

# N6NA Boundary Expansion

The North Six Neighbourhood Association is looking to expand the boundaries of what is currently considered to be our community. Chandler Mowat is a diverse, thriving neighbourhood, but there are more people in the surrounding communities that are not currently represented by a neighbourhood association – some of whom sit on the N6NA board!

Our current boundaries run from Ottawa Street in the south, to the highway in the north, Strasburg Road to the east and Fisher-Hallman Road to the west. Rather than having the boundary stop at Ottawa Street, we are hoping to incorporate the community all the way to the Hydro Corridor that runs east to west directly between Laurentian Road and Dunsmere Drive (behind Laurentian School). This change of boundary reflects an expansion that we think will prove beneficial to our community as a whole, and will help us to represent a significant number of residences that currently do not receive communications from a community centre, or have a representative voice with City Council.

As part of our reinvention process and in anticipation of this proposed boundary change, our Neighbourhood Association officially changed its name at our 2018 AGM, where we went from the Chandler Mowat Neighbourhood Association to the North Six Neighbourhood Association. We are physically located in the northern end of the 6<sup>th</sup> Ward in Kitchener (hence North Six), and we thought this was a fun new name for our growing association. We feel this has given us a fresh start not only as a neighbourhood association, but also within Kitchener as a whole, removing the stigma attached to the name Chandler Mowat, while also more accurately reflecting who we are. Chandler Drive and Mowat Boulevard are two relatively small roads, which mark the community centre on a map, but many of us do not live on, or even very near to these markers.

The name North Six is hip and urban, and we have enjoyed this rebirth over the past year as people have gotten to know us (we hope you have too!). Now we are looking to open our arms to a large community of residences that are in what we refer to as “no man’s land.” For the many families that live in that area and currently use the Chandler Mowat Community Centre, it will allow them to “officially” belong, and for the many families that don’t know that they are welcome to partake in N6NA programs and events, it will let them know that they have a neighbourhood association and a community centre close by that they are welcome at. It also means that should we need to go to Kitchener City Council for anything, we will have a stronger voice, as we will have more numbers to support us. Bringing them into our catchment area will not negatively impact our current community.

We are extremely excited about what this boundary change will do for our fledgling neighbourhood association. We are working on a lot of great projects for our community, and we look forward to sharing them with **everyone**.

Please come to our AGM on June 25, 2019 if you wish to discuss this with us, or feel free to email us at [northsixna@gmail.com](mailto:northsixna@gmail.com).

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