

# ByWard district Builders and Creators

ByWard district visitors have the opportunity to while away leisure time in the Capital's oldest park, shop and dine at unique establishments in the ByWard Market, and be awed by the spectacular 360-degree view from Nepean Point. Visitors have more opportunities to learn about our artistic creators, entrepreneurs, explorers and individual achievers through historical interpretation and physical tributes. They are aware of the range and diversity that is offered among sites that are only a short walking distance away, anchored by the National Gallery of Canada and the ByWard Market. Nepean Point, a major Capital Stage is easily accessible and offers a broad range of cultural programs with a stunning backdrop of the Capital landscape. Commemorations, public art, interpretation and special entertainment in the Sussex Courtyards contribute to the distinctiveness of this district. Improved pedestrian circulation, bicycle access, shuttles and effective signage help people to get around in this district.

**Key Issue Today**  
This district is already well developed with attractions, green spaces and amenities; however, signage and physical connections need to be greatly improved to ensure visitors don't miss key highlights.



*Explorers, traders, soldiers, entrepreneurs, artists and dreamers  
— this is where we meet these builders and creators.*



### **Future programming for the ByWard district**

*Artist's concept of Nepean Point's Astrolabe Theatre and footbridge to Major's Hill Park*

- Public art, performance and interpretation animate the Sussex Courtyards and encourage visitors to linger in this area.
- Buskers, shopping, restaurants and clubs keep the district animated and alive during the day and at night, offering attractions to visitors of all ages. Improved signage throughout the area gives visitors the information they need to explore.
- Commemorations to builders and creators line the outside perimeter of Major's Hill Park.
- Signage directs visitors from Major's Hill Park to Nepean Point via a pedestrian footbridge.
- Seasonal programming in Major's Hill Park highlights the themes of creators and builders with interpretive activities for families.
- Nepean Point also hosts a seasonal program of events and performances. This Capital Stage has the spectacular view of Parliament Hill as a backdrop.
- Improved links to riverside pathways and Nepean Point allow visitors to experience the Capital landscape.