

Ottawa Architecture Week 2026

SEPTEMBER 21 - OCTOBER 2

Currents of Bytown

FREE PUBLIC PROGRAMMING ACROSS OTTAWA

Inspired by Bytown's bicentennial, this year's festival looks at Ottawa through the waterways that have shaped its architecture, infrastructure, public spaces and urban form. Join ORSA for talks, tours, film, conversation and gatherings that connect the city's past with the ideas shaping its future.

SEP 21

TRIVIA NIGHT

6:00 - 8:00 PM | Lowertown Brewery

Kick off OAW with a lively pub quiz on architecture, urbanism, Ottawa and this year's theme.

SEP 22

MOVIE NIGHT

6:00 - 8:00 PM | ByTowne Cinema

A special OAW screening that uses film to explore water, place, environment and the built world.

SEP 24

TOUR OF CLIFF ENERGY PLANT

6:00 - 7:30 PM | Cliff Energy Plant

Go behind the scenes of a major piece of civic infrastructure and consider the systems that keep the capital running.

SEP 28

PANEL DISCUSSION

5:30 - 9:30 PM | Library and Archives Canada

A moderated conversation on how water has shaped Ottawa and how architecture, landscape, heritage and development can shape what comes next.

SEP 29

OAW TALKS

6:00 - 8:30 PM | NCC River House

Fast-paced presentations from creatives sharing projects and ideas about water, architecture, access, ecology and the city.

OCT 1

CARLETON UNIVERSITY FORUM LECTURE

6:00 - 7:00 PM | Ottawa Art Gallery

KPMB Partner Mitchell Hall reflects on architecture's ability to enrich everyday life and respond to changing communities and institutions.

OCT 2

VERNISSAGE

5:30 - 10:00 PM | The Warehouse at Zibi, 28 Booth Street

Close the festival with an evening of art, music and community, including the celebration of the Murray & Murray Prize winners.