

Old University Neighbourhood Residents' Association



Stay Engaged
*in our old university
neighbourhood*



OUNRA General Meeting
Thursday, May 8, 2025 at 7 pm
Harcourt Church, 87 Dean Ave
Special Guest Panel

Join us for an informative discussion on the housing crisis and tariffs featuring:

Mayor Cam Guthrie

MPP Mike Schreiner

Manufacturing, Automotive or Business Representative (TBA)

Submit your questions in advance via email to: guelphounra@gmail.com



President's Message

While we all agree that "change" in life is inevitable, so is the ability to adapt and grow stronger because of those changes. OUNRA believes there should be a balanced approach in life where "respect" is the cornerstone. Respect for family, neighbours, property, and democracy.

As Canada's oldest incorporated neighbourhood association (established 1982), OUNRA has consistently advocated for these values in our neighbourhood:

- Fostering respect for everyone
- Supporting the mixed nature of our community, including a healthy environment for families with children
- Protecting our parklands, trails, tree canopy, and property maintenance
- Listening to our neighbours and conveying their concerns to decision-makers

We strive to make our neighbourhood a place that embodies these principles of respect and encourages community engagement. This requires a determined effort to ask questions and obtain transparent, honest, and accountable answers.

Our advocacy includes engaging with City Councillors, City Staff, the Mayor, community leaders, developers, the Chief of Police, University of Guelph decision-makers, and local business leaders. These organizations employ many of our neighbours and fellow Guelph citizens:

- Linamar: 9,000 employees
- Cargill: 1,700 employees
- Guelph General Hospital: 1,700+ staff and 400 doctors
- City of Guelph: 2,000 employees
- University of Guelph: 7,500 (Professors and Staff)

Community and neighbourhood associations like OUNRA are where democracy begins. We need to engage and persist even when we cannot control the changes. We also have the opportunity and responsibility to monitor how various levels of government are addressing challenges facing our city and country, including responses to tariffs through initiatives like the City's Trade and Tariff Resource Hub.

~ D. Fair

JOIN US AND GET ENGAGED!

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AGENDA

7:00 PM – O'Canada, Sung by Rachel Guthrie

7:05 PM – Panel Discussion (responding to submitted and audience questions)

8:15 PM – Councillors' Corner with Ward 5 City Councillors Leanne Caron and Cathy Downer

8:45 PM – OUNRA AGM Business (including executive elections)

9:00 PM – Adjournment



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- Email: guelphounra@gmail.com
- Website: www.ounra.org

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- Pay at the meeting or online at www.ounra.org



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