



Ottawa South Column – January 14, 2016

3071 Riverside Drive - Update

On January 8, 2016, I provided residents and community groups in the Riverside Park North neighbourhood an update on the City's plans to rezone and sell the 10-acre piece of land, formerly the site of Bayview PS. If you did not receive a copy of my update and would like to be added to our mailing list, please contact me. In summary, City staff are about to commence a Request for Expressions of Interest that will invite the development community to submit their ideas/vision for the site, which will see low and medium density housing, as well as a 2 acre park.

Airport Parkway Widening to be Postponed

The entire \$85 million pricetag to widen the Airport Parkway and Lester Road is to be funded by development charges, not via property taxes. As the pace of development has slowed in Ottawa, the forecasted revenues from development have also decreased and this is why the widening project is being postponed at least five years. The Environmental Assessment continues and City staff still plan to host their final meeting in either late February or early March. This project also includes the contentious proposal to build a south-bound off-ramp at Walkley Road. As I have done in 2015, I will continue to meet with City staff and local community groups to discuss various components about this project that affect River Ward residents, mainly noise, cut-through traffic, safety issues on Walkley Road and the viability of extending the O-Train along the southern corridor first, before the Parkway is widened.

River Ward Movie Night – January 23

All River Ward residents and guests are invited to join me and my family as I host the first of three, free winter movie nights this year. On **Saturday, January 23**, at the Alexander Community Centre (960 Silver Street in Carlington), I will be screening The Lego Movie, rated PG. **Doors open at 6pm**, movie starts at 6:30pm. The local Carlington Community Association will be providing snacks for a nominal fee. More information to follow for the February and March movie nights, coming to the Carleton Heights and Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Centres as well.

Cross-Country Ski at Terry Fox Centre

Some of the best trails in the urban core are right here in River Ward. The Terry Fox Athletic Centre, on the northside of Mooney's Bay Park, offers 5kms of trails in a well-lit, beautiful setting. A nominal fee applies.

Police to Nab Stop-Sign Runners

In January, the Ottawa Police have been focusing their attention on stop-sign runners. Between 2008 and 2012, there were 3,383 collisions involving drivers who failed to stop at stop signs. These collisions resulted in 998 injuries and six fatalities. Let's do our part to keep River Ward safe and come to a complete and full stop at all stop signs.