

Annual General Meeting

January 23, 2014



Report to the Membership

The Carleton Place BIA represents small business in the downtown. We are proud of these businesses that contribute to the local economy. They provide employment, local produce and products, and contribute to local events. The downtown businesses are the heartbeat of Carleton Place, “Keep Them Alive, and Shop Locally!”

Did you know that if half the employed population of Carleton Place spent \$50 each month at a local small business, that the purchases made could generate revenue of 3 million dollars? Imagine the positive change that will occur if our community spends \$100 at an independent business. 2/3 of that will return to the community through taxes and other expenditures. Spending \$100 through a national chain, less than 1 /2 of those dollars remain in your community. Spend your hard earned dollars online and nothing comes back to the community!

Mandate

The Carleton Place BIA promotes the downtown as a business and shopping area, and not just as a group of individual shops, restaurants and offices. We use promotional activities such as special events, advertising, and beautification programs which aim to keep the BIA area foremost in the public's mind as an attractive, entertaining, and a pleasant place to shop.

The BIA is a self-help mechanism, funded through a special municipal tax, designed to assist local business people and property owners joining together to improve and promote their business area.

The BIA's goals are,

- To draw a larger customer base to the BIA area
- To develop and strengthen the business community to be one unified body
- To be the voice of BIA businesses
- To make the BIA area an enjoyable experience for each person who visits
- To reflect the concerns and needs of the BIA business community to all levels of government
- To maintain and increase awareness of the BIA to BIA members

Benefits of a BIA,

- Co-ordinated efforts - more impact and profile in the community
- Sustained funding - on-going fiscal and marketing management provides the ability to plan programs in advance
- Self-reliance - provides the mechanism to raise money to be spent on useful projects within our area
- Restore public image - the activities of the BIA raise the profile of the area
- Community benefits - to build a business area that is physically attractive, well-marketed and successful

Board of Management

Under the new Municipal Act, which came into effect on January 1, 2003 and according to the Town of Carleton Place by-law which governs the BIA.

A board of management shall be composed of:

- (a) One or more directors appointed directly by the municipality; and the remaining directors selected by a vote of the membership of the improvement area and appointed by the municipality.

The term of the directors of a board of management is the same as the term of the council that appointed them but continues until their successors are appointed.

A new Board must be appointed / elected for a new four-year term, coinciding with the municipal elections. The current board is as follows:

Paul Sorfleet
Valley Design
valleydesigns@hotmail.com

Ben McNeely
Kelly Huibers McNeely, Chartered Accounts
bmcneely@khmpc.ca

Dennis Burn
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Councillor Gary Strike
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garystrike@rogers.com

Cathie McOrmond
BIA Project Manager
info@downtowncarletonplace.com

Review of 2013

The Carleton Place BIA has a membership of 150 retail and service businesses, with over 100 property owners in the BIA district. The BIA communicates electronically once a week to over 400 community members who want to know what is happening in the downtown. The number of people requesting weekly electronic updates from the BIA about the downtown is ongoing. NEW in 2013 the BIA launched the Business Improvement Association Facebook page.

Festivals and Events

Looking back, to 2013 the BIA hosted Pitch In, the Community Clean Up, a Free Comic Book Day in the downtown, the Lambs Down Park Festival, the Bridge Street Bazaar, the Maskeraid Halloween Parade, the Santa Claus Parade, and the Celebrate Christmas Downtown events. A NEW partnership was established with the organizers of the Brett Pearson Walk Run and with the Town of Carleton Place for Music at the Market. The BIA has supported events such as Wine'd Around Downtown, and the Heritage Ball, the Town of Carleton Place Country Music Festival, The first Annual Winter Carnival, The Annual Home Show, and the Sunshine's Then & Now and Wisteria's Ladies Night Out. The BIA was pleased to support community groups who strive to make downtown an event destination, such as the Farmers Market and organizers of Cruise Night at the Market Square. The BIA believes organizing and supporting local events in the downtown will offer opportunities to merchants to showcase their business and bring local and new consumers to the downtown.

Tourism

The BIA Staff was the Town of Carleton Place Tourism Team Chair for 2013. The committee consists of members from various community groups. The BIA is a member of Lanark County Tourism and works closely with leaders from this group to ensure that local events and festivals are promoted on their web site and guides. All BIA events are posted on tourism web sites across the Greater Ottawa area. The BIA purchased event advertising on the back cover page of the Lanark Tourism Guide and the Carleton Place Chamber Visitors Guide. The BIA is proud that new visitors are coming to Carleton Place as a result of their events and activities. The BIA wants residents of our community to be tourists to discover what their downtown has to offer. An idea grew and resulted in the first publication of the BIA DOWNtowner in the fall of 2013. The publication was distributed to every resident in the community with an additional 5000 copies printed for distribution at strategic locations in the community. The pilot project was well received from the community resulting in a 2nd publication being planned for fall 2014.

Marketing and Promotion

Marketing and Promotion in 2013 covered a vast area the BIA, used print advertising in the EMC, the Humm, and Ottawa Sun. The BIA had advertisements translated into the Chinese language

and advertised in the Ottawa Chinese Newspaper. Radio advertising was done with Lake 88 and Jack FM/Y101, press releases sent to radio and television stations across the Greater Ottawa area results in free promotions. The BIA collaborated with the Chamber and the Town to advertise in the back page cover of the Lanark County Tourism Guide which was distributed throughout the City of Ottawa through the Saturday edition of the Ottawa Citizen. The back page of the Chamber of Commerce Visitors Guide, a full page in was placed in the Mississippi Belle to promote downtown and their events. The BIA contributed to the purchase of the electronic signage at the Market Square. The Town of Carleton Place provides electronic event advertising opportunities at the pool, arena and Town Hall. Posters and flyers were created and distributed for special events. NEW the Business Improvement Association launched a Facebook page doing social media promotion daily.

Downtown Economics

The downtown core in Carleton Place continues to be a hub for social and economic activity. New stores are opening and there is also infill development, both commercial and residential, expected in a number of properties in and around the downtown in the near future. Existing business that are part of the BIA are using the Façade Improvement program, which can offer up to a 75% grant return on an improvement investment. The program is supported by both the BIA and the Town. The BIA working closely with the town has created a downtown retail recruitment kit package that is used as a tool by both groups. The BIA is often the first point of contact for individuals looking to start a new business. When ready, the BIA will assist in the coordination of grand opening or special business celebrations.

Fall 2013 was the year of the DOWNtowner publication was released which was designed to promote who and what the downtown was to our community members. The BIA received great feedback on the pilot project and is already beginning to work on the 2014 DOWNtowner release.

NEW The roof of the Market Square was raised in 2013! The BIA contributed \$75,000 to raising the roof of the market square with the Town of Carleton Place being the other contributor. The Market Square is a downtown destination used by the Farmers Market, Cruise Night, Music at the Market, Winter Carnival, Strongman Competition and more. Opportunities for further festival and events will grow with a roof, electricity and public washroom facilities available. The BIA will continue to work with their Market Square partners on opportunities that will benefit the downtown and its businesses.

Existing and new properties have been sold to those interested in upgrading existing or vacant lots in the downtown.

Beautification

Downtown Carleton Place continues to be breathtaking throughout the summer and winter months. The BIA is the leader in the Community Clean-Up Pitch in Program in April. This effort has been sighted by the Canadian “Pitch In” organization as hosting one of the largest community participants in the cleanup. The BIA purchased over 100 hanging floral baskets and plants for the downtown planters this past summer. The BIA works closely with Carleton Place and in Bloom

and the Town to ensure the plants are installed, planted, and maintained all summer long. This past summer being one of the driest summers in history, the plants still remained vibrant throughout the summer. The BIA is a partner with Carleton Place in Bloom and Arts Carleton Place in the “Feel the Warmth” Mitten project. The BIA contributes to the cost of the installation of the mittens in November and will remain up until March 1st. A délégation travelled to the Fairmount Château Laurier in Ottawa during the symposium in July of 2013. The delegates spoke to the unique mitten art project and how this was a true community artistic effort. The BIA leads the downtown LED lighting display, which bring people from all over to view and stroll the downtown. The 1000’s of LED lights have been an attraction for almost 10 years with many community members brings family and friends to the downtown just to view the spectacular view. The Bridge in the downtown is often referred to a spectacular site with the view of the water and falls, the BIA dressed the Bridge for the festive December season.

Façade Improvement

NEW in 2013 the BIA and the Town of Carleton Place offered two options for Façade Improvement. Option #1 – General Improvements A property owner or business with approval of the property owner can be reimbursed up to 50% of the total costs of improvements
Option #2 – Heritage Improvements A property owner or business with approval of the property owner can provide a reimbursement of up to 75% the total cost of the project for eligible Heritage Improvements/renovations, up to a maximum of \$7,500 per awarded . Heritage Design Consultant This is an additional opportunity through Option #2 for building owners to have a professional sketch with recommended colors for paint, and architectural elements that would best suit your building. The grant program will cover 80% of the design costs to a maximum of \$400.00.

Calendar of Events for 2014

January

Jan. 4-5: OCA Men’s Regionals. Carleton Place Curling Club. **Info: 613.257.2833** or www.cpcurling.ca

Jan. 11: Carleton Place Lions Club-4-Hand Euchre Tournament Series. Doors at Army, Navy, Air Force open at noon, tournament starts at 1 pm. Two-person team, eight games played. Team score totalled. Total prize of \$700. \$20/person entry, light lunch. **Info: 613.253.5243 (Ivan)**

Jan. 15: Ladies Invitational. Carleton Place Curling Club. **Info: 613.253.1609 (Leona Hooper)**

Jan. 16-19: Leatherworks’ Open Cash Bonspiel. Carleton Place Curling Club. **Info: 613.257.2833 (Jacque Campbell)**

Jan. 23: Carleton Place BIA Annual General Meeting **Info: cmcormond@carletonplace.ca** or www.downtowncarletonplace.com

Jan. 23: Quad Town Challenge. Carleton Place Curling Club. **Info: 613.253.2836 (Gerry Andrews)** or gwandrews@yahoo.ca

Jan. 25-Feb 2: 29th Annual Community Bonspiel. Carleton Place Curling Club. **Info: 613.253.5505 (Heather Ebbs or Gord Servant)**

Jan. 26: Bowl-A-Thon. Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital Auxiliary event. **Info: 613.257.2200 ext. 323**

February

Feb. 1: 16th Annual IODE Curling Bonspiel. Carleton Place Curling Club, 16 teams (\$100 per team, dinner included). Muffins and coffee before first game. 2 Eight-end games guaranteed prizes. Lunch for nominal price **Info: Peggy Gallipeau 613.257.7776**
peggy.gallipeau@crainschooley.on.ca

Feb. 1: Carleton Place Lions Club-4-Hand Euchre Tournament Series. Doors at Army, Navy, Air Force open at noon, tournament starts at 1 pm. Two-person team, eight games played. Team score totalled. Total prize of \$700. \$20/person entry, light lunch. **Info: 613.253.5243 (Ivan)**

Feb. 2: 1-on-1 Bonspiel. Carleton Place Curling Club. **Info: 613.253.3118 (Jason Smith)**

Feb 2: Ron McMunn “The Silver Fox” Country Music Heart Jam. 2 pm to 8 pm at the Carleton Place Arena Upper Hall. **Info: 613.253.5046 or 613.257.4748**

Feb. 8: Youth Bonspiel. Carleton Place Curling Club. **Info: 613.253.5505**

Feb. 8: Standing Room Only Big Band Dance Tania’s and Rick’s Dance Studio from 7 pm to 11 pm. \$15 in advance, \$18 at door. **Info: 613.253.0035 or www.taniasstudio.ca**

Feb. 9: Carleton Place Water Dragons Mid-Winter Meltdown. No charge 9 am to 1 p.m. at the Carleton Place Recreation Centre **Info: www.cpwd.ca**

Feb 9: Curl for Cancer Bonspiel. Carleton Place Curling Club. **Info: 613.253.5505**

Feb. 9: 1-on-1 Bonspiel: Carleton Place Curling Club. **Info: 613.253.3118 (Jason Smith)**

Feb. 12: Beauties of the BEAST 3rd Annual WOMEN ONLY Hospital Run. For all women snowmobilers: ride 200kms from Carleton Place to Petawawa! Stay over at the Quality Inn & dinner at Kelsey’s & ride back the next day. **Info: 613.256.2973 (Julie-Anne Bedard) or jabedard@storm.ca**

Feb.15: Carleton Place & District Chamber of Commerce Comedy Nite. Doors Open at 7 pm. **Info: 613.257.1976 or www.cpchamber.com**

Feb.21, Feb. 27 & Feb. 28 at 7 pm; Feb. 22, 23 & March 1 at 2 pm: Mississippi Mudds presents Willy Wonka Jr. A tale of wonderment and honest heart, based on the well loved children’s novel Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. **Info: 613.253.2007 (Tony Scott) or www.mississippimudds.ca**

Feb. 22: 2nd Annual Winter Carnival. This is a FREE family fun event held at the Carambeck Community Centre and Market Square with lots of activities for everyone. **Info: Lisa Strangeway** lstrangway@gmail.com

Feb. 27: Spring Senior Invitational. Carleton Place Curling Club. **Info: 613.253.2836** (Gerry Andrews) or gwandrews@yahoo.ca

Feb. 28: Senior Men's Invitational Bonspiel. Carleton Place Curling Club. **Info: 613.257.2833** or www.cpcurling.ca

March

Mar. 1: March Melt Down (Winter Carnival Event)

Beckwith Park 1319 9th Line Beckwith from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Is hosted by the Beckwith Youth Committee. Day starts off with a Pancake Breakfast in the Brunton Community Hall with winter activities following at Beckwith Park. Activities include: Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides, Snow Painting, Snow Obstacles and Castle Building. Campfire, canteen, free public skating and much more. **Info: 613.257.1539** www.twp.beckwith.on.ca

Mar. 2: Dinner and Dance. Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital Auxiliary event held at the Carleton Place Arena. Music of the '50s, '60s and '70s. **Info: 613.257.2200 ext. 323**

Mar. 5: Carleton Place & District Horticultural Society. Meeting at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church Hall at 7 p.m. on Beckwith St. Door prizes and refreshments. *Speaker:* Lanark Master Gardeners will answer questions on gardening. **Info: www.cphorticulture.ca**

Mar. 5: Eddie Nesbitt Classic Bonspiel. Carleton Place Curling Club **Info: 613.257.5909** (Barb Lough) or barbsam@sympatico.ca

Mar. 8: Carleton Place Lions Club-4-Hand Euchre Tournament Series. Doors at Army, Navy, Air Force open at noon, tournament starts at 1 p.m. Two-person team, eight games played. Team score totalled. Total prize of \$700. \$20/person entry, light lunch. **Info: 613.253.5243 (Ivan)**

Mar. 16: St. Patrick's Day Bonspiel. Carleton Place Curling Club **Info: 613.257.8947 (Shelly Rathwell)**

Mar. 24: Franktown Lilac Festival. Centennial Hall in Franktown, 152 Church St. from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Celebrating the Lilac Capital of Ontario activities include a kick off pancake breakfast, bike decorating and parade and continues with a craft market, entertainment, tea and bake sale and much more. Finish the day at St. James Anglican Church in Franktown. **Info: 613.257.1539** www.twp.beckwith.on.ca

Mar. 28-29: Spring Mixed Bonspiel. Carleton Place Curling Club. \$160/team, guaranteed three games, mixed teams only, includes snacks, lunch, dinner on Saturday. **Info: 613.253.7062** (Maelane Hums) or mhums@hotmail.com

Mar. 28, 29, Apr. 4 & 5 at 7 pm; Mar. 30 at 2 pm: Mississippi MUDDS presents Fox on the Fairway. Filled with mistaken identities, slamming doors, and over-the-top romantic shenanigans,

it's a furiously paced comedy that recalls the Marx Brothers' classics. **Info: 613.253.2007 or mississippimudds.ca; Tickets available at 132 Coleman St. or 613.257.1976**

April

Apr. 2: Carleton Place & District Horticultural Society. Meeting at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church Hall at 7 p.m. on Beckwith St. Door prizes and refreshments. *Speaker:* Laurie Bachand from Stoneridge Gardens & Nursery. **Info: www.cphorticulture.ca**

Apr. 8: Roast Beef Luncheon. (location TBD) Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital Auxiliary event. Traditional luncheon for the community served by the hospital. **Info: 613.257.2200 ext. 323**

Apr. 9: 7th Annual Get Active! Community Fitness Challenge. Registered teams of 5 will compete on a treadmill, elliptical trainer, or stationary bike. Participants are asked to collect pledges totaling \$250/team or \$50/person. Prizes awarded for the most funds raised, furthest distance, most spirited team, etc.

Info: 613.257.2200 (Robyn Arseneau) or foundation@carletonplacehosp.com

Apr. 11: Psychic Medium Matthew Stapley.

Carleton Place Town Hall Auditorium. Tickets \$20

Info: 613.294.2440 (Lee-Ann Legault) or laleg88@hotmail.com or 613.253.1516 (Hilda Docker) or hilda@docker.ca

Apr. 11-13: Carleton Place Spring Home & Fashion Show. Carleton Place Arena. Over 100 vendors, live entertainment, demonstrations, giveaways and much more!

Fri., 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Sat., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Admission \$5 at the door.

Info: 613.253.5046 (Bob White) or 613.257.1704 (Jessica Smith) or jsmith@carletonplace.ca

Apr. 12: Carleton Place Lions Club 4-Hand Euchre Tournament Series. Doors at Army, Navy, Air Force open at noon, tournament starts at 1 p.m. Two-person team, eight games played. Team score totalled. Total prize of \$700. \$20/person entry, light lunch.

Info: 613.253.5243 (Ivan)

Apr. 20-26: Carleton Place BIA Pitch-In Community Clean Up! The Carleton Place BIA Sponsors this event where schools, churches, community groups and businesses "Pitch In" and clean up Carleton Place. **Info: 613.257.8049 cmcormond@carletonplace.ca or www.downtowncarletonplace.com**

Apr. 22: Earth Day Sunrise Labyrinth Walk (sunrise 6:04 a.m.). Start your morning walk at the Carleton Place Community Labyrinth, 267 Edmund Street on the property behind the Carleton Place and Beckwith Heritage Museum. **Info: 613.257.1014 (Debby) or <http://carletonplacecommunitylabyrinth.blogspot.com>**

Apr. 24: Annual IODE Bridge/Luncheon. Luncheon at noon, followed by bridge. **Info: 613.253.1516 (Hilda Docker) hilda@docker.ca**

Apr. 26: Community Health Fest. Hosted by the Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital.

Held at the Arena Hall from 10 am to 3 pm FREE ADMISSION and includes entertainment, door prizes, and raffles in addition to many health and wellness attractions and opportunities to speak with Health Care professionals!

Info: 613.257.2200 ext. 856 (Robyn Arseneau) or foundation@carletonplacehosp.com

May

May 3: Walk as One at One. World Labyrinth Day. Join us at 1 p.m. for this annual global event celebrated on the first Saturday in May. Carleton Place Community Labyrinth, 267 Edmund St. **Info: 613.257.1014 (Debby) or <http://carletonplacecommunitylabyrinth.blogspot.com>**

May 3: Carleton Place Canoe Club 3rd Annual Duck Derby. Starts at 11 am to 2 pm tickets are \$5 for Community Duck Race, \$35 for Corporate Duck Race. This year we have an early bird prize 2 Senator tickets. Draw date March 1st. **Info: 613.257.1838 or www.cpcanooclub.com**

May 3: FREE Comic Book Day. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. sponsored by the downtown Carleton Place Businesses (BIA) **Info: 613.257.8049 or cmcormond@carletonplace.ca or www.downtowncarletonplace.com**

May 7: MacDonald's McHappy Day. For the CPDMH Foundation. Join the Carleton Place MacDonald's to help raise funds for our Hospital! **Info: (location TBD)**

May 7: Carleton Place & District Horticultural Society Mini Flower Show for Members. Meeting at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church Hall at 7 p.m. on Beckwith St. Door prizes and refreshments. *Speaker:* Brian Carson will discuss wildflowers, especially the elusive double Trillium **Info: www.cphorticulture.ca**

May 10: Mother's Day Tea and Fashion Show (location TBD). This is a Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital Auxiliary event. **Info. 613.257.2200 ext. 323 or auxiliary@carletonplacehosp.com**

May 10 - Oct 11: Carleton Place Farmers' Market. Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fresh-Local-Fun! Your neighbourhood Farmers' Market offers a wide variety of farm fresh local produce, flowers, meats and eggs from small regional farmers. A wealth of other products includes area artisan specialties such as breads, honey, cheeses and jams as well as local craft vendors and musicians. **Info: 613.257.1976 or www.cpfm.ca**

May 10: Farmers' Market Opening Day - Plant Day. From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come join us on Opening Day and celebrate by being one of the first 100 customers to receive a lovely Brown-Eyed Susan from Carleton Place in Bloom. **Info: 613.257.1976 or www.cpfm.ca**

May 14 - Sept. 17: Carleton Place Cruise Night. Join car enthusiast and spectators to raise funds for the Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital Foundation! Raffles and 50/50 draws held each Wednesday throughout the season. Held at Market Square. **Info: 613.222.3778 (Jeff Shoots)**

May 17: Carleton Place & Beckwith Heritage Museum - Season Opening. Open daily from 10 am to 4 pm except Sundays, 1 pm to 4 pm, until Labour Day. Also open by appointment. 267

Edmund St. **Info: 613.253.7013** or www.cpheritagemuseum.com

May 24: Carleton Place & District Horticultural Society Annual Plant and Bake Sale.

Victoria School Garden on 267 Edmund St., adjoining the Labyrinth from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Fundraiser for local community planting and local High School Bursaries.

Info: www.ephorticulture.ca

May 31: Wine'd Around Downtown! An afternoon to visit local restaurants to sample wines and appetizers. One ticket admits you to all venues, but book early as space is limited. Tickets at the Town Hall and at the Information Centre Gallery & Gift Shop on Coleman St. **Info: 613.257.3822** or Blakeley@CarletonPlace.Ca

May 31: Carleton Place Water Dragons. Black vs Blue Event. No charge. Starts at 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Carleton Place Recreation Centre **Info:** www.cpwd.ca

June

Ongoing this month

Saturdays, Carleton Place Farmers' Market.

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June - Sept: Labyrinth Weekly Walks. Tuesday mornings from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Labyrinth keeper on site. 267 Edmund St. on the property behind the Carleton Place and Beckwith Heritage Museum. **Info: 613.257.1014 (Debby)** or <http://carletonplacecommunitylabyrinth.blogspot.com>

June (TBD): Music for Miracles. Join the music students of Notre Dame High School for their Annual Music for Miracles Concert! **Info: 613.257.2200 ext. 856.**

June 4: Carleton Place & District Horticultural Society Potluck Supper.

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church Hall at 6 p.m. on Beckwith St. Bring your plate, cup, cutlery and your favourite dish to serve. *Speaker:* Mary Sherman Reid of Green Thumb Garden Centre on Climbers for your garden. Mary is a Master Gardener. **Info:** www.ephorticulture.ca

June 7: Standing Room Only Big Band Dance. Tania's and Rick's Dance Studio from 7 pm to 11 pm. \$15 in advance, \$18 at door. **Info: 613.253.0035** or www.taniasstudio.ca

June 10-13: 4th Annual Bus Trip. 4-day bus trip to Pennsylvania Amish Country. **Info: 613.253.1516 (Hilda Docker)** or hilda@docker.ca

June 14: Beckwith Heritage Days. Beckwith Park, 1319 9th Line Beckwith from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Fun and food for all ages! Celebrate Beckwith Townships Rich Agricultural History. There will be a pancake breakfast, modern machinery, petting farm and pony rides, livestock display and demonstrations, BBQ and lots more children's activities.

Info: 613.253.1539 or cmcgregor@twp.beckwith.on.ca

June 14: Carleton Place & District Horticultural Society Flower Show and English Tea. United Zion memorial Church Hall, 37 Franklin St. *Public hours:* 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. *Master Gardener:* 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and *English Tea:* 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., cost \$7.50.

Info: www.ephorticulture.ca

June 16: 12th Annual “Bed Pan Classic” Golf Tournament & Auction. This will be the best year yet for the Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital Foundation’s Annual Golf Tournament! Featuring a double shot-gun, there will be non-stop action that’s not to be missed!

Info: 613.257.2200 ext. 856 or foundation@carletonplacehosp.com

June 19: Walk in Peace. Carleton Place Community Labyrinth. Starting at 5:30 pm, bring along a picnic supper for this evening walk. Speakers TBA.

Info: 613.257.1014 (Debby) or <http://carletonplacecommunitylabyrinth.blogspot.com>

June 21: Lambs’ Down Park Festival. Sponsored by the BIA. This annual wool celebration with lamb/dog demonstrations, sheep shearing, spinning and displays by the Wool Growers.

Co-ordinated by the Business Improvement Area and Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers Limited. Events start at 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Franktown Road. **Info:** 613.257.8049 or

www.downtowncarletonplace.com

June 21: Farmers’ Market Kick Off to Summer Celebration and Lambs’ Down Park Festival. This is the time of year that we all wait for. That time when summer goodness comes alive and we start seeing fresh ripe strawberries and beautiful mixed greens at the market. Join us as we help celebrate Lambs’ Down Park Festival with free horse drawn rides between the Farmers’ Market and Lambs’ Down Park **Info:** 613.257.1976 or www.cpfm.ca

June 22: Teddy Bear Picnic. (location TBD) sponsored by the Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital Foundation, this event is one not to be missed! **Info:** 613-257-2200 ext. 323

June 29: 9th Annual Lions Club Classic Car Show. The event, which runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., boasts more than 200 cars along the banks of the Mississippi at beautiful Riverside Park. Admission is free and there will be a barbecue on site. Exhibitors are welcome. **Info:** 613-229-1625 (Ken Ferguson) for registration.

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July 1: Canada Day Festivities. Come to Riverside Park and celebrate with lots of children’s activities and entertainment for all ages. The day is topped off with the best fireworks in Lanark

County. Info: 613.257.1704 or jsmith@carletonplace.ca.

July: Arts Carleton Place Summer Art Show Fundraising Event. (Location, date and time TBD) Info: 613.257.2031 or www.artscarletonplace.com

July 12: Old Fashioned Community Picnic. Carleton Place & Beckwith Heritage Museum. Info: 613.253.7013 or cpbheritagemuseum@bellnet.ca

July 19: Carleton Place Canoe Club Regatta. Come out and cheer for your favourite paddler. Canoe and kayak races in various age categories. Clubs from eastern Ontario division participate. War canoes make an impressive finale! Info: 613.257.1838 or www.cpcanooclub.com

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Aug. 2: Annual BIA Bridge Street Bazaar. Festivities from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in downtown Carleton Place. Info: 613.257.8049 cmcormond@carletonplace.ca or www.downtowncarletonplace.com

Aug. 2: Arts Caravan. Visit the Arts Caravan at the BIA Bridge Street Bazaar. Info: 613.257.2031 or www.artscarletonplace.com

Aug. 30 & 31: 2014 Carleton Place Strength Challenge. Enjoy a weekend of international competition in downtown Carleton Place. This year's events include: Professional Strongman, Amateur Strongman, Senior and Junior, Strongman, RAW Power-lifting, Arm wrestling Cross fit, MMA (still un-confirmed) Info: thor@primus.ca

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Sept.: Tim Horton's Smile Cookie Campaign (TBD). Share a smile and make a difference for your local Hospital! Being sold the third week of September, for only \$1 the entire proceeds of

Tim Horton's Smile Cookies sold in Carleton Place will be benefitting the Carleton

Sept. 3: Carleton Place & District Horticultural Society Mini Flower Show for Members. Meeting at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church Hall at 7 p.m., on Beckwith St. Door prizes and refreshments. *Speaker:* Rebecca Cragg on Japanese Inspired Gardens. Author of Zenscaping.
Info: www.ephorticulture.ca

Sept. 6: Sign Me Up! Local groups and clubs will be on site at Market Square to register or offer information on various programs and activities throughout the year. Check our website to see which clubs will be on site that day. Last year over 18 clubs participated in this event.
Info: 613.257.1976 (Amber) or amber@cpchamber.com www.cpfm.ca

[Sept. 9: Chamber of Commerce Annual Golf Tournament. \(Location TBD.\) Come out for a fun and challenging day of golf. Win some great prizes or try your luck at our auction.](#)
[Info: 613.257.1976 or catherine@cpchamber.com](#)

Sept. 6: Sign Me Up!
Beckwith Public School Gym, 1523 9th Line Beckwith from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
[Get involved in your Community. Over 30 different program's and activities to gather information and sign-up for. Something for all ages!](#) **Info:** 613.253.1539 or cmcgregor@twp.beckwith.on.ca

Sept. 13: Fall400 Dragon Boat Festival. Get a close-up view of the dragon boats as the entire race is in full view from the banks of the Mississippi. Lots of entertainment in Riverside Park. Come and cheer for your favourite dragon boat. **Info:** www.fall400.com

Sept. 13: Apple Pie Social. Held at the Carleton Place & Beckwith Heritage Museum
Info: 613.253.7013 or www.cpheritagemuseum.com

Sept. 13: The 6th Annual Chili Cook-Off Contest. Whether served vegetarian, spicy hot, or the secret ingredient is bananas or coffee, nothing brings out more pride from amateur chefs than their own homemade chili recipe. For years, chili enthusiasts have entered chili cook-offs to test their best recipes – and now is your chance to put your chili to the challenge! Enter your best original recipe at this year's cook off and compete for the chance to go head to head with local chili buffs in the ultimate chili throw down. **Info:** 613.257.1976 or www.cpfm.ca

Sept. 20: Carleton Place Little Black Dress Event. Upper Hall in Carleton Place Arena at 6 pm.
Info: cdryburgh17@gmail.com (Carol Dryburgh) or visit us on Facebook.

Sept. 20: 6th Annual Harvest Lantern Labyrinth Walk. Starts at 7 pm with over 600 luminaries lighting up the labyrinth path. Join us for music, bonfire and refreshments. Bring your own lantern creation or borrow one from us. A fun, free, family event in celebration of the fall harvest. Find us behind the Carleton Place and Beckwith Heritage Museum on 267 Edmund Street.
Info: 613.257.1014 (Debby) or <http://carletonplacecommunitylabyrinth.blogspot.com>

Sept. 21: 15th Ride of Splendor. In support of the Carleton Place & District Hospital Auxiliary. Our motorcycle rally is a fun ride with breakfast, lunch and prizes. **Info:** 613.257.2200 ext. 323

Sept. 27: The Brett Pearson Run for Your Life Walk/Run **Info:** 613.257.8049 or

www.cpdrugstrategy.com

Sept. 27: Spotlight Night Dinner and Dance with dance performances. Tania's and Rick's Dance Studio from 6 pm to 11 pm \$45 RSVP. **Info: 613.253.0035** or www.taniasstudio.ca

Sept. 28: Sister City Heritage Ball. A themed black-tie event. Evening includes a gourmet dinner, dancing and entertainment. All proceeds go to Sister City High School Student Exchange Program. **Info: 613.257.3822** or www.downtowncarletonplace.com

October

Oct: Mississippi Mudds (TBD) Check website for upcoming show details.
www.mississippimudds.ca

Oct. 1: Carleton Place & District Horticultural Society Meeting at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church Hall at 7 p.m., on Beckwith St. Door prizes and refreshments. *Speaker:* Mary McNaughton on Gifts from the Harvest. **Mini Flower Show for Members**-please set up before the meeting.**Info: www.cphorticulture.ca**

Oct. 3: 3rd Annual Apple Pie Contest. On your mark, get set and start baking. Home cooks and professionals alike will be judged by some of Lanark's best chefs and food writers. Enter a pie, cheer on the competitors, or just enjoy a slice-for a price\$. The day will be filled with lots of fun activities for the family including live entertainment, face painting by Korny the Clown and big prizes for the winners. **Info: 613.257.1976** or www.cpfm.ca

Oct. 11: Last Day of the Farmers' Market. This day always comes sooner than you think. This is the day that you stock up for the long winter or pick up some canning supplies. Many of our vendors bring maple syrup, honey and preserves so be sure to stop by. **Info: 613.257.1976** or www.cpfm.ca

Oct. 19: Country Harvest Show. Come out for an evening packed with great Ottawa Valley Country Music. Show starts at 7:00 p.m. and tickets are \$15.00. **Info: 617.253.5046 (Bob White).**

Oct. 25: The Annual BIA Masker-Aid Halloween Parade. In support of the Lanark County Food Bank. Parade begins at 7 pm. **Info: 613.257.8049** or cmcormond@carletonplace.ca or www.downtowncarletonplace.com

October (TBD): Murder Mystery & Masquerade Gala. Join the Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital Foundation for an evening of mysteries!
Info: 613.257.2200 ext. 856.

Oct. 25: "Halloween Dance".
Tania's and Rick's Dance Studio from 7 pm to 11 pm \$15 in advance, \$18 at door.
Info: 613.253.0035 or
www.taniasstudio.ca

Oct. 25: 15th Annual IODE Harvest Craft Show. Full day of Crafts from 10 am - 3 pm
Carleton Place Arena - Upper Hall. Free Admission, door prizes. Homemade lunch after 11:30 am.

Forty tables of crafts from eastern Ontario and local area; charcoal art, pastel and pencil drawings, jewellery, photography, quilted items, handmade bags, assorted teas and spices, candles, Christmas decorations, stained glass, chocolate, honey, jams, garlic, emu products and much more. **Info: 613.253.1516 (Hilda Docker) or hilda@docker.ca**

Oct. 30: Our Haunted Heritage Storytelling Night. Carleton Place & Beckwith Heritage Museum.

Info: 613.253.7013 or cpbheritagemuseum@bellnet.ca

November

November to March: Mitten Art Project. View more than 100 unique pieces of art painted on large mitten templates on lampposts throughout the town. Carleton Place in Bloom, Arts Carleton Place and the Carleton Place BIA initiated the project to bring colourful winter art to our community in a whimsical, creative and simple way. **Info: 613-257-1014 (Debby)**

Nov. 5: Carleton Place & District Horticultural Society

Meeting at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church Hall at 7 p.m., on Beckwith St. Door prizes and refreshments. *Speaker:* David Hinks. from Almonte, how to grow garlic.

Info: www.cphorticulture.ca

Nov. 8 & 9: 4th Annual Carleton Place Art Tour & Sale. Local artists present their work: painting, pottery, photography, mixed media and much more. Choose a gift for someone special or just pamper yourself with a gift that keeps on giving long after the holiday season. Meet the artists and performers. **Info: www.carletonplacearttourandsale**

Nov. 8: 25th Annual Women's Fair. At the Neelin Street Community Centre (arena upstairs) from 10 am to 4 pm. This event promotes local women's businesses and is a signature fundraising event for Lanark County Interval House. It features over 40 vendors, a silent auction, cake raffle, children's activities, door prizes, free seminars throughout the day and a hot lunch café. Start your Christmas shopping! **Info: 613-257-5159 (Sue Cronkwright) or www.lcih.org**

Nov. 13 or 15: Celebrate the Sparkle is a new event by the BIA. Keep checking website for further updates. **Info: 613.257.8049 or cmcormond@carletonplace.ca or www.downtowncarletonplace.com**

Mid-Nov. - Dec. 7: Christmas in Carleton Place Christmas Tree Tours. Tour beautiful Carleton Place in search for the perfect tree! Locations across town will be featuring pre-decorated Christmas trees all ready for the holidays that may be bid on through a silent action. All proceeds support the Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital Foundation. **Info: 613.257.2200 ext. 856.**

Nov. (TBA): 5th Annual Violet Femmes, Girls Night Out Gala. Ladies, here is your chance to dress and feel like royalty! An outstanding evening with your closest gal pals that includes a delicious gourmet meal, a cocktail or two, great music, dancing, an elaborate silent auction and raffle table, a huge grand prize and so much more. Note: This notoriously fun event sells out quickly – don't be disappointed! **Info: 613-257-3469 or www.lcih.org**

Nov. 28 & 29 and Dec. 5 & 6 at 7 pm; Nov. 30 and Dec 6 at 2 pm: Mississippi Mudds presents Cinderella. In time for the holidays this musical comedy is fun for the whole family. Directed by Judith and Tony Scott and produced by Kim Balaszi this is sure to be a wonderful family event for everyone. **Info: 613.253.2007 or www.mississippimudds.ca; Tickets available at 132 Coleman St. or 613.257.1976**

Nov. 29: Annual BIA Santa Claus Parade. Parade begins at 5 pm in support of the Lanark County Food Bank Downtown Carleton Place. **Info: 613.257.8049 or cmcormond@carletonplace.ca or www.downtowncarletonplace.com**

Nov. 29: Christmas Craft Show. Township of Beckwith

December

Dec. 3: Carleton Place & District Horticultural Society

Meeting at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church Hall at 7 p.m., on Beckwith St. Potluck Supper 6:00 p.m. for 6:30 p.m. dinner. Door prizes, music, slideshow of member's gardens. Bring your plate, cup, cutlery and favourite dish to serve. Members bring a friend to this enjoyable evening.

Info: www.ehorticulture.ca

Dec. 6: Christmas Dance.

Tania's and Rick's Dance Studio from 7 pm to 11 pm \$15 in advance, \$18 at door. **Info: 613.253.0035 or www.taniasstudio.ca**

Dec. 6: Annual BIA Downtown Christmas Celebration.

Info: 613.257.8049 or cmcormond@carletonplace.ca or www.downtowncarletonplace.com

Dec. 6 & 7: Christmas in Carleton Place House Tours. The tour will be on Sat., Dec. 6, from 6 pm - 9 pm and on Sun., Dec. 7, from 10 am - 4 pm. We will be showcasing 6-8 homes decked out in holiday spender. The tickets cost of \$25/each and all proceeds of this fundraiser will be going to the Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital with snowsuit being donated to the Snowsuit Campaign for Lanark County.

Info: 613.257.2200 ext. 856.

Dec. 7: Santa's Annual Pre-Flight Check-Up. Held at the Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital, join Santa as he visits his Doctor to see if he will be cleared for take-off for Christmas Eve! Lots of fun activities for kids.

Info: 613.257.2200 ext. 856 or foundation@carletonplacehosp.com

Dec. 7: 2nd Annual Santa Run. Join in on the fun! Back by popular demand, this 5km run is one that is run in the Christmas spirit. Participants will receive a gift in the Holiday spirit upon completion of their run and all are eligible for prizes which will be drawn at the Hospital. All registration fees and pledges are in support of the Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital to purchase needed patient care equipment!

Info: santarunp@gmail.com

Dec. 7: 17th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. Held at the Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital. The Tree Lighting Ceremony is the Foundation's largest annual fundraiser and provides

an opportunity for the community to sponsor a light on our Tree in memory of a loved one or in honour of friends and family, hospital physicians and staff or anyone that has touched your life in a meaningful way.

Info: 613.257.2200 ext. 856.

Volunteers Needed

The Carleton Place BIA Board of Management is a dedicated group of downtown business owners who volunteer their time to make Downtown Carleton Place a better place to work, shop and play. You can help too, there are event committee, and if you just want to volunteer on a per event basis we have a job for you. Many hands make light work!

Budget 2014 - Attached
