



Village Heritage... Village Character.... Village Pride

Dickinson Square

 [Artist rendering of Independent Living Apartments and Coffee Shop Proposed Across From Retirement Residence on Bridge Street](#)

Slides presented by Councillor Moffatt at the Public Meeting on the results of the RFO, December 17th:

Dickinson Square IN THE NEWS

[ROSSS staff making a bid to stay right where they are](#) Ottawa Community News, April 29, 2015

[Ayres building up for sale again](#), Manotick News, March 13, 2015

[Is Dickinson Square a national treasure?](#) Manotick News, February 6, 2015


[Brick walkway proposed for new Dickinson sidewalk](#) Manotick News article by Emma Jackson, July 25, 2013

[Councillor goes the distance for Watson Mill flagmen](#) Manotick News article by Emma Jackson, July 25, 2013

[Manotick's Historic Dickinson Square Due for Redevelopment](#) - Citizen Article, Nov 30, 2012

["Keep it to three" EMC article, August 2, 2012](#) (pdf file)

[Dickinson Square - slideshows](#)

 [Request for Offers](#) The Manotick Mill Quarter Community Development Corporation is seeking offers from respondents interested in either purchasing or leasing its portfolios of properties situated in the historic Mill Quarter of Manotick.

 [Addendum #4](#) - RFO - September 13, 2013

 [Addendum #5](#) - RFO - September 30, 2013

The MMQDC through this RFO is requesting the submission of Offers that will not only result in the long term financial stability for the reuse of existing heritage buildings in its portfolio but will result in business activities and new development that will complement and enhance the non-profit cultural-tourism events that occur in this central meeting place for the Village.

As a single non-profit corporation with the City of Ottawa as sole shareholder, MMQDC is charged with the responsibility of formalizing the open space components of "Dickinson Square" for heritage and cultural events. In addition, this Corporation is to facilitate the strategic direction under Village Plan for Manotick in Official Plan (Volume 2c) to establish a "Mill Quarter" based on commercial tourist/heritage type uses (accommodations, boutiques, galleries, crafts and other specialty outlets, museums, restaurants and studios). MMQDC has the ability to sell and/or lease the land in order to achieve its community and financial objectives.

 [Request for Expressions of Interest - Manotick Mill Quarter Official Merx Notice](#)

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 [Request for Expressions of Interest Appendices A, B and C](#)

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- Zoning for Clapp Lane & Dickinson Square

In response to a strong community voice, the zoning exception for the City's Clapp Lane property (adjacent to Dickinson Square) for a 4-storey building has been brought down to 3 stories and below the height of Watson's Mill. This is consistent with Manotick's current Secondary Plan. The community further asked Councillor Moffatt at his August 2nd public meeting to delay processing the City's zoning applications for Dickinson Square and the Clapp Property until the City, together with the Manotick community, completes reviewing and updating Manotick's Secondary Plan. Councillor Moffatt made a commitment to do so and these applications are now shown with an "On Hold" status of the City's Application Development website.

- [Presentation by city staff on zoning amendment proposal, August 2, 2012 - Community Information Meeting](#) (pdf file)

- [Newsletter to Membership regarding August 2nd Zoning Information Meeting](#)

- [Details on Bylaw Amendment Proposal Application](#)

relating to 1125 Clapp Lane, 1127 Mill Street and 1128 Mill Street

[Comment sheet](#) re: Bylaw Amendment application linked above. (pdf format)

- [Letter from Dave Powers dated June 11, 2012](#) - Follow-up on Dickinson Square Meeting: D02-02-12-0028 1125 Clapp Lane, 1127 Mill Street, 1128 Mill Street

- [Slideshow of Charts used by city staff in the Dickinson Square Open House May 24th, 2012](#)

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- [Manotick Mill Quarter Map](#)

[Dickinson Square](#) has been an important part of Manotick since its creation in the late 1800s. Thanks to lobbying from several community organizations, the City of Ottawa purchased 4 heritage buildings in the Square (Dickinson House and its Carriage House, The Weaver's House and the Ayers Building) plus two adjacent properties on Clapp Street in 2008. The buildings and properties are now owned by the *Manotick Mill Quarter Community Development Corporation (MMQCDC)*, a non-profit corporation of the City of Ottawa that has a mandate to return the purchase price back to the City.

Dickinson Square Heritage Management Inc. (DSHMI) is a coalition of community organizations who regularly use the Square. As a member of DSHMI, the MVCA has raised concerns regarding the future development of the Square and the need for a four-season cultural facility to both expand the village's current recreational infrastructure and provide an ongoing revenue stream to support the heritage activities surrounding the Mill and Dickinson House.

Both DSHMI and the MVCA have held 'visioning sessions' to discuss the future of Dickinson Square:

- DSHMI held a session for their member organizations representatives and their alternates on April 9, 2011. The resulting Vision Statement available [here](#) for your information.
- As part of our May 31, 2011 AGM, a facilitated Visioning Exercise on the Future of Dickinson Square. Participants were asked to describe **what a viable Dickinson Square looked like in 2016** (five years hence) and **what made this possible**. The "As-it-Was-Heard" report from this session is available [here](#) and the MVCA Visioning Exercise Report is available [here](#).

While both sessions arrived at similar conclusions, there were some important differences between the DSHMI Statement and the MVCA Report. We encourage you to read both documents.

We will try our best to provide you with the latest information on this issue. If you have any questions, please contact us at communications@manotickvca.org.