

**WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES!****BMO NESBITT BURNS** 67 Brock Street, 613-547-3539

The Kingston Branch of BMO Nesbitt Burns has officially moved into its new downtown location in the courtyard, formerly home to the KEDCO office. BMO Nesbitt Burns is a full service investment dealer and is proud to be an integral part of Canada's oldest bank, Bank of Montreal. For more information, please contact Duncan Brownlee, Investment Advisor, at: [duncan.brownlee@nbpcd.com](mailto:duncan.brownlee@nbpcd.com). [www.bmonesbittburns.com](http://www.bmonesbittburns.com)

**HOMETOWN MORTGAGE TEAM**

80 Queen Street, 613-548-7656.

James Clarke and Cathy Campanaro are mortgage agents with Dominion Lending Centres Alliance. Call them today for all your financing needs. Whether you are thinking about purchasing, refinancing, renovating or consolidating debt they can help! Call the Hometown Mortgage Team today, they're here for your best interest!

**KINGSTON ROYAL RUGS**

324 Princess Street, 613-531-8222

Kingston Royal Rugs buys and sells Persian and Oriental rugs. Additionally they offer the services of restoration, cleaning and appraisal of fine carpets.

**THE MUG & TRUFFLE CHOCOLATE CAFÉ**

350 King Street East, 613-549-0222

Experience their specialty chocolate and espresso drinks partnered with hand crafted artisan chocolates for an experience that can alter the course of your day for the better, in a setting that inspires you to linger. The café features a full line of truffles, chocolates, and our own magical blended drinks. Try the world-class chocolatier Daskalides and other imported chocolates from around the world! Opening mid May.

**RESIDENCE INN BY MARRIOTT KINGSTON WATER'S EDGE**

7 Earl Street, 613-544-4888

Kingston's only all-suite, extended-stay hotel is designed to help guests thrive and be productive while travelling. The hotel features large suites, full kitchens, complimentary Internet and thoughtfully arranged public spaces. Salt water pool, gym

and adjacent parkland ensure guests can maintain a healthy, balanced lifestyle. Our 5200 square feet of naturally lit flexible meeting space is ideally suited for groups up to 350 people. [www.marriott.com/ygkri](http://www.marriott.com/ygkri)

**SIMA SUSHI** 66 Princess Street, 613-542-8040

Owners June Kim and Daniel Cho offer a variety of sushi, maki and saimi at their restaurant on Princess near King Street. Sima offers great quality food at reasonable prices and impeccable service! Be sure to check out their most popular maki deluxe including the Rock Star, Torched Salmon Roll and Double Torched Spicy Roll. [www.simasushikingston.com](http://www.simasushikingston.com)

**VINNY'S FINE ITALIAN SANDWICHES**

292 Princess Street, 613-766-7435

Vinny's offers authentic Italian Sandwiches that are made using fresh homemade products. Sandwiches are served on large fresh Kaiser buns made fresh daily by Lois' Bakery in Napanee and are available with veal, chicken, steak, meatball, sausage, and eggplant. Available toppings include cheese, mushrooms, sweet peppers and onions. Hot peppers are free and all sandwiches come with homemade tomato sauce. Vinny's invites everyone in Kingston to come out and try a sandwich, knowing that you will be back for more!

**WELLINGTON STREET ART GALLERY**

300 Wellington Street, 613-530-3463

A Passion for Art ... Kingston's newest fine art gallery features contemporary and abstract works (Art on the Walls) by established and emerging artists from the Kingston area and across the country including Rose Hirano, Tristan Adams, Sheena Graham, Michele Larose, Connie Morris, Julie Davidson-Smith, Jan Swaren and others. Patrick McNeill, the gallery's owner, looks forward to serving new and established collectors and lovers of art! [www.wellingtonstreetartgallery.ca](http://www.wellingtonstreetartgallery.ca)

**BEAUTY BAR HAS MOVED**

238 Princess Street, 613-531-5452

**STARLING VINTAGE LOVELIES HAS MOVED**

316 Princess Street, 613-544-5683

## DOWNTOWN KINGSTON! IT'S THE **REAL** DEAL

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# CONTACT

**SPRING GENERAL MEETING**

Mark Wednesday June 2nd on your calendar as it's time once again for our annual Spring General Meeting. This year's event will take place at the Holiday Inn in the Islandview

Ballroom. Mix and mingle begins at 6:30 with the business meeting getting underway at 7:00 pm. Watch for your official invitation delivered to your door in May!

**NEW AT THE KINGSTON PUBLIC MARKET!**

The Kingston Public Market is gearing up for a great season! Join us Tuesdays, Thursday and Saturdays in Springer Market Square for great food, crafts and entertainment. This year, thanks to the Local Food Local Chefs Initiative, the market will be featuring a number of exciting new local food events and activities including chef cooking demos and activities for kids! Stay tuned to [www.kingstonfood.ca](http://www.kingstonfood.ca).

**BIG DIG UPDATE**

The reconstruction of Princess and King is now well underway. Crews got started the first week of March and have been progressing well. Feedback received so far from businesses and customers has been mostly positive. The crews from Corcoran Excavating and all of their subs have been fantastic in moving customers in and out of the construction zone.

The office is having weekly meetings with the contractor and the city to discuss project details and communications. We'll continue with our regular promotions on the radio and in

print and we'll also be planning some bigger things once the work on King St. is finished and the intersection is open, and obviously once the project is finished on July 1.

Updates and details will be posted on our website and if you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Rob at the office (542-8677 or [rob@downtownkingston.ca](mailto:rob@downtownkingston.ca)). Keep your fingers crossed for a continuation of this great weather!





## UPCOMING DATES

### PITCH IN KINGSTON - APRIL 23, 2010:

The Greater Kingston Chamber of Commerce and Tim Hortons invite you to help us clean up our community Friday, April 23, 2010. Pitch in bags will be available to the public ONLY on the day of the event, 7 am to 10 am at Tim Hortons locations throughout Greater Kingston. Register today: [www.kingstonchamber.on.ca](http://www.kingstonchamber.on.ca)

### MOVING DAY RACE WEEKEND - APRIL 24 & 25, 2010

Run, walk or cheer in Kingston's favourite and most scenic races! With a Kid's 3k Fun Run as well as 5k, 10k and Half Marathon races there's something for everyone. Sign up at [www.krra.org](http://www.krra.org).

### K-ROCK CENTRE

Gordon Lightfoot - April 11  
 Barenaked Ladies - April 20  
 Jesus Christ Superstar - April 30  
 WWE Presents RAW Live - May 15  
 George Thorogood - May 30  
 CATS - June 3  
 Monster Spectacular - June 18  
 Seinfeld - June 26  
[www.k-rockcentre.com](http://www.k-rockcentre.com)

### GRAND THEATRE

Brad Mehldau Trio - April 11  
 Azure Barton & Artists - April 20  
 J.R.R. Tolkien's The Hobbit - May 2  
 Cabaret - May 10  
 Beattlemania On Tour - May 11  
[www.kingstongrand.ca](http://www.kingstongrand.ca)

### WELLINGTON STREET THEATRE

Patsy Cline- A musical tribute- May 6-16  
[www.wellingtonst.net](http://www.wellingtonst.net)

### HOMEGROWN LIVE - MAY 15, 2010

The 2nd annual music festival features Kingston's favourite "homegrown" bands and artists in venues around Kingston. Proceeds go to the Joe Chithalen Music Instrument Lending Library and the Partners in Mission Food Bank. [www.homegrownlive.ca](http://www.homegrownlive.ca)

### ART AFTER DARK - MAY 27, 2010

Kingston's finest galleries open up their doors for a night of wonderful art and conversation. For a map and list of participating galleries visit [www.downtownkingston.ca](http://www.downtownkingston.ca).

### JUNE 15 - FIRST CAPITAL DAY

Celebrate the anniversary of Kingston being named the first capital of a united Canada! Visit the market square of 1841 and see Kingston's First Capital era come to life with trades people, soldiers and town folk. Enjoy a wagon ride and live entertainment.

### THE HAUNTED WALK OF KINGSTON

Until May 1 check out the Haunted Pub Walk at 7pm on Fridays & Saturdays. The tour departs from the Prince George Hotel at 200 Ontario Street.



This winterized version of the Original Haunted Walk features some of the city's documented hauntings and darker history, as well as two pub stops along the way - drinks are not included. Starting Friday May 7th, The Original Haunted Walk of Kingston resumes leaving at 8pm Daily. Please call 613-549-6366 for reservations.

### 2010 MOVIES IN THE SQUARE LINEUP!

Once again we will be screening movies in Springer Market Square Thursday nights at dusk. Have a movie you'd like to see on the big screen? Email [movies@downtownkingston.ca](mailto:movies@downtownkingston.ca) with a list of all of your favorites. Have your staff do the same!

### SOCIAL MEDIA

Keep up to date with all things downtown via Twitter and Facebook! We post things that are happening downtown on a regular basis and our followers and friends lists grow daily. Take a look:

[www.twitter.com/downtownkingston](http://www.twitter.com/downtownkingston)  
[www.twitter.com/kingstonbuskers](http://www.twitter.com/kingstonbuskers)  
[www.twitter.com/kingstonblues](http://www.twitter.com/kingstonblues)  
[www.twitter.com/kingstonfood](http://www.twitter.com/kingstonfood)

On Facebook, become a fan of Downtown Kingston! and Kingston Food.

### DK! CONNECTIONS

Our focus group sessions are continuing to take place to get feedback on various topics that are of concern to the membership. Recent meetings would include a retail session that assisted us with the new Santa's Tax Free Zone in December, 2 sessions with property



owners and brokers on downtown vacancies, a session with our accommodations sector, and one with downtown restaurants on local food. We continue to use this feedback to assist us with the work of our standing committees and to shape our programming in achieving the goals of the organization.

### NIGHT HOURS PROGRAM

One of the items that has come up at our DK! Connections focus groups is the idea of evening store hours. We have heard from some of our hotels and restaurants that they get customers wanting to shop after 6 pm but find the number of stores that are open limited. We've also got feedback from some retailers who do stay open later wondering why more people aren't doing it as they find it financially beneficial. Combine this with the fact that more things are happening in the evenings downtown and that we now have more people living downtown, we feel that the time is right to create a new Night Hours promotion beginning in June. We're still finalizing the details but would love some feedback from you:

Are you currently open later in the evenings? If so, which days and to what time? If not, would you consider extending your hours if we helped

promote a new program? Do your hours change over the course of the year (winter vs. summer)? Any feedback is greatly appreciated! Please send comments to Arden ([arden@downtownkingston.ca](mailto:arden@downtownkingston.ca)).

### CLEANLINESS

The state of the streets over the past few months has been terrible. This is occurring because of a combination of factors - mild winter with no snow, street/sidewalk sweepers not out, improper placement of garbage and recycling on the street, not enough manpower to tackle the sheer amount of garbage on the street, etc.

We have our Clean & Safe Committee working on the issue and are holding a series of meetings with the city. However, it's good for all of us if we all could assist with keeping the sidewalks in front of our businesses as clean and inviting as possible. Many of you already do a fantastic job in this regard - if we all could make this a daily part of our routine, it would go a long way to making our downtown as clean as possible.

Also on the cleanliness issue, the annual Pitch In day is Friday April 23. This is a great activity that all downtown businesses can be part of - challenge your neighbours by cleaning up a



downtown block! To register for the event, please visit the Chamber of Commerce's website ([www.kingstonchamber.on.ca](http://www.kingstonchamber.on.ca)). Thanks once again to the Chamber for organizing this community wide event!

### WINTERLIGHTS AWARD!

The City of Kingston received a 4 star rating in the Over 50,000 population category of the 2009-2010 WinterLights Celebrations program. On March 6, Downtown Kingston! was recognized for our limited edition pewter collectibles, Santa's Tax Free Shopping Zone, Santa Bucks, Santa every Saturday in Springer Market Square and our nighttime Santa Parade with over 60 floats.

WinterLights Celebrations is the winter edition of the Communities in Bloom program and encourages all Canadians to join in their local community events and activities, and to experience the beauty and thrill of winter.

