



Ottawa South Column – February 25, 2016

Ottawa Civic Hospital Open House

The Ottawa Civic Hospital is hosting a public open house on Monday March 7 at the Ottawa Conference and Event Centre, located at 200 Coventry Road between 4-9pm. A formal presentation will be provided by Dr Jack Kitts, CEO of the Hospital at 7pm. As River Ward residents may be aware, I have been very vocal since I took office on the necessity of including the local community in the hospital's future plans and I applaud that they have listened and are offering this session to the public. I encourage you to attend.

Airport Parkway Widening Public Meeting

I would like to provide another reminder that the third public meeting as part of the Environmental Assessment on the Airport Parkway and Lester Road widening study will be held on **March 10, 2016** at the Jim Durrell Recreation Centre, 1265 Walkley Road starting at 6:00pm. Although lesser than expected development charges are now projected to come in over the next decade, (the sole funding source for this project), which has resulted in this project being deferred a few years, the EA study continues. I highly encourage all residents and local community groups that live/operate along the Parkway corridor to attend this very important meeting. City staff will present their final recommendations at this meeting and I will be in attendance to listen to staff and discuss with residents.

Spring and Summer Program Registration

The Recreation eGuide is now online at ottawa.ca for spring and summer programs. Choose from a wide variety of activities including swimming lessons, fitness classes and summer camps. Registration for swimming and aquafitness classes begins online and by phone (613-580-2588) on March 7 at 9 pm and in person at City recreation facilities on Tuesday, March 8. Registration for all other classes including summer camps begins online and by phone on March 9 at 9 pm and in person on March 10.

Pet Shop Bylaw Review

As previously discussed, the City is reviewing the current bylaw governing the sale of animals in pet shops. The final two recommendations for consideration are as follows: (1) restrict the sale of cats, dogs and rabbits from pet stores, except through adoption from approved non-commercial sources, such as humane societies and rescue groups, or (2) retain the existing regulation and increase the monitoring of pet stores to include mandatory routine inspections to ensure compliance. I welcome public comments on this matter and invite you to contact the Bylaw Dept and myself by **February 29, 2016**. For this review, Ottawa Bylaw can be reached at bylawreviews@ottawa.ca

Rideau River Flood Control

Starting February 22, the City will undertake ice breaking and clearing operations along the Rideau River to allow water to flow unrestricted and to alleviate possible flooding in flood-prone areas. Keys are cut in the ice first the first two weeks, followed by controlled blasting as of March 12. Please advise your children of the dangers of open water and keep them away during blasting operations.