

Let's Talk Hunt Club

What do you like about Hunt Club?

- Accessible / Easy to get around to other parts of Ottawa
 - o Easy to Access AirPort
 - o Dead Centre Geographical of the Greater Ottawa Area
- Good Cycling Infrastructure
- Access to Rideau River / Wetlands
- Shopping Available for the Essentials (Metro, Shoppers)
- Green Space
- Feels Safe
- Feels "Quiet"
- Friendly People
 - o Come together during an emergency (ie Tornados)
- Kid Friendly
- Diverse Population
 - o Mix of Social factors (Family Types)
 - o Mix of Economic Factors (Income)
 - o Mix of Cultures
- Mix of Housing
 - o Single Family
 - o Apartment Buildings
 - o Condos
 - o Town Homes
 - o Community Housing
 - o Cooperative Housing
- The Hunt Club Community has lots of potential
- The "seniors" classes at the community centre provide a community to those who use it
 - o many participants would stay and have a coffee after class
- Efforts of the Hunt Club Community Association
 - o Fall Festival
 - o Arts in the Park
 - o Park Clean Ups
 - o Newsletter
 - o Community Garden
 - o Get Growing Hunt Club
 - o Access to Councilor
 - o Advocacy on Local Issues

What do you not like about Hunt Club?

- General Comments
 - The community has changed
 - If I want “community” – I go elsewhere
- OC Transpo
 - Service has changed, less convenient and not very “accessible”
- Limited shopping
 - not many local businesses
 - restaurants on Hunt Club are mostly big chains
 - No Local Coffee Shop
 - No Local Bakery
 - Need to “Go Out” of community to do shopping
 - South Keys
 - Bank Street - Farm Boy
- Pedestrian / Cycling Infrastructure
 - not accessible
 - not widely known / advertised
- Community Divide
 - Hunt Club is very spread out
 - Divided into “horizontal” silos
 - Quinterra
 - “Uplands - Riverside Drive Area”
 - “Uplands - Paul Anka”
 - “Uplands - Hunt Club”
 - “McCarthy Area”
 - “Plante to Owl Park”
 - Owl Park to Bartlette Private Area”
 - Quinterra Residents feel removed / disconnected
 - Are there other groups that feel disconnected?
- Night-Time & Lighting
 - Hunt Club is very nice looking during the day but gets very dark and feels unwelcoming at night
- McCarthy Woods
 - Do not feel safe due to warning signs about coyotes
 - Other people in the woods

- Community Centre
 - Does not feel welcoming
 - Centre programming is good for youth and seniors but nothing for adults, especially those that work during the day
 - Very dark at night
 - Considered Greenboro's ugly little stepsister
 - Recommendations from last major renovations were not implemented

- Hunt Club Centre
 - Not flattering – looks dingy
 - Looks outdated
 - Not a wide variety of retail options

What would be your wish for Hunt Club?

Bring in Personality

- Community is a place that has a soul - a place that has a heartbeat or vibe - We need something to create a heartbeat
- Want that hallmark movie “main street” experience with coffee shop, bakery, medical, vet, garage – mechanic, handyman, retail, restaurants
- Need to develop a “Town Centre” approach
- Need to make Hunt Club a place where people want to come
 - o Need to bring people into the area
 - Change in attitude of wanting to bring people into the area
- Wouldn't it be nice to announce?
 - o Hunt Club has the most _____ in the city
 - Ie: We have a high portion of people with First Aid Training
 - o Hunt Club has the largest number of _____ in the city
 - Ie: Song Writers
 - o Hunt Club has the best _____ in the city

Outdoor Central Meeting Spaces

- We need year-round outdoor gathering spaces with warm welcoming patio lighting so that spaces can be used when it gets dark
- Outdoor spaces that will provide opportunities for New Local Business
 - o Outdoor café
 - Food Trucks
 - Coffee Shop
 - Bakery
 - o Outdoor Market
 - Traditional Farmers Market
 - Seasonal Markets (ie Landsdowne Park Christmas Market)
- Performance spaces
 - o Place to showcase local artists (Music, Art)
- Usable Space
 - o Can the parking lot near Metro be used for an outside café / popup park space?
 - A place for people to sit, eat and enjoy the outdoors
 - o Gaming tables (chess, checkers)
- Community Gardens
 - o Other Locations
 - Metro Parking Lot – like Riverside Park's at Former Country Grocery Store Site?

Connect Community

- More opportunities for people to connect
- Make Hunt Club Community a “People Place”
- More Sharing of resources
 - o Loan Tools
 - o Loan Books, DVD Music
- Digital Neighborhood
 - o Teach classes online
- More Projects such as Get Growing Hunt Club
- More Community Gardens
- More Support for the 15 Minute Neighborhoods Concept
- Want & Need to be more connected such as Glebe and Old Ottawa South
- Need to support people to “age” in their home and stay in the community
- Need opportunities for youth – support youth in our community
- We need an Artistic / Culture Centre

Study Demographics & Community Needs

- Need to review demographics for our area
 - o Appears that more young families are wanting to move into the area
 - o How current is the current data?
 - o Reduced Canada census seems to have had an effect on quality and depth of data
 - o We need to survey new residents
 - Partner with Real Estate Agents
 - Partner with CHMC
 - Partner with Real Estate Association
 - o Need to define “value of living & working in Hunt Club”
- Covid19 pandemic effect:
 - o more people are working from home or want to work from home
 - o more people are staying in their community
 - o people are wanting more out of their residential community
- Recommend we get a Community Design Plan

Emergency Preparation

- Create an Emergency Preparation Club
- Is there a plan in place during emergencies/disasters?
 - o Who does what?
 - o How can I help?
 - What needs to be done?

Cycling & Pedestrians Infrastructure

- Support Complete Streets
- Want more pedestrian experience

Community Centre

- Make front lobby more welcoming
 - o Add some plants, greenery in front lobby
 - o Add inviting outdoor lighting
- More Programming on Weekends / Evenings
 - o More conducive to the schedules and interests of working adults (25-45)
- Would like to see more amenities at the centre
 - o Swimming Pool
 - o Indoor Rink
 - o Meeting Rooms
 - o Party Room
 - o Billiards Table
 - o Library Branch

Library Services

- Want our own physical branch
- We need an Artistic / Culture Centre
 - o A Library provides more than just books

Environment

- Need more green activities
- Make city buildings more green
 - o Do they have solar roofs?
 - o Do they have green roofs?
 - o Do they have white roofs?
 - White colored roofs reflect more sun, therefore keeping buildings cooler in summer and requiring less air conditioning
- More climate change action & awareness

Parks & Green Spaces

- Wish people would use park space more
- Wish that the city would allow us to use park space for more diverse activities
 - Reduce red tape / bureaucracy
- Want an outdoor performance space / amphitheater
- Create a Pavilion **at Cahill Park**
 - Will allow for more use of the park
 - Variety of activities
 - Shelter in colder weather
- Want outdoor Gaming Tables
- Make **McCarthy Woods** for attractive
 - Need better maintained paths in McCarthy Woods
 - more group activities that go into McCarthy Woods

Business Improvement / Economic Development

- Need to sell Hunt Club to business
 - Make Hunt Club “Economically Vibrant”
- Need to attract more wanted business to the area
- Refresh Hunt Club Centre (Strip Mall) as it looks a bit outdated
- Recommend meet with RioCan to discuss ways to attract more wanted business
- We want and need business like coffee shop, bakery, green products
- Recommend that shared office space (Coworking, Lounge, Business Centre) be created
 - Ie: <https://sterlingspaces.ca/>
- Need to engage local business
- Need to create a BIA

“If you build it, they will come”

“It’s happening in Hunt Club”