



SUMMER 2015! It's finally summer, the sun is shining, our gardens are blooming and it is time to gather with friends and family on the patio.

This summer is a special one for OUR HOMES The City of Ottawa. It's our fifth birthday (I hope there's cake!). When I joined the magazine three years ago, OUR HOMES was already a household name thanks to the amazing work of previous publishers and my predecessor, Lise. When I was offered the position as Managing Editor, I may have jumped around and done a little happy dance. This really is a great magazine to work for and I couldn't wait to discover all the gorgeous homes in the Nation's Capital.

This birthday we raise a glass to all those people behind the scenes - Beth, our wonderful Publisher who is pushing this magazine to the next level and our head office, where everyone is a joy to work with. I have to give a very special thanks to the amazing writers and photographers who do such an amazing job at capturing the beauty we have in the city. Without your hours of writing, editing and photographing we wouldn't have the magazine we do. Also, thank you to all the local businesses and homeowners who welcome us into your wonderful spaces. I can honestly say, it is a pleasure.

Please take this magazine outside, sit back on a lounge and enjoy the summer sun while reading all the great articles we have for you in this issue. Two beautiful homes, business spotlights and happy homeowners.

Cheers to the next five years.

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