

# THE INNOVATION CENTRE AT BAYVIEW YARDS

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## Welcome to Our Innovation Centre at Bayview Yards *Join Us This Fall!*

Have you heard the buzz around 7 Bayview Road? There is an exciting transformation underway! This is the home of our new Innovation Centre at Bayview Yards – our epicenter for community collaboration, innovation and job creation!

Located in the heart of Kitchissippi Ward, and with critical support from local champions such as Councillor Leiper and Mayor Watson, our Innovation Centre will establish a one-stop business acceleration shop that:

- **Brings together** some of the greatest entrepreneurial and innovation expertise, programs, and capabilities from across our city under one roof to achieve greater impact. Our Innovation Centre will house Invest Ottawa, our anchor tenant and key program delivery partner; local post-secondary institutions; Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters; the Ontario Centres of Excellence (OCE); the Centre for Innovative Social Enterprise Development (CISED); investors, and other innovation-based agencies.
- **Creates the ultimate mash-up** of technical, business and market capabilities that work together to help our entrepreneurs and firms launch, grow and thrive. Our Innovation Centre will assemble many ingredients for commercial success under one roof! These include physical space; a cohesive suite of technical and business programs, services, resources and support; and access to investment.
- **Helps entrepreneurs and firms** put these capabilities to work, maximize all potential innovation resources and investment, and accelerate the growth and commercial success of their business. Our Innovation Centre will help companies to reduce risk; acquire new investment and customers; create new jobs; and ultimately, increase their contribution to our economy.



## This Dynamic and Energized Hub is a Truly Collaborative Community Endeavour!

This not-for-profit corporation leverages \$38 million from the City of Ottawa, the Province of Ontario, and the Government of Canada, channeling valuable investment into our community and local economy.

And it will be highly accessible to you and people across our great city as it is based at the nexus of the city's O-Train line and a future Light Rail Transit station.

- Bayview Yards is located about 25 minutes from Kanata's high tech community;
- 10 minutes from Ottawa's downtown core;
- and 20 minutes from the Ottawa International Airport.

And its proximity to the Ottawa River and National Capital Commission (NCC) park and bikeway make it a family-friendly outdoor recreation site for you and all our visitors!

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## So, What Does This Mean for You, and Our Fellow Community Members?

### Inspire, Learn and Engage

Are you seeking opportunities to learn, exchange ideas and acquire new perspective? The Innovation Centre is your destination! We look forward to hosting inspiring lectures and presentations, training seminars, educational and networking events throughout the year – many of which will be open to you and all community members at no cost to you!

### Explore, Experiment, and Invent

Are you looking to harness your creativity and artistic talents? Drop by Mademill, our advanced manufacturing and digital media lab, and creative heart of our Innovation Centre! Managed by Janak Alford and his team at prototypeD, this facility will be open to all members of our community on evenings and weekends. We invite you, all of our neighbours and their families to put our capabilities to work – from 3D printing to machining, woodworking, Virtual Reality and much more! Whether you are an engineering veteran or an aspiring maker, we have something for you!

### Network, Collaborate and Celebrate

Would you like to build new relationships within our community? Our Innovation Centre will provide highly innovative and professional space for us to come together! For example, it will feature many meeting rooms, and a large conference space coined 'The Well' that will accommodate up to 300 guests. These state-of-the-art facilities will be available for rent at highly subsidized rates, helping us to manage the operational costs of our facility. It will also serve as a showcase for local innovation, enabling us to celebrate the many talents and achievements across our Region!

### Eat, Drink and Enjoy the View

Our café will be managed by Think Lunch, and Tim Van Dyke and his team will be serving up fresh creations for you daily! Drop by for some great food, hot coffee and stimulating conversation. Looking for inspirational scenery? Take a stroll along our rooftop patio and enjoy a spectacular view of the Ottawa River, and visit our new community garden developed in partnership with the Somerset West Community Health Centre (SWCHC)! Providing access to raised beds and a fruit orchard onsite, our garden will be open to all members of our community! It will create a space where we can come together to work on a common project, and collaborate as a community. In addition, SWCHC also aims to use the garden as a platform to educate local residents about healthy foods, raise awareness of local food procurement, and address community food concerns.



### Did You Know...

- **Our Innovation Centre is rehabilitating an abandoned municipal facility and preserving a heritage building?** We are cleaning a brownfields site and establishing a landmark 'LEED Gold' sustainable building right here in our neighbourhood. It will serve as an example for others, and catalyze further development of Bayview Yards.
- **Our innovation hub will further differentiate our riding, and increase our unique contribution to the City?** Our Innovation Centre will bring new business to our regional door, and connect us to new R&D, business and community development opportunities across Canada and around the world! Many of our tenants and program delivery partners help entrepreneurs 'go global' and generate international revenues that build our local economy.



### Would You Like to Learn More?

We want to hear from you! Please visit [www.thebayviewyards.com](http://www.thebayviewyards.com); connect to us on Facebook and Twitter @IC\_BayviewYard; or contact Sonya Shorey, Communications Strategist, Innovation Centre at Bayview Yards at 613.851.9416 or [sonya.shorey@thebayviewyards.com](mailto:sonya.shorey@thebayviewyards.com)