



Bells Corners

VILLAGE IN THE GREENBELT

ANNUAL REPORT

2023



Message from the Chair

Welcome to all members at this year's Annual General Meeting. As we close out 2023 there are several people who need to be recognized for their efforts to keep Bells Corners a vibrant and engaging area to live, work and shop. Thank you to Todd Hamstra for fulfilling the responsibilities of an Executive Director on a volunteer basis, Jessica Coté who managed an administrative role along with marketing and the volunteer Board of Management.

I am happy to announce and introduce our new Executive Director, Christine Leadman, who will be taking over the role and we are looking forward to continuing the success that has been established as well as moving us further in our communications and outreach to our members and the public at large.

Thank you,
Jim Sourges, Chair
Bells Corners BIA



Message from the Executive Director

Thank you for this wonderful opportunity to work with the Bells Corners businesses. The potential for Bells Corners to blossom has never been better and I am very excited to get started.

I will be coming out to meet as many of you as possible to start building relationships that will translate into better communications and the sharing of information. This will be important moving forward as we work to build a strong social media and community presence. There is a lot to do and working together will bring about positive change and growth in the area.

Thank you,
Christine Leadman
Executive Director



Message from Councillor Laine Johnson



Dear Members of the Local BIA Community,

Over the last year, I have had the pleasure of meeting many of you at our local community events. From the Summer Bash to the Tree Lighting Ceremony, the BIA has demonstrated its commitment to bringing neighbours together. I'd like to extend my gratitude to Todd Hamstra for his leadership and dedication during his time as Executive Director. Looking ahead, I am thrilled to welcome Christine Leadman as the new Executive Director. I believe Bells Corners has a uniqueness in the Ottawa business landscape that we should be shouting from the rooftops, and I am eager to collaborate with all of you in getting that message out loud and proud. I know how hard the pandemic was for so many, and we need to be united in ensuring our small businesses are front and centre for the Bells Corners identity and the broader Ottawa economy.

Thank you for choosing Bells Corners for your business, and for your dedication and commitment to the Bells Corners community at large. Your hard work and passion are what make our neighbourhood such a wonderful place to live, work, learn, connect, and play. Our heart is of a village, but the horizon ahead extends far beyond.

Thank you,

Laine Johnson, Councillor

City of Ottawa

College Ward

Agenda

- 6:00 p.m. Meeting called to order
- 6:05 p.m. Declaration of Conflict of Interest
- 6:10 p.m. Approval of Agenda
- 6:15 p.m. Approval of Minutes of the 2022 AGM
- 6:25 p.m. Statement from the Chair, Jim Sourges
- 6:35 p.m. Statement from from Councillor Johnson
- 6:45 p.m. Year End Report for 2023/2022
(Audited Financial Statements on hand)
- 7:00 p.m. Approval of Draft 2024 Budget
- 7:15 p.m. Q&A
- 7:30 p.m. Adjournment

Your Board of Directors



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Jim Sourges
Chair (EP Store)



Ivan Milev
Treasurer (Scotiawealth)



Pauk Meek
(Kichesippi Beer)



Scott Statham
(Scotty's Diner)



Dinakar Vaidya
(Edward Jones)



Anish Mehra
(East India Company)



Joanne Goneau
(Remax)



Todd Hamstra
(Freshco)



Ian McMartin
(Whipsnapp Brewery)



Councillor Laine Johnson
(City of Ottawa)

BUDGET 2024

REVENUES

BIA Levy	\$205,000
Payment in Lieu	500
Surplus Fund	10,000
Remissions	<u>(15,000)</u>
Total revenue	\$200,500

EXPENSES

Administration	\$. 78,300
Office Rental	17,500
Professional Services	20,000
Audit Services	4,500
Insurance (Liability/BOD)	2,500
Programming.	70,000
Graffiti Removal	700
Grounds and Maintenance	<u>7,000</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$200,500</u>

OUR MANDATE



The Bells Corners BIA is a non-partisan, not-for-profit organization governed by a volunteer Board of Directors consisting of leaders from the business community located within the BIA boundary. The Bells Corners BIA's leadership as well as the members actively participate on many boards, forums and opportunities to engage and champion the area. As an organization, we are focussed on co-creating a growing and vibrant village in the Greenbelt.

Our mandate reflects the priorities of our members, which is to advance the prosperity and economic competitiveness of Bells Corners by building partnerships to create a dynamic and sustainable area that is the place to invest, work, learn, connect and live. We are committed to energizing a dynamic business environment that benefits and enhances all public safety, transit and transportation, investment, growth, sustainability, livability and education and training.

The Bells Corners BIA engages all three levels of government on behalf of our members and we produce surveys, research, strategic and placemaking events with the goal of contributing to the positive growth of our community.



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