# Annual Report 2019

# Message from THE CHAIR – Adam Stuart



## What is a BIA, anyway?

**PROMOTE** 

**ADVOCATE** 

**CONNECT** 

improve the economic strength of the BIA district & its members



#### What do we do?

- ✓ Research & Lobbying
- ✓ External Partnerships
- ✓ Public Events
- ✓ Member Engagement
- ✓ Branding & Marketing
- ✓ Beautification & Signage

#### Why do we do it?

## **Promote, Advocate, Connect**

- Support Economic Growth in our BIA district
- Invigorate community relationships by building brand awareness for Kanata Central BIA

## Governance

- ➤ Review & revision of City of Ottawa BIA bylaws
- > Follow our KCBIA constitution
- ➤ Part of a strategic review of the Ottawa Council of BIAs (OCOBIA)
- ➤ Hold monthly BoD meetings
- ➤ In line with municipal elections
- > All BIAs are audited annually from a third party audit company

#### **Marketing & Promotion**

#### **Highlights from 2019:**

- Completed a comprehensive wayfinding / directional signage plan for the KCBIA district
- Increased our social media following on both Facebook and Instagram
- Grew members and public email databases to send regular communications regarding activities, events, etc. in our district, building on our brand / following
- Revised map of the district has been distributed to local hotels for visitors
- Regular online contests promoting various businesses in our district
- Various marketing channels used to advertise our BIA: TV, newspaper, social
- Website
- Landowner engagement meetings to align priorities
- Partnerships: Farmers Market, South/West Network, Charities



# Wayfinding / Directional signage / banners project

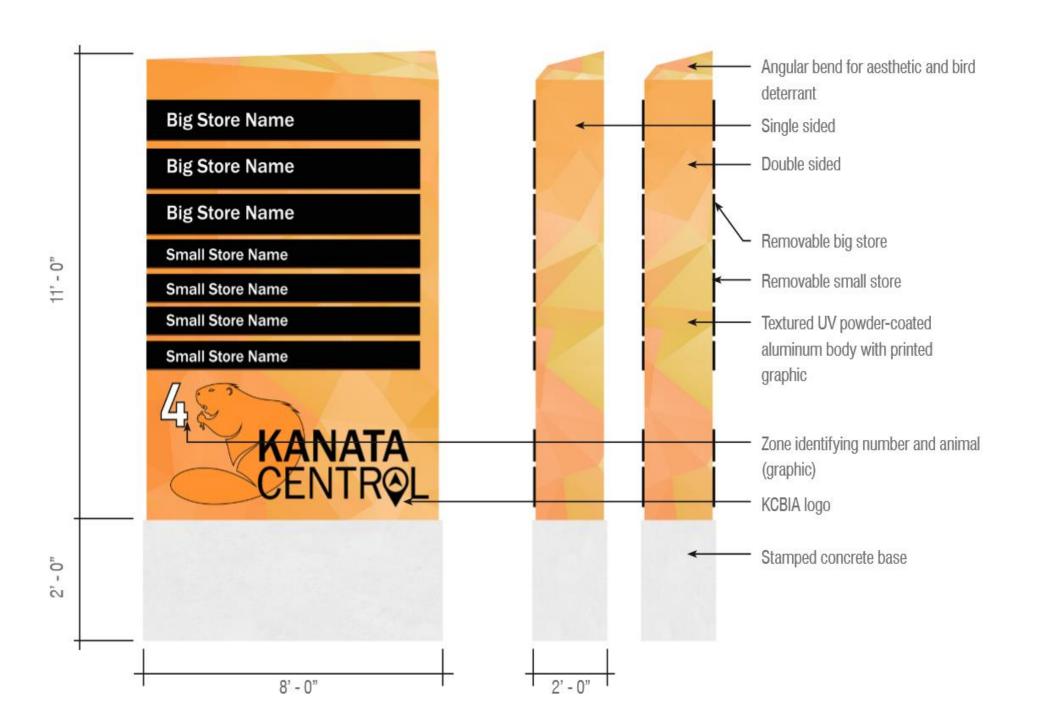
- Create a consistent and coordinated system in order to allow users to easily apply their understanding of known information to new situations;
- Ensure the wayfinding system is scalable and flexible to adapt to change;
- Create a "sense of arrival" and contribute to a distinct "sense of place" by using a
  design palette that reflects the local identity;
- Take advantage of key features or landmarks that aid orientation;
- Consider all modes of travel and points of arrival; and
- Encourage exploration.



## **Phased Plan**

- **≻**Banners
- **≻**Pedestrian
- **≻** Vehicle





## Social Media Snapshot























Facebook Likes: 2564

Facebook Followers: 2649

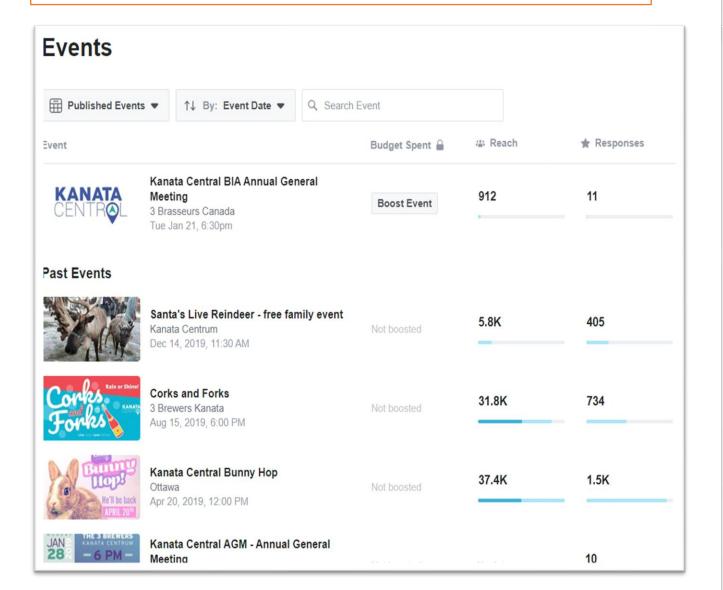
Instagram Followers: 337

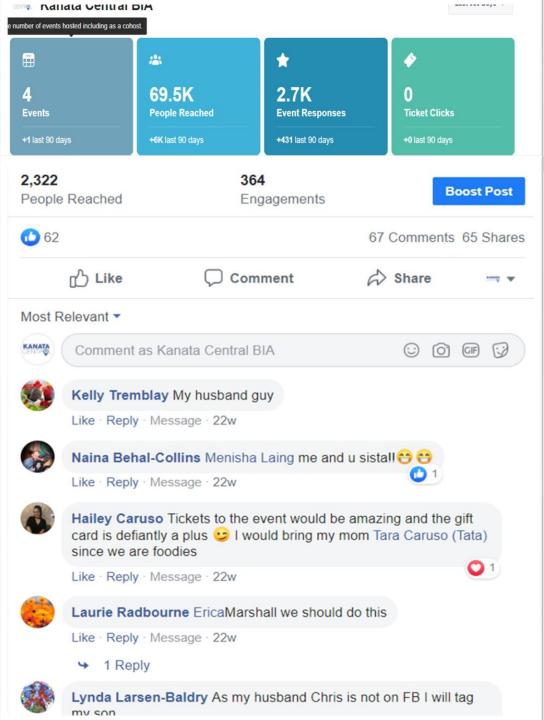


- Successful key driver for Kanata Central.
- Member businesses exposure, events and information
- Top 3 traffic drivers to website

#### Top Contest Opportunities Based On Success in 2019

People love hearing about news business, promotions for existing business and contests!





# **Website Interactive Map**

https://kanatacentral.com/map

- Somewhere for people to land
- Platform for Promotions & Events
- Instant updates



## Organize local and attend sponsored events

Events which took place in Kanata Central – driving footfall to our district

- Easter Bunny Hop 2,000 participants
- Corks & Forks (adults only) 360 participants
- Canada Day Kanata 35,000 participants (sponsored the Arts and Crafts tent in the family fun zone)
- Farmers Market 8,500 participants
- Country Music Crazy Horse
- Jenna's annual picnic
- Santa's Live Reindeer 600 participants

Partnership with Children's Wish Foundation, Kanata Food Cupboard & Kanata Entertainment Centrum

Used various marketing channels to promote our events



## **Directions for 2020**

## **Objectives:**

## **Promote, Advocate, Connect**

- Support Economic Growth in our BIA district
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### **Initiatives:**

- Research & Lobbying
- External Partnerships, Public Events, Branding & Marketing
- Member Engagement
- Beautification and Signage

