



Festival of Neighbourhoods
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Discover your Neighbourhood

People Power Can Take Your Neighbourhood Far

People of all ages, who get around by foot (& stroller!) or by bicycle often become more engaged and connected with their community. Walk or bike, especially when the distances are short (ie. 2 km for walking, 5 km for cycling), and enjoy the benefits to your health, the environment and, of course, your community. You can make your neighbourhood feel safer and livelier when you travel by foot or bike! If you are wondering about an activity to register with the festival, you can challenge your neighbours to travel by foot and bike. Bring them together to log in the distances and find out how far you can all go with People Power!

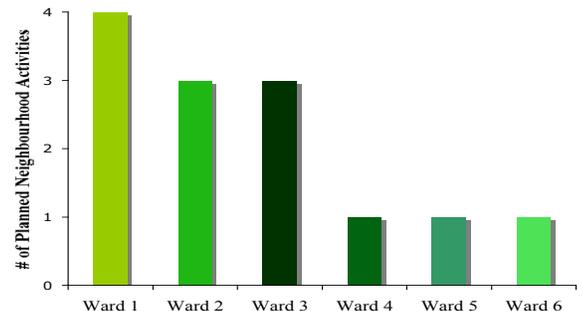
What is my Neighbourhood?

The First Step to Registering an Activity

The Festival of Neighbourhoods encourages residents to connect with each other to build stronger relationships. You must outline the geographical area of your neighbourhood. It might be your street, your block or several blocks, or your apartment building. However you define your neighbourhood, your activity must be promoted and open to all the neighbours within its boundaries.

The Ward Challenge

Planned Activities Update



Neighbour to Neighbour

People Share the Stories that Reflect the Value of the Festival to their Communities

“Some years ago a few of us were talking and realized that on our short block of houses, we didn’t really know each other at all – in some cases not knowing names and in others not even recognizing our neighbours. We felt the need to connect and form ‘community’. So we held a block party. Since then, we all know each other by name and face. Our street is a friendly welcoming place to be, where if you are walking down the street you are chatting with people out on their lawns. We look out for each other, snow blow each others sidewalks in the winter, help each other with projects in the summer. New people to the neighbourhood are welcomed and introduced around ... Other neighbours who have moved away from the street still come back for the block party. This event has changed the fabric of where we live and we love it!!”