



Ottawa South Column – April 7, 2016

Spring Cleaning the Capital

Spring is here, I promise. With the arrival of Spring, the City launches the Clean-Up the Capital Campaign. Community groups and individual citizens may register their clean-up project by calling 3-1-1 or by visiting, www.ottawa.ca/clean. The campaign runs from April 15-May 15, with a big push on Clean-up Weekend, April 22-24. Let's all do our part to keep River Ward clean and beautiful. If your community group launches a project and would like me to drop by to roll up my sleeves, let me know and I will help out.

River Ward Earth Day Event

On Saturday April 23, from 2-4pm, I will be hosting the River Ward Earth Day celebration at the Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community Centre on Paul Anka Drive. Many environmental groups will be on hand, there will be activities for children, special guests, a guided walk through the McCarthy Woods and a free electronics drop-off depot, sponsored by Junk That Funk. Please plan to attend this event.

O-Train Trillium Line Ridership Stats

I am very encouraged to review and analyze recent ridership statistics for the O-Train Trillium Line. In 2013, there were 1.47 million passengers, followed by 2.11 million in 2014 and 2.58 million in 2015. Early data from 2016 indicate another strong year ahead for ridership. No major construction projects are planned this summer that would impact the service for any prolonged periods. There will be three single day (Sunday) service adjustments to complete some critical track maintenance involving heavy equipment and to replace some aged assets. The timing of this work will be communicated by OC Transpo as the dates become close.

U-Pass Summer Program

OC Transpo will offer a U-Pass fare product from May 1 to August 31 for full-time students attending school during the summer semester at Algonquin College, Carleton University, University of Ottawa and Saint Paul University. The summer U-Pass will provide unlimited access to all OC Transpo and STO services. The four month pass will cost \$192.70.

Cycling Advisory Group

A group of River Ward residents who are passionate about cycling infrastructure in the City and our ward have formed a local cycling advisory group. If you are interested in taking part, please contact me and I will connect you with them. Their work will assist me in advocating for improvements in our ward.

Red Light/Stop Sign Runners Caught

As part of a focused campaign by the Ottawa Police Service this past winter, 181 charges were laid for red light runners, in addition to 66 charges for failing to stop at a stop sign. Please do your part as a motorist or cyclist to obey all traffic laws in our community. We all have a role to play to keep our community safe.