

**By-Town Heritage Club  
April 2026 newsletter**



After the winter we've had, it's fair to ask whether spring knows the way to Ottawa yet. Snowbanks are finally gone, the days are getting longer, and some of us are starting to think about fresh air, open windows, and maybe even a little spring cleaning – or at least moving things around enough to say we did. With Easter around the corner, we hope many of you will have the chance to enjoy some time with family, friends, and perhaps a little chocolate as well. April always feels like a fresh start, and we hope everyone starts the spring of 2026 with a lighter step and joyful heart!

**Welcome new members...**

Please join us in welcoming new members Marina Ballerscheff and Karen Larche!

*Welcome*

### **Summer launch event!**

We have a wonderful day planned to kick off the summer... Join us on Sunday, May 31 for a great day trip to welcome the summer of 2026!

We will leave the Riverside United Church at noon. We're not stopping for lunch, but you are welcome to bring lunch and drinks on the bus! Our first stop will be [Brauwerk Hoffman Brewery](#) in Campbell's Bay, QC, the first microbrewery in the Pontiac. At the brewery we'll enjoy a tasting of two beers and have a tour of the brewery. Then we're off to [Pure Conscience Farm](#) in Shawville, where we'll enjoy a tasting of yak and a tour of the only farm in the Outaouais region raising a herd of grass-fed yaks. We'll meet the yaks and learn about the regenerative farming practices that make their products so unique. Then we're off to [Ciderie Coronation Hall](#) in Bristol Village. They use their apples to make traditional English style ciders! We'll enjoy a tasting of two hard ciders and an apple pie bite.

Finally, we'll head to [Little Red Wagon Winery](#) for a tasting, dinner and concert. We'll taste each of the three wines they produce and enjoy a three-course meal (choice of two (dietary restrictions can be accommodated) options for mains, and two selections for dessert). Then we will sit back and enjoy the folk sounds of [Dave Gunning](#), one of Canada's most engaging and respected folk singer-songwriters. A multiple East Coast Music Award and Canadian Folk Music Award winner, Gunning is celebrated for his warm stage presence, razor-sharp wit, and songs that honour everyday heroes while tackling hard truths. Please note, the concert is indoors and everyone will be seated on the main floor. Then we'll return to the Riverside United Church, with an expected arrival time of about 11:00 p.m.

The actual cost of this day – including coach bus, church parking, brewery tasting and tour, yak tasting and farm tour, cider tastings and apple treat, wine tasting, dinner, concert tickets and all tips and taxes is \$185. We'll be offering this day to members/spouse for \$165. There are only 26 spots available (we only have a small bus...) so, if you wish to join us, please register ASAP. PLEASE NOTE – to allow for all members to read the newsletter, registration will open at noon on April 4. Please register by sending an email, **after registration opens**, to [general@bytownchapter.com](mailto:general@bytownchapter.com). We will respond to confirm there is a spot available and you will then need to pay for your ticket(s) to confirm registration.

Join us for what promises to be a fun day! Thank you to Pierre Gourgon for organizing a great outing for us! As an FYI, here is a similar (well, not really) [tour](#) with costing...

### **Lunches...**

Our May lunch will be held at [Lone Star Texas Grill](#) (Baseline Road) on Thursday, May 7, starting at 11:30 a.m. If you plan to attend, please register via [email](mailto:general@bytownchapter.com) to [general@bytownchapter.com](mailto:general@bytownchapter.com). Note, there is some construction at the mall and parking may be restricted. If you can carpool, that would be great!

Our June lunch will be held at [Stacked Smoke Meat and Grill](#) (2679 Bank Street). We'll gather at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 4. If you plan to attend, please register via [email](mailto:general@bytownchapter.com) to [general@bytownchapter.com](mailto:general@bytownchapter.com).

### **We keep busy!**

Thank you to everyone who sent photos for the "What keeps you busy contest". We certainly are an active group of retirees! We've gone back to school, embraced new sports, made drinking wine a study in the good life! Congratulations to our randomly selected winner Roxane Matin! Roxane will receive a \$25 LCBO gift card. Enjoy a few pictures of our busy gang, members who perfectly embody the 'stay busy in retirement' goal!



**March was fraud prevention month...**

Fraud targeting seniors continues to be a growing concern. We encourage members to review the information package on the [website](#), which provides helpful tips and resources on how to recognize and avoid common scams. The information offers useful tips and resources to help recognize common scams and protect yourself and your loved ones...

**Housekeeping things...**

It seems like the budget-friendly newsletter delivery switch up didn't cause any major issues. Yeah! With a cost savings of over \$42 a month, this makes the executive team very happy. Just a couple of things – if you previously unsubscribed from the newsletter, this wouldn't have been captured in the email list we downloaded from the data base, apologies. Please send us a quick email if you do not wish to receive the newsletter.

We also forgot to include the “payment information box” that is normally at the end of each newsletter. That has been added.

That is all for this month, enjoy April!

*Your By-Town Heritage Club Executive*

**PAYMENT INFORMATION FOR ALL EVENTS AND DUES**

**NOTE: Dues are \$25.00 per year to renew.**

**PREFERRED PAYMENT METHOD – E-transfers**

- Please send an email to [treasurer@bytownchapter.com](mailto:treasurer@bytownchapter.com) with the following details:
- The reason for the e-transfer (annual membership fee, specific activity)
- The amount of your e-transfer
- Your name and membership number

**ALTERNATE PAYMENT METHOD – By Cheque:**

- PLEASE NOTE WE DO NOT ACCEPT POST-DATED CHEQUES FOR ANY PAYMENT
- Please send an email to [treasurer@bytownchapter.com](mailto:treasurer@bytownchapter.com) noting you would like to attend the event, or are paying your dues, and will be paying by cheque
- Make cheque out to 'BY-TOWN HERITAGE CLUB' and mail to:

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