

# Oaklands Rise Woonerf News



## Emerging from hibernation - it's Spring!

It's great to learn that many would like to learn more about the Woonerf and activities to come. This year, Co-lead John O'Brien (and others as available) will host **small group chats** at Koffi on Haultain.

Timing is flexible (one mid-week and one weekend available monthly). [First coffee/tea on us—click to join in!](#)

## Visit the Woonerf Parkette

- ☑ Great progress since the musical event last May. A pergola, flower beds, espaliered Japanese styrax, granite base for future signage—thanks to all who participated!
- ☑ Interest in Woonerf community building is growing near the backbone of the designated, people-priority greenway of Kings Road. Are we missing anything? [Click to embiggen!](#)

## Oaklands Rise Woonerf (VÖN-airf)

Seeking new Activity Group members, a shifting focus from planning to action.

Seeking a volunteer to coordinate volunteer activity. 84% would get involved but many forgot contact details!

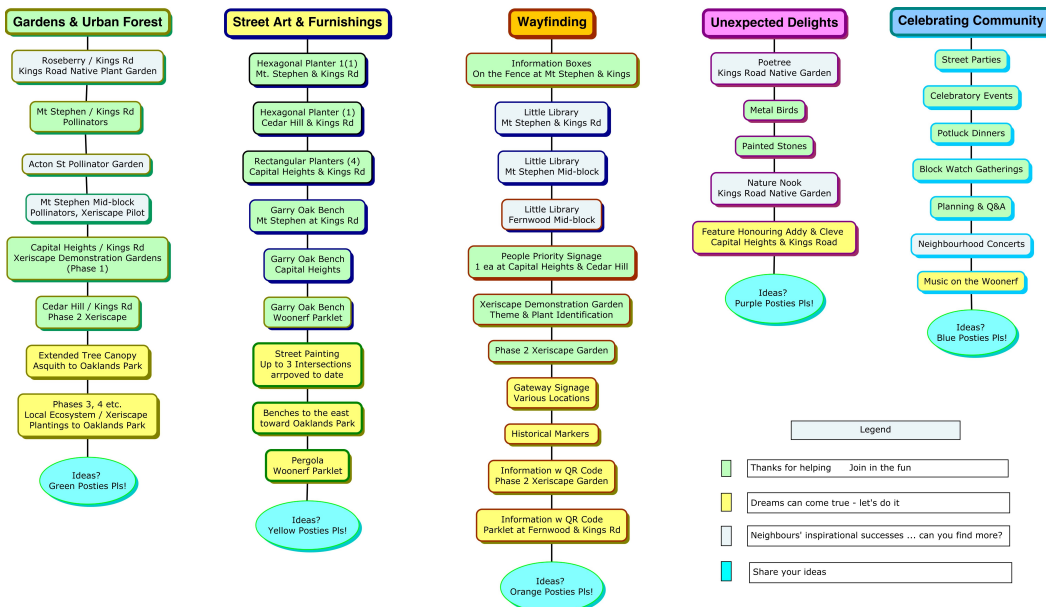
Seeking activity leads for grant applications. Co-leads John & Rob have templates & will coach for success. Up to **\$7500 matching grants on offer for street parties; art & music events; garden tours; street markets; your ideas!**

## Don't take the Woonerf for granted.

Every new build in the area is subject to the same sidewalk bylaw that would transform people priority greenways into just another set of city blocks.

**YOUR VISIBLE SUPPORT IS VITAL**

[oaklandsrise.ca](http://oaklandsrise.ca)



## NO GUARANTEES

Despite 7 years of City support, the Woonerf does not officially exist

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Get involved!  
Tag social media posts to raise awareness

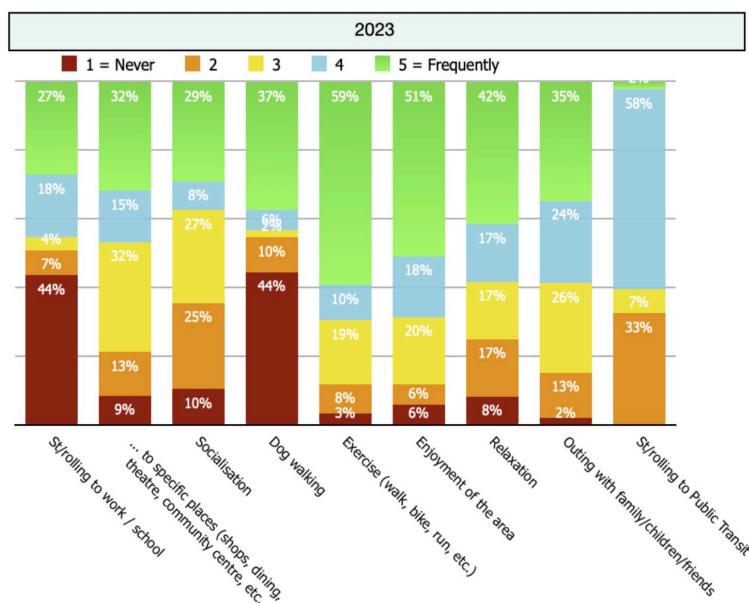
## OPPORTUNITIES

Create an event  
Apply for a grant  
We'll help if needed

## Highlights from the 2023 (& 2018) Public Survey

Have you seen the 2023 ORW Community Survey Summary Report? [Click here.](#)

- ✓ A 100% larger mailing list and additional public input sought at Spring and Fall musical events expands upon more localized 2018 survey results. See the report for comparisons, highlights below.
- ✓ How we inhabit these streets is what the Woonerf is all about. 71% support art elements (4% do not).
- ✓ 84% will volunteer to maintain & enhance the Woonerf pitching in through a variety of activities. *Here's the challenge: how to we take that willingness into active volunteering?!*



✓ 76% walk, 40% cycle, 18% drive on the Woonerf (Capital Heights - Victor St.) 4% use assistive devices. 9% push a stroller. 3% are skateboard/scooter fans! Of 18% driving, 17% use an EV.

✓ 66% do not want sidewalks, 7% do, stating doubt that drivers will cooperate. 42% apply a community wellness lens, 38% prefer other means to slow traffic and 41% see better uses for tax dollars.

✓ Happily, there is great support for slow speeds for the safety of children, seniors, all neighbours.

✓ 99% willing to drive at 5-15 or 20 km/h for 2-3 blocks to reach a connector/arterial thoroughfare. Some share concern about increased cut-through vehicles related to recent traffic interventions at Fernwood Rd. and Bay St.

### [Click to “embiggen”](#)

- ✓ 96% explained *why* they're on the streets in 2018. In 2023, we asked for ranked preferences. Exercise, enjoyment of the area & relaxation remain top activities.
- ✓ Let's talk—there's a lot to enjoy! [Join a chat at Koffi on Haultain for deeper chats on the way forward.](#)

## Coming in 2024

**Woonerf artists have created an Oaklands Cluster** on the (Greater) Fernwood Art Stroll. Artists' displays are on now at the Fernwood Inn and later in May at Koffi on Haultain. Drop by and join the st/roll on June 8/9. Details at [Fernwood Art Stroll](#).

**Up to three street intersection paintings are approved** for Kings at Roseberry, Cedar Hill and Mt. Stephen Avenue. Timing is everything: learn about the plan. [Let John know your availability.](#)

**Community market/music/mingle proposed** for July—wonderful to see this idea floated—thanks Kurt and Rosina. Looking forward to more news as this develops.

**Christmas/Seasonal Carolling** with thanks to the 46 “woonervians” joining in 2023

Let us know if you're welcoming “woonervians” to an event you are having - we'll alert the list!

**Oaklands Rise Woonerf fits well with best practices in community building.** Each of us has something to share (skill, experience, enthusiasm). **Thanks for your part—from hands, head and heart!**