committees who come together to begin sharing approaches and good practices across neighbourhoods, as well as look for opportunities to share strengths and resources. The Community Health and Resources Centres are coordinating this table.
- * Since our last issue, the City of Ottawa Community Development Framework Web pages went live. Everyone is encouraged to visit the site at: ottawa.ca/cdf

The itinerary

The Local Steering Committees have had or are planning for Community Development Framework Launch Days within the four neighbourhoods. This is an opportunity to build momentum and engage residents to become more involved with their community partners in making their neighbourhoods healthier and safer. So far the launches have been a great success! Watch for details in the next newsletter.

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The next step....

- Local steering committees are beginning the neighbourhood assessments with the neighbourhood survey, focus group discussions and an inventory of resources (asset mapping) in each neighbourhood.
- This phase will be followed with feedback and planning sessions with residents and front line staff from partner agencies – a key step towards developing neighbourhood action plans.
- City of Ottawa staff are taking part in the steering committees and a process is being developed to engage City staff to ensure municipal services are ready to support neighbourhoods.
- A training forum is being planned for September for all City staff and staff from partner agencies involved in the CDF to learn from each other and to gain a common understanding of Community Development. A steering committee is meeting to finalize the content of the day. Watch for more details to come!



Community Development Sightseeing....

A new feature of the newsletter will be showcasing community development initiatives where coordinated organizational and neighbourhood level efforts are employed. It is also an opportunity to give you a flavour of what is possible and inspire residents on how they can influence what is happening in their neighbourhood.

Here are a couple of examples!

As a result of Adobe's local partnership and involvement at the Resource Table, Overbrook-Forbes Community Resource Centre was made aware of Adobe Youth Voices program, applied and were the successful recipients of the grant. The program's goal is to provide young people with breakthrough learning experiences by learning new tools for self expression, engaging actively with themselves and with their

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communities, and connecting to new audiences beyond the classroom.

Adobe and CDF partners are thrilled that the Centre will be joining a global network of educators and organizations that empower young people to create media that is relevant to local, national, and global audiences. The program will be launched for youth residing in the Overbrook-Forbes area in the Fall 2009 - stay tuned for updates.

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In Carlington, the CDF Steering Committee members chose to develop criteria for deciding where to start their work. Different agencies brought together and shared their statistical data and experiences with each other and, based on this positive group process, they decided to begin in the Caldwell/Bellevue neighbourhood and then expand their efforts from there.

What a great beginning for that community!

A Great Beginning

There are many successful initiatives happening in the community. If you would like to share a story that exemplifies community development at work in your neighbourhood, especially in one of the four CDF neighbourhoods, please share your story with us at cdf_cdc@ottawa.ca.

Emerging travel inquiries...

We encourage you to visit the City of Ottawa web pages at ottawa.ca/cdf for CDF updates and further details. Please send your questions or inquiries to cdf_cdc@ottawa.ca.

You are also welcome to contact your Community Health and Resource Centre Community Developer for additional information on the status of Steering Committee activities happening within your neighbourhood. The Community Developers names and contact information are as follows:

- Carlington Community and Services Centre, Helen, Health Promoter, hstathopoulos@carlington.ochc.org, 613-722-4000
- Pinecrest-Queensway Community Health Centre, Larisa Williams, Health Promoter, lwilliams@pqchc.com, 613-820-4922, ext. 587
- Overbrook-Forbes Community Resource Centre, Armand Kayolo, Community Developer, Armand.Kayolo@ofcrc.org, 613-745-0073, ext. 119
- Somerset West Community Health Centre, Emilie Hayes, Community Developer, ehayes@swchc.on.ca

In our next issue....

We will continue to notify you of the progress made in the CDF neighbourhoods and report on good news stories in your neighbourhood.

If you have any questions about the CDF, please e-mail us at cdf_cdc@ottawa.ca.