

Community Survey

2016 – Results

In the Spring, the Community Activities Group of Old Ottawa East (CAG) and the Old Ottawa East Community Association (OOECA) conducted a survey. Our goal? To find out what you love about our community as a whole, what would you love to fix and what amenities/services would you like to see in our rapidly growing and changing community.

Thank you to all 198 residents who responded in the survey. Your input will help our organizations plan for the future and better serve the community. In summary, this is what you told us...

What did you tell us?

What are the top three things you love about living/working in Old Ottawa East?

The top response was Old Ottawa East's proximity to other downtown neighbourhoods. Residents like living in Old Ottawa East because it is central to the City.

The second through fourth responses were closely tied, residents love the Canal, the Parks and the River.

After that, residents said they loved the community feel in Old Ottawa East. Many residents commented on the small town feel of our neighbourhood.

Other notable mentions:

- Residents like the diversity of our houses and the stories behind them
- We love being able to walk and/or bike to many places
- Residents appreciate our community's emphasis on sound environmental living, cherishing old trees and greenspace

What are the top three improvements you would like to see in Old Ottawa East?

Loudly and clearly, residents said they wanted more businesses in Old Ottawa East. In order of popularity you asked for:

- Grocery store
- Restaurants
- Pub
- Larger coffee shop
- Bakery
- Butcher

- Hardware store
- Bank
- Gas station
- More medical facilities

Loudly and clearly, residents said they wanted more businesses, ut not just any new business. Residents were keen to point out that they are not interested in big box stores, preferring independent and/or local businesses.

After more businesses, the new Clegg-Fifth Bridge was mentioned by many individuals as an improvement they would like to see in the community.

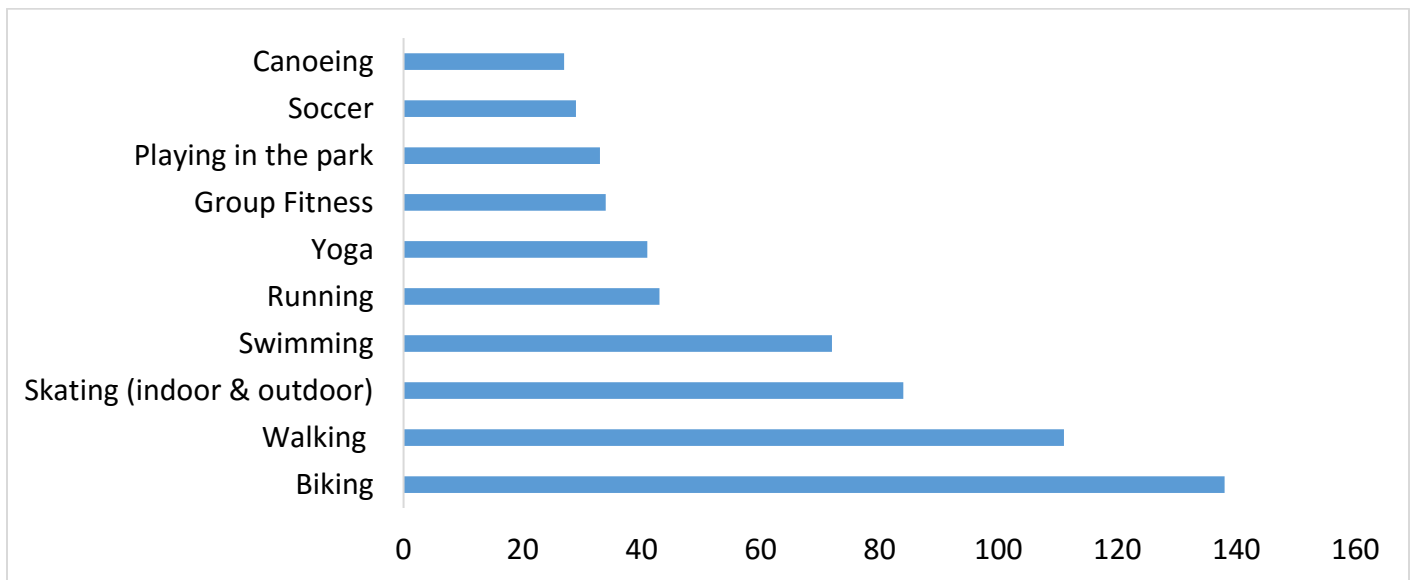
In concert with that, despite residents loving the biking and walking paths in OOE, many mentioned improving these facilities and integrating them better. Residents would like to see bicycles, cars and pedestrians separated, with safer intersections for all.

Other mentions:

- An end to construction
- Return of the farmer’s market
- Infill and new housing fit better with that currently existing
- Better traffic management for driving in and out of the community and more parking
- More public art and perhaps studio space for artists

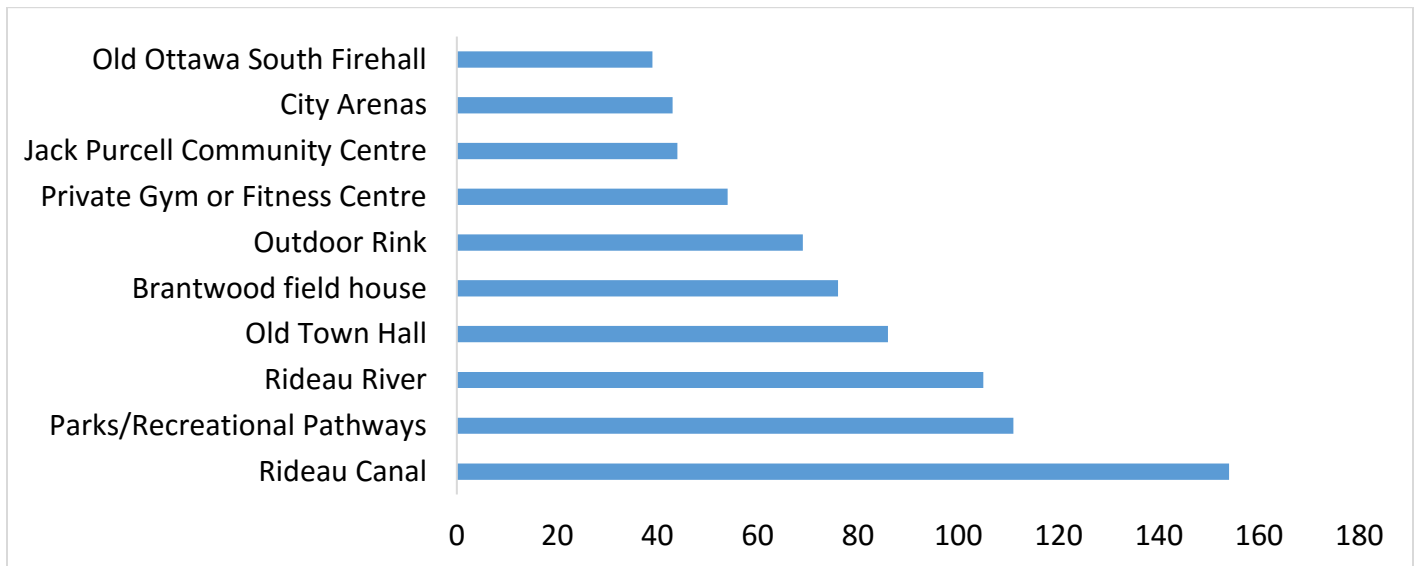
What leisure activities do you and/or your dependants participate in?

The communities’ top ten leisure actives are:



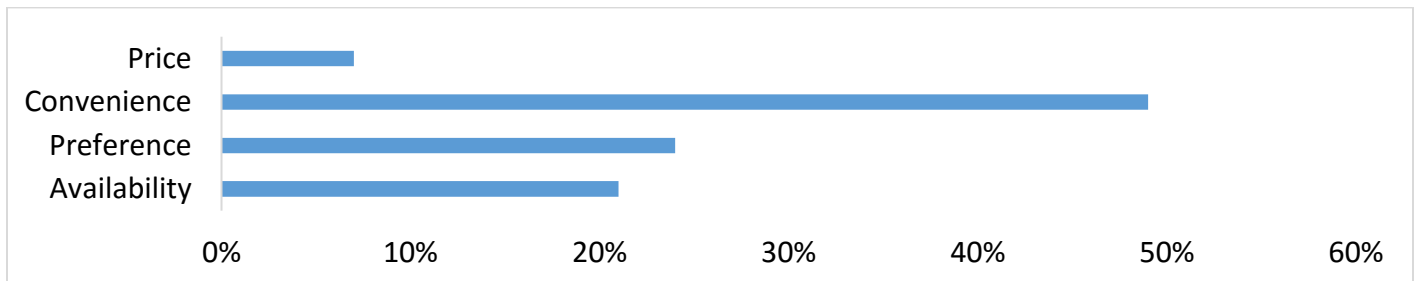
Where do you go to do these things?

The communities' top ten destinations for their leisure activities are:



Why do you go there?

The reasons you gave us:



Price - "I go there because it cost less than other places"

Convenience - "I go there because it is nearby"

Preference—"I like it more there"

Availability - "it's the only place I could go when I'm available" or "I'm a member"...

What community services do you and/or your children use regularly access?

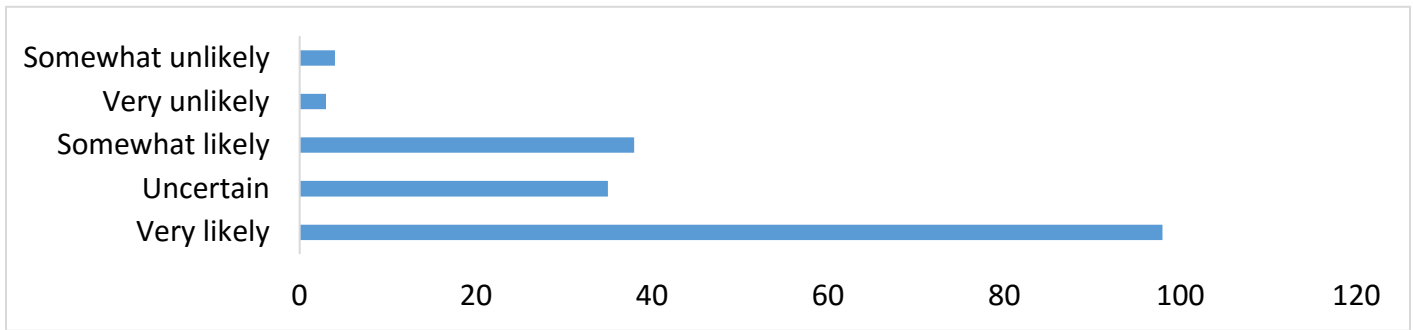
Of those that indicated they regularly access community services, most indicated they use health services and child care services. A smaller number of residents use social and employment services.

Where do you go for these services?

Most indicated they accessed these services in Centertown, Old Ottawa East or Sandy Hill.

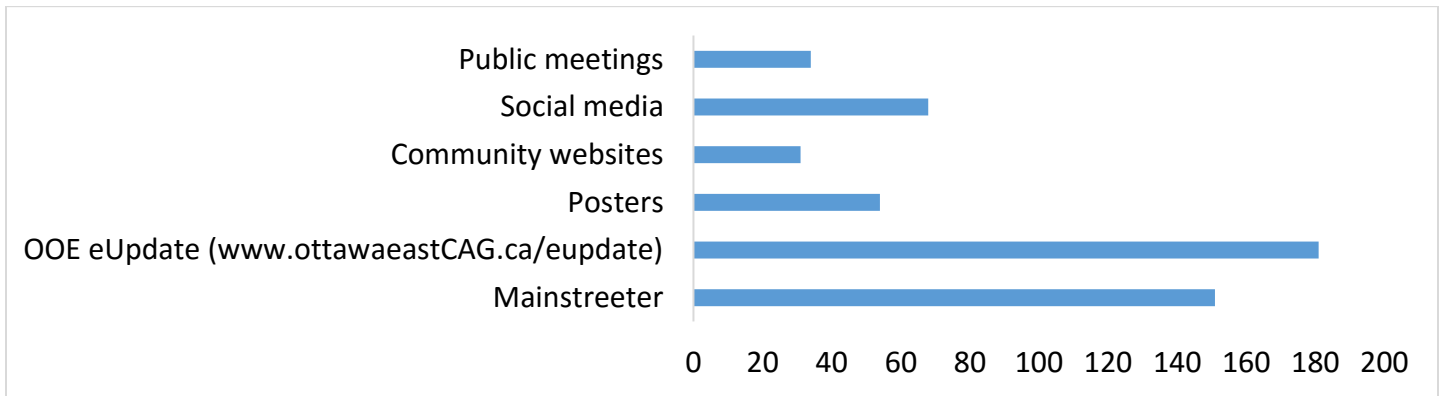
If there were facilities in Old Ottawa East which allowed for expanded programs and services, how likely would you be to use them?

Most indicated they would access facilities for these services in the neighbourhood with the understanding they offered what they were looking for at a time that worked for them.



Judging from comments, the “uncertain” category seemed to reflect “depending if it offered what I was looking for at a time that worked for me”

By what methods of communication do you prefer to receive information regarding your community?



One hundred and ninety eight residents responded to the survey that was distributed through the Old Ottawa East eUpdate, FaceBook and organizations own email lists. To be sure of receiving information with regard future surveys please register for the Old Ottawa East eUpdate at www.OttawaEastCAG.ca/eupdate.