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## A NOTE FROM THE CHAIR

What a year!

The level of engagement, activity and positive impacts for community from these selfless volunteers, is incredible to both watch and experience.

As the Chair of the WCA, I have the honour to lead a sincere and hardworking team who share the best interests of the community at heart. Their efforts from cultivating the gardens of Clare Park to the Golden Manor have helped beautify and make enjoyable these areas for all local residents.

Our planning team's competency and leadership has resulted in the protection of common spaces, parks, trees and heritage properties. And our love of togetherness, led one of our board member's to starting a highly successful supper club.

This newsletter builds on our 2nd edition in June. Enjoy reading it by the fire or while you're sipping a spiced coffee this holiday season. There's so much good to read in this issue!

Wishing the Westboro Community a very happy holidays and joyous New Year,  
Len Tucker  
Chair



### **The 2025-2026 Board of the Westboro Community Association**

Front Row: Andy Cooper, Heather Mitchell,  
Len Tucker (Chair)

Back Row: Samantha Khalil, Jean  
McKibbon, Maria Lunney, Tim Gray, Sue  
Morris, Scott Burton

Missing: Cristin Napier

## **WANT TO GET INVOLVED?**

Read on for information  
about upcoming events,  
volunteering opportunities,  
and how to become a WCA  
member!

# 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The WCA held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, at the Churchill Seniors' Centre. There were approximately 35 attendees including board members, municipal representatives, and guest speaker Toon Dreessen. The AGM fulfills provincial requirements and provides the board an opportunity to update the community on financial health, engagement, and initiatives that enhance Westboro's quality of life.

Councillor Jeff Leiper (Kitchissippi Ward), Councillor Theresa Kavanagh (Bay Ward), and Judy Lincoln from the Westboro Village BIA joined to provide informal updates. Key issues included the introduction of paid parking on Richmond Road, changes to Ottawa Public Health's beach water testing requirements, and intensification along the LRT corridor with a focus on affordable housing.

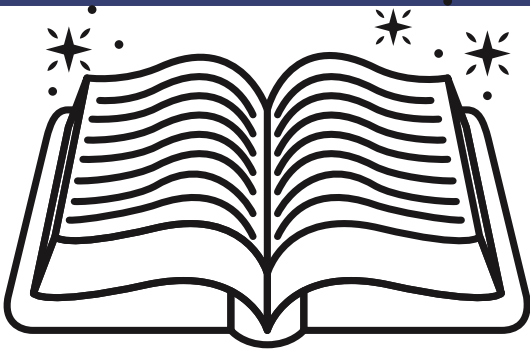
Treasurer Sue Morris reported strong finances, with total assets of \$50,586. Chair Len Tucker's annual report highlighted community achievements, including bike donations to a local shelter, involvement in heritage and planning issues, gardening at Clare Gardens Park, and participation in the OC Transpo bus crash inquest. The board also submitted a letter to the City's Chief Planner regarding concerns with minor variance adherence and continued charitable giving to local non-profits.

Social initiatives included the launch of the Westboro Dinner Club, now a popular social event for residents to meet and enjoy local cuisine. WCA membership was made voluntary, with an optional donation, encouraging broader participation. Committee updates included Heather Mitchell's "Flowers for Food" fundraiser and Barbara Parker's summary of gardening activities.

Jean McKibbin was honoured with the Ontario Service Award for 25 Years of Community Volunteerism, and Mr. Roland Dorsay conducted the election of the 2025-2026 board, welcoming Samantha Khalil and thanking Deb Chapman for her years of dedicated service.

The evening concluded with a talk by architect Toon Dreessen, highlighted later in this newsletter.

# COMMUNICATIONS



## SHARE YOUR WESTBORO STORY!

Our twice-a-year newsletter is all about celebrating our community and we'd love your input!

Have a story, photo, or highlight that captures life in Westboro? Maybe a great event, an inspiring neighbour, or something that makes our community shine? Send it our way!

Let's share the moments and people that make Westboro such a wonderful place to call home.

## STAY IN TOUCH

To stay up to date on all things WCA follow us on Facebook and Instagram at **Westboro Community Association** and check out our website at **[westborocommunityassociation.ca](http://westborocommunityassociation.ca)**.

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

**Everyone needs a helping hand sometimes.**

The Westboro Community Association reached out to neighbors in need this Summer and Fall to help make their lives a little brighter.

## FLOWERS FOR FOOD FUNDRAISER EARNS \$2,000 FOR THE WESTBORO REGION FOOD BANK

Flower enthusiasts and supporters of the Westboro Region Food Bank gathered on September 27 for an event that raised **\$2,000 for the food bank**. Sponsored by the Westboro Community Association and Samurai Ikebana Studio, Flowers for Food was an exhibit of Japanese floral art that included a “make your own bouquet” table, flower arranging demonstrations and a draw for Janet Keefe pottery.



*Heather Mitchell and George Rigby present a cheque to Martine Dore, Westboro Region Food Bank Coordinator*



*Make your own arrangement!*



*Exhibition area*

The first ikebana exhibition ever held in Westboro, over 23 ikebana artists from all over Ottawa created amazing floral arrangements on the theme of “Autumn Riot!” Ikebana is the 400-year-old traditional Japanese art of flower arranging that emphasizes harmony with nature and is usually more minimalistic than western-style arrangements. Thanks to the Westboro Legion who gave WCA a special rate for the room rental, and to all the artists, donors, volunteers and “ikebana spouses” who contributed to the success of this event! **Let's fight food insecurity one flower at a time!**



# COMMUNITY OUTREACH



## BIKES FOR KIDS



This summer, WCA organized a **donation of 12 bikes and a bike rack** to one of the city's emergency shelters in here Westboro. Thanks go to UpperWest condo for donating bikes, MEC for free tune ups, and re-Cycles who built 7 bikes for us out of used parts! The City arranged for helmets and bike locks and partners at Westboro Beach contributed backpacks and shared expenses.

## HALLOWEEN MAGIC IN WESTBORO

Costumes delivered to kids in need! Board members Samantha Khalil and Heather Mitchell (pictured to the right) and Cristin Brooke Napier organized and delivered over **20 Halloween costumes** so kids in a nearby shelter could join in Halloween activities! Feedback from one of the moms indicated it was happy chaos as the children made their selection but everyone got a costume to wear and enjoy. Thanks to all those in the community who contributed gently-used costumes.



# COMMUNITY OUTREACH



*WCA Chair Len Tucker presents a cheque to "Groomer" Dave Adams on October 21 at the 10th Anniversary of Kichi Sibi Winter Trail Fundraiser at Mill St. Brew Pub.*

## SEASONAL CHEER!

For the third year in a row, the WCA will work with other community partners to brighten the holidays for those in need of fellowship and assistance during the holidays.

Key activities will include providing holiday packages of gift certificates for food, clothing vouchers, baking, quilts and other goodies, and organizing a Christmas Lunch for those in need in our community.

# HERITAGE

## Heritage Matters

### **SAFEGUARDING OUR PAST: WCA AND HERITAGE OTTAWA COLLABORATE ON HERITAGE PRESERVATION**

WCA has joined a Heritage Ottawa working group to determine how we can protect heritage properties from "demolition by neglect." Other cities in Ontario working within the same provincial policy framework manages to repurpose and cherish their heritage properties, while Ottawa does not. Our committee will work on solutions to improve this situation. Meanwhile, the WCA Heritage Committee will work on obtaining designation for 488 Edison, Ogilvy House; Nepean HS; 330 Churchill, Westboro Manor (the oldest house in Westboro); and John Cole homes in Highland Park.



# HERITAGE

## PROTECTING OTTAWA'S BUILT HERITAGE

On December 3, 2025, from 7-9 pm, Heritage Ottawa and the WCA invited community members and local heritage advocates to an evening of discussion and collaboration on preserving Ottawa's built heritage at the Churchill Seniors Centre.

This was an opportunity to reconnect, share experiences, and strengthen partnerships across neighbourhoods.

### Agenda Highlights

- **Current issues in Heritage** - Remarks from Linda Hoad on the evolving heritage landscape.
- **Round Table Discussion** - Local updates, challenges, success stories, and opportunities for collaboration.
- **Ottawa Heritage Community Group** - Defining purpose, structure, and future meetings.
- **Demolition-by-Neglect Report** - Update from Allen Brown
- **Communications** - Strategies to better share information and coordinate across communities.

Keep an eye out for future heritage events, all residents interested are welcome - **the more voices, the stronger our advocacy.**



# MEMBERSHIP

## JOIN THE WESTBORO COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

A strong community thrives when its members get involved. Invite your neighbours, help shape our neighbourhood, join events, and connect with other local residents. Become a WCA member today!

### WCA JOINS IN THE WICKEDLY WESTBORO HALLOWEEN FUN

The Westboro Community Association hosted a table at this year's Westboro Village BIA annual Wickedly Westboro Trick-or-Treating event, organized by the Westboro Village BIA. Board members handed out treats to the many local trick-or-treaters who paraded along Richmond Road on Saturday, October 25th, adding to the festive community spirit of the day.



*Board Member Heather Mitchell  
and volunteer Joanne Chianello  
handing out treats*



*Chair Len Tucker handing out treats*



# MEMBERSHIP

## WCA AT THE WESTBORO FARMERS MARKET

This summer, the Westboro Community Association (WCA) was proud to host a booth at the Westboro Farmers Market over several weekends. It was a fantastic chance to connect with neighbours, share information about our work, and welcome many new members to the association.

We loved being part of the vibrant market atmosphere, surrounded by amazing local vendors and their fresh produce, crafts, and treats. Thank you to everyone who stopped by; your support helps strengthen our community.



*Board Member Cristin  
Napier at the Farmers  
Market*

## YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

This year, we expanded our presence in the community by hosting WCA tables at the Westboro Farmers Market and the BIAA Wickedly Westboro Halloween event.

Membership is free but your donations help fund local initiatives like the Westboro Food Bank, Churchill Seniors Centre, Kichi Zibi trails, and other community projects. To donate, please send e-transfer to [hellowestboro@yahoo.ca](mailto:hellowestboro@yahoo.ca) OR by regular mail to Westboro Community Association, c/o 2402-485 Richmond Road, Ottawa ON K2C 3W9.

Please consider making a donation today and help us continue supporting Westboro!

# MEMBERSHIP

## CALL OUT FOR MEMBERSHIP!



### As a member, you will:

- Receive the latest edition of our newsletter
- Voting rights at AGM on issues that impact our neighbourhood
- Be better connected to what is happening in Westboro
- Help to build this beautiful Westboro community

## WCA OBJECTIVES

- Seek input from residents, property owners, visitors, BIA, and people who work in the area regarding the interests of the Westboro community.
- Recognize that our neighbourhood is changing as the city grows and work hard to ensure that city policies on development are followed, that the level of intensification proposed is appropriate, and that negative impacts to residents are minimized.
- Collect and disperse information of importance to our members.
- Encourage positive artistic, cultural, commercial, recreational and social activities.
- Interact directly with city councillor, city staff, and various other levels of government to promote the interests of the Westboro community from input on master plans to zoning by law updates, and use of public lands.
- Participate in community design and planning processes and fairly represent the Westboro Community during formal or informal consultations with interested parties.
- Engage with developers, residents and city staff on both large and small development projects.
- Attend Committee of Adjustment hearings when necessary to observe, or comment, on projects within the association's boundaries.
- Encourage residents to participate directly in government consultations because these policies and plans benefit greatly from citizen input.
- Partner with non-profits, schools, universities, and other organizations.
- Work to preserve and enhance our greenspace and parks while engaging on environmental issues such as mitigating climate change at local level.
- Advocate for transportation solutions for pedestrians, cyclists, drivers, and others.
- Communicate and cooperate with other community groups in the surrounding area to the benefit of the Westboro community.
- Support local community and emergency housing with donations and volunteer support.
- Work to preserve local heritage buildings and promote local history.

# PARKS AND ENVIRONMENT

## Our Parks and Green Spaces

From trees to parks, we work with neighbours and partners to keep our community green and welcoming.

### MEC gives Westboro a taste of the natural world



It's the end of year one for the MEC pollinator garden. It is flourishing! It was planned and planted by community volunteers at the entrance in July 2025. The wildflowers' beauty drew the public to get a closer look. For many it's their first chance to see wildflowers in a more formal setting.

While bees and butterflies visited the cornucopia of native wildflower diversity, some small critter dined on asters and liatris. They will survive, just as the well adapted plants shrugged off the drought. Black-eyed Susans and grasses are still lovely under snow! Seedheads will be left standing for winter, bird forage and insect habitat. The garden is supported by the WCA.

### Calling Volunteers: Be Part of Lion's Park's New Skating Rink

The WCA is excited to support the creation of an inaugural family-friendly skating rink in Lion's Park, led by organizer James Hayes. With water and lighting added to the park in 2018, we're ready to build on those improvements with a simple "puddle" rink for this first season—no boards, just smooth ice and winter fun. The City provides only a short window to get the rink operational once temperatures drop, so volunteers are essential.

If you can help flood or maintain the rink, please contact [westborolionspark@gmail.com](mailto:westborolionspark@gmail.com). Your support will help launch a great new community tradition!



*WCA Board Member Tim Gray at the rink site with Organizer James Hayes*



# PARKS AND ENVIRONMENT



## Golden Manor Garden Brings Joy

With the support of the WCA, the Volunteer Gardeners of Clare Gardens Park have been working with Golden Manor residents since spring to build a welcoming garden. Along the way these gardeners have become friends. Residents have diligently watered and weeded the garden during this summer's drought. Even the construction workers building the bike path behind the Manor helped us with rocks for the garden.

Residents continually comment on the happiness the garden brings. With winter approaching, the dahlias are stored for the winter, and protection will be added for the beloved lavender plants, many donated by Superstore. Now it's time for rest.

## Clare Gardens Park Fall Clean Up a Big Success!



We are thankful for the great support our volunteer residents gave us during this year's park clean up.

Over the weekend around 15 residents helped us rake and mulch leaves, then placed them on gardens and around the trees. The leaf mulch helps retain moisture which is needed to help the trees and flowers survive over the summer drought months. Our volunteers did a fantastic job!

It was great to connect with neighbours, hear the neighbourhood news, and have some fun.



# PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

We help residents understand development in their area, engage with developers and city staff, attend hearings as required, and provide regular updates to the WCA.



## PROTECTING WESTBORO GREENSPACE

**Your WCA is advocating for the City-owned lot, at 341 Berkley Avenue, to be rezoned from Residential to Greenspace.**

**This beautiful grassy spot is home to several mature trees, including a stunning maple, offering an oasis of environmental benefits for the whole community.**

**As Westboro intensifies, and our tree canopy shrinks, preserving existing green areas is more important than ever. Ideally located near the future Kichi Zibi LRT station and Crosstown Cycling Route, this site could become a natural pause point for neighbours and commuters alike.**

**Best of all it's already City-owned, making this a simple, low-cost, way to keep Westboro greener and more livable. Stay tuned for updates!**

# WCA PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT EXPLAINER SERIES

## PARTICIPATING AT A COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT HEARING: PREPARATION PART I

The date has been set and is fast approaching. You feel you have something to say about the variance application, so you've registered to speak at the Committee of Adjustment hearing - AWESOME!! Now what?!!?

1. Go to the City's [Committee of Adjustment](#) website. There, you'll see numerous links. Click on "Hearings calendar, agendas, application info"
2. The original notice, received in your mailbox or posted on the applicant's property, will state the date of the hearing. Click on the appropriate year to find the details of your hearing.
3. Scroll down to the date of your hearing and click on the panel listed for your hearing date.
  - a. The three hearing panels for the Ottawa Committee of Adjustment are responsible for applications from three different geographic areas: urban (1), suburban (2), and rural (3). If there are multiple panels listed, click on the one that's relevant to you.
4. You'll now have the full agenda for the hearing in front of you. Note that multiple applications for variances and severances are heard at each hearing (six are listed for December 10, for example). Now scroll through the agenda to find the property you are concerned with. At first glance, there doesn't seem to be much information there ... until you click on the "paperclip" icon and there is a mountain of information to be had!

Committee of Adjustment  Comité de dérogation

### NOTICE OF HEARING

Pursuant to the Ontario Planning Act

Consent and Minor Variance Applications

Panel 1

Wednesday, December 10, 2025  
1 p.m.

Ben Franklin Place, Main Floor Chamber, 101 Centrepointe Drive  
and by videoconference

Owners of neighbouring properties within 60 metres of the property address below are receiving this notice in case they want to comment on the applications and/or participate at the hearing.

The hearing can also be viewed on the Committee of Adjustment YouTube page.

*A Notice of Hearing - from City of  
Ottawa Committee of Adjustment*  
**Hearings calendar, agendas,  
application info webpage**

### Hearings calendar, agendas, application info

+ Next hearings
+ 2025 hearings calendar and agendas
+ 2026 hearings calendar and agendas
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#### HEARING OF APPLICATIONS

1. 300 Parnell (Ward 15 - Kitchissippi)

1.1 D08-01-25/B-00215 - 00216

1.2 D08-02-25/A-00244 - 00245

Consent & Minor Variance Applications

Applicant(s): C. Dinardo and P. Deutsch

Agent: M. Segreto

To subdivide the property into two separate parcels for the construction of a semi-detached dwelling with reduced interior side yard setbacks.



# WCA PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT EXPLAINER SERIES

## ***PARTICIPATING AT A COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT HEARING: PREPARATION PART I***

The PDF files linked in the pop-up window all contain important information about the variance application:

- The Notice.pdf gives details of the current state of the property and the associated variances requested.
- The Cover Letter.pdf will paint a more detailed picture of the request. This usually includes justification of the application proposal, detailed site plans, and a tree plan amongst them.
- Separate from any mention in the cover letter of trees on site is the TIR.pdf (Tree Information Report) which is mandatory for any development proposal.

So how does this help? Much of the paperwork submitted by the applicant contains information you may find useful in presenting your case. Reading these files may raise questions you haven't already considered.

There's more to aid in your preparation but that will be in the next **Explainer** in this series.

In the meantime, if you need more immediate advice **contact the WCA**. We're always glad to help. You can also **contact** City councillor Jeff Leiper's office, or see **Comment on an Application** at "**Participate at a Hearing**" on the city website. Remember, there's no need for panic. Advice and help are available and questions are welcome!

*(The Committee of Adjustment also deals with **consent** to sever a lot or adjust lot lines, and can grant **permission** to change land use and expand on a non-compliant land use structure - more on these in another article!)*



# RECREATION AND SOCIAL

**ACTIVE, SOCIAL, CONNECTED:  
BRINGING WESTBORO NEIGHBOURS TOGETHER**

## LET'S GET WALKING WESTBORO!

There's no better way to appreciate our wonderful community than by exploring it on foot! Whether you're a seasoned walker or just looking for a fun way to get active, we'd love for you to help shape the future of outdoor recreation in Westboro.



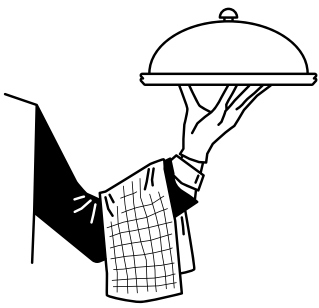
## INTERESTED IN A WALKING GROUP?

We're looking for residents interested in joining or leading a walking group through our local pathways and scenic routes. It's a wonderful way to meet neighbours, stay active and enjoy the outdoors; all right here in our own community.

If you're interested in taking part, drop us a line at **[hellowestboro@yahoo.ca](mailto:hellowestboro@yahoo.ca)**.







## WESTBORO DINNER CLUB: CONNECTING NEIGHBOURS OVER GREAT FOOD

We are thrilled to celebrate the success of the Westboro Dinner Club, our neighbourhood initiative to enjoy casual dinners, support local restaurants, and connect with fellow residents.

Since June, the Dinner Club has hosted three fantastic gatherings:

- **The Barley Mow – July 29:** 20 neighbours enjoyed rooftop dining, local drinks, and lively conversation on a perfect summer evening. Thanks to The Barley Mow team for their warm hospitality!
- **Fratelli's – September 23:** Over 20 neighbours, old and new, shared delicious meals and a cozy atmosphere. Many thanks to the Fratelli's team for making the evening so special.
- **The Grand Pizzeria Westboro – November 25:** 30+ neighbours gathered at the brand-new beachside spot for locally made pizza and drinks. A big thank you to The Grand Pizzeria team for an unforgettable evening!

Whether you're returning or joining for the first time, the Westboro Dinner Club is the perfect way to meet neighbours, support local eateries, and celebrate community. Watch for upcoming gatherings. You won't want to miss them!



### SOME SNAPSHOTS



# TRAFFIC AND SAFETY

**Keeping Westboro streets safe for everyone.**



## WORKING TOGETHER FOR SAFER STREETS: WESTBORO SENIORS SAFETY MEETING RECAP

*By Cristin Napier, Transportation, WCA  
Traffic and Safety Committee Lead,*

The next two pages cover highlights from the November 14 Seniors Safety Meeting.

### ROAD SAFETY AND VULNERABLE ROAD USERS

John from **Safer Roads Ottawa** presented the City's Road Safety Action Plan, emphasizing education and visibility—especially for seniors, pedestrians, and cyclists. Key reminders included:

- **Be Safe, Be Seen:** Wear reflective clothing or use lights when walking or cycling.
- **Pedestrian Tips:** Press pedestrian buttons fully to activate the walk signal. Hold the button for an audible cue.
- **Sidewalk Safety:** Seniors raised concerns about bikes and scooters on sidewalks and the need for stronger cyclist education near schools and high-traffic areas.
- **Infrastructure Advocacy:** Participants discussed the benefits of early pedestrian start signals and broader traffic-calming measures.

### PERSONAL SAFETY AND BYSTANDER SUPPORT

Personal Safety & Bystander Support Gerontologist and educator **Julie Lalonde** led a dynamic session on personal safety, offering practical strategies to respond to harassment or unsafe situations.

She highlighted the **“5D’s” of bystander intervention:**

1. **Distract** – Interrupt the situation safely.
2. **Delegate** – Seek help from someone with authority.
3. **Document** – Record details if a crime is in progress.
4. **Delay** – Check in afterward with the person targeted.
5. **Direct** – Speak up calmly and clearly if safe to do so.

# TRAFFIC AND SAFETY

## TRANSIT SAFETY

Sergeant Josh Gibeault outlined safety measures currently in place on OC Transpo:

- Emergency Call Buttons/Boxes on buses and trains connect riders directly with transit staff.
- Cameras—both visible and hidden—assist investigations and help keep riders safe.
- Riding Tips: Ask to be seated before the bus moves, and request a safer stop, particularly after 9 p.m.
- Emergency Contacts: Call 613-741-2478 or 911 for urgent situations.

Concerns raised by seniors included overcrowding, limited shade at bus stops, and accessibility challenges. Councillor Jeff Leiper noted ongoing bus fleet shortages and repair delays, reinforcing the need to continue advocating for safe, reliable transit—especially for vulnerable riders.

## COMMUNITY DISCUSSION

Participants raised thoughtful ideas and concerns, including:

- Educating cyclists and scooter users about sidewalk rules.
- Better understanding and support for unhoused neighbours.
- Improvements to accessibility at bus stops across the city.
- Strengthening safety nets around housing-first policies.
- Exploring positive-reinforcement incentives for youth who walk their bikes on sidewalks.

The message was clear: community connection matters, and Westboro residents play a vital role in advancing safety and compassion. As one participant said, “If not us, who?”

## NEXT STEPS

- Continue advocacy with Councillor Jeff Leiper for safer streets and transit.
- Consider a future session on community safety and social supports, including Ottawa Community Housing and outreach staff.

For questions or more information, contact **Safer Roads Ottawa**, or call **211** for city services.

**Seniors are essential safety leaders in our community.** By staying informed, visible, and engaged, we can make Westboro safer for everyone.



# SPEAKER SERIES

## DESIGNING A CAPITAL WORTHY OF ITS NAME:

Mr. Toon Dreessen speaks at WCA's 2025 AGM

Mr. Toon Dreessen, a leading local architect and well published advocate for responsible and meaningful architecture, brought a focused and inspirational presentation to the WCA's 2025 AGM in September. Mr. Dreessen's main focus was on the City of Ottawa's lack of desire to have impactful and inspirational architecture that would enhance its citizen's enjoyment and experience.



He noted a variety of examples where a few extra dollars or higher consideration for design appeal would have produced a more enjoyable and sustainable structure, such as the Chief Commanda bridge. Mr. Dreessen believes our city is lacking the architecture worthy of a G7 capital and hopes that we prioritize lasting design and architecture as a key merit for awarding city infrastructure and buildings.

**KNOW  
SOMEONE  
ENGAGING?  
HAVE  
SOMETHING  
YOU WANT TO  
LEARN MORE  
ABOUT?**

Help us bring speakers to Westboro residents on topics you care about.

Email suggestions to:  
[hellowestboro@yahoo.ca](mailto:hellowestboro@yahoo.ca)



# VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers make the WCA possible. Come be part of it! To get involved, email [hellowestboro@yahoo.ca](mailto:hellowestboro@yahoo.ca) and share your interests.

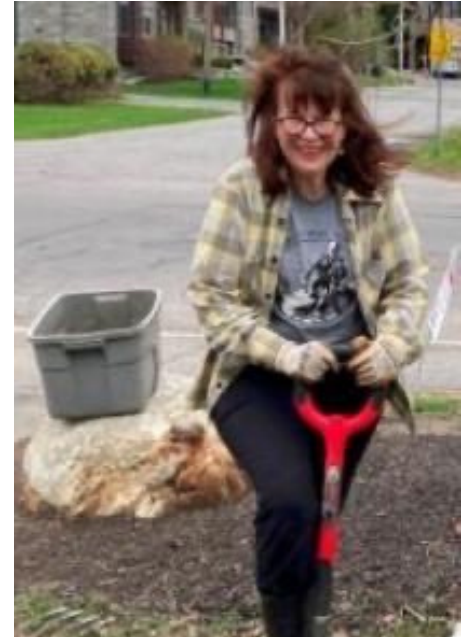
## WCA COMMITTEES AND LEADS 2025-26

Committee	Responsibilities may include but are not limited to:	Board Leads
Annual Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organize AGM</li> <li>Wild, Wild Westboro Garage sale at Dovercourt Community Centre</li> </ul>	<b>Len</b> , Cristin
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Social media and community stories</li> <li>Provide articles, posts, photos for Facebook page, Instagram, Website, Kitchissippi Time, etc.</li> <li>Community engagement and recognition</li> <li>Information and event sharing</li> </ul>	<b>Cristin</b> , Scott, Samantha
Community Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide support to residents in community housing and emergency housing</li> <li>Charity work</li> </ul>	<b>Heather</b> , Sue, Scott, Samantha
Heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gather heritage concerns from the Westboro community</li> <li>Communicate heritage issues to the attention of the WCA</li> <li>Represent WCA on heritage issues with other organizations</li> </ul>	<b>Heather</b> , Jean
Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain and update membership roster</li> <li>Monitor <a href="mailto:hellowestboro@yahoo.ca">hellowestboro@yahoo.ca</a> email account</li> </ul>	<b>Maria</b> , Sue, Scott
Parks and Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advocate protection of trees</li> <li>Coordinate with Community Liaison regarding Clare Gardens, MEC, Golden Manor, and Van Lang projects</li> </ul>	<b>Vacant Lead</b> , Jean, Heather
Planning and Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engage with developers, residents, and City staff on both large and small development projects</li> <li>Attend, virtually or in person, Committee of Adjustment hearings when necessary to observe, or comment, on projects within the association's boundaries</li> <li>Provide updates to the association at the monthly board meeting, or more frequently, as required</li> </ul>	<b>Tim</b> , Scott, Andy
Recreation and Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advocate for cycling and walking paths</li> <li>Advocate and organize social opportunities for residents</li> <li>Westboro Dinner Club</li> </ul>	<b>Vacant Lead</b> , Maria
Transportation, Traffic, and Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advocate for safer streets in the neighbourhood</li> </ul>	<b>Cristin</b> , Samantha

# VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

## THANK YOU DEB!

The WCA celebrates former board member **Deb Chapman**, a tireless environmentalist, gardener, student advocate, and community leader whose dedication continues to inspire. Through her work with the **Volunteer Gardeners of Clare Park**, Deb has helped transform our shared spaces into vibrant, welcoming sanctuaries that nurture both nature and mental well-being. Her enthusiastic leadership also brought to life the **MEC native wildflower garden** and the **Golden Manor Garden**. Her ongoing efforts help Westboro bloom, both beautifully and sustainably. The WCA greatly appreciates the joy her gardens bring and looks forward to collaborating with Deb on many projects to come.



## A NEIGHBOURHOOD HERO: WESTBORO RESIDENT RECEIVES ONTARIO VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD



*Volunteer Jean McKibbon with local dignitaries*

Jean McKibbon has been a resident of Westboro all her life. She loves her neighbourhood and volunteers to keep Westboro an enjoyable, attractive, safe and healthy place to live.

Jean was recently awarded the Ontario Volunteer Service Award – granted to residents who have given service and time to an organization, in this case the Westboro Community Association where she has been an active board member for over 25 years.

Jean has been involved in the preservation of heritage properties, Westboro tree canopy and the maintenance of green spaces, such as Clare Garden's Park, to name a few. The WCA relies on Jean to give background information and guidance on community issues. Congratulations Jean.

# OUT AND ABOUT

## Scenes from Our Community

Westboro through our eyes and yours! Share your photos of people, places, or moments to be featured.

### REMEMBRANCE DAY IN WESTBORO

Len Tucker was amongst a number of other members of the Canadian Armed Forces who held a moving ceremony in the morning of November 11, 2025 at the Cenotaph in Westboro.

Heather Mitchell and Jean McKibbin laid a wreath at the afternoon ceremony at the Westboro Cenotaph.



### WICKEDLY WESTBORO



*Board Member Heather Mitchell out at Wickedly Westboro*

### WESTBORO COMMUNITY QUIZZARDS HELP TURN TRIVIA NIGHT INTO A WIN FOR LOCAL CAUSES

The Westboro Community Quizzards, made up of our board members and friends, once again participated in the "Trivia Challenge for Charity" event at the Westboro Legion. This event gifts hundreds of dollars to various charities as chosen by each of the top three winning teams.

We were confused as to why we didn't make the top three teams but are now committed to trying again next year. The charities were the big winners so keep your eyes open for the next spring's Trivia Challenge for Charity.



*Paul Paquet leads the Trivia Challenge for Charity at the Westboro Legion.*



# OUT AND ABOUT

*Fall colours in Clare Park*



*Katsura tree at night on Golden Ave  
near Dovercourt*



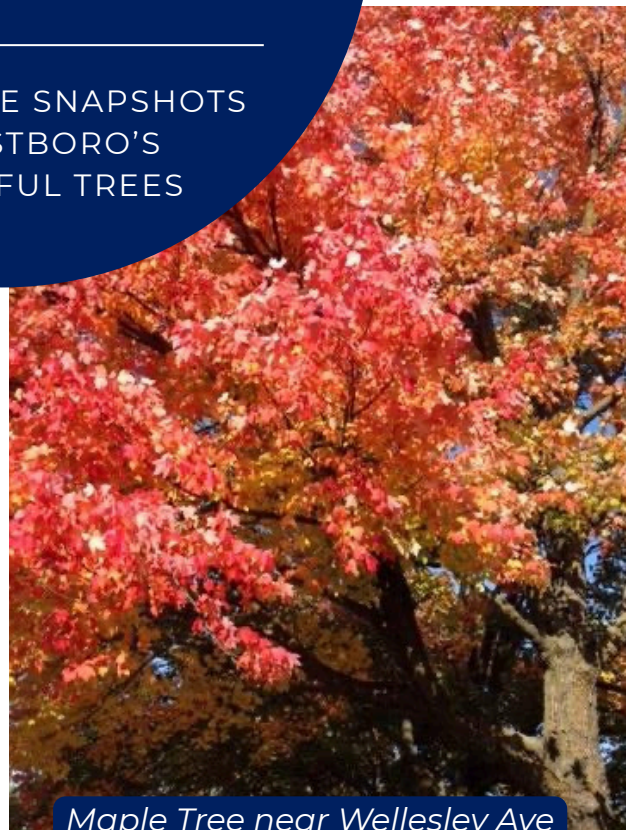
THE BEAUTY OF  
FALL IS ALL  
AROUND US

## FALL COLOURS IN WESTBORO

ENJOY THESE SNAPSHOTS  
OF WESTBORO'S  
COLOURFUL TREES



*Ginkgo Tree on Kenwood Ave*



*Maple Tree near Wellesley Ave*

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