



## Ottawa South Column – June 16, 2016

### Walkley Road Bridge Work

Construction work to complete repairs to the Walkley Road Bridge and Sawmill Creek culvert is expected to recommence by the end of the month and will last until late October. One lane of traffic in each direction will be closed. The remaining work includes replacement of the access link slab to the Transitway towers on the south side of Walkley Road, installation of the new concrete columns under the new access link slabs, rehabilitation of Walkley Road bridge deck, and repairs to the Walkley Road/Sawmill Creek culvert liner. To expedite construction, OC Transpo has agreed that the two transit towers on the south side of Walkley Road will be closed, with a temporary bus stop slightly to the west of the station.

### New Pedestrian Crossing on Owl Drive

The City of Ottawa is unveiling new pedestrian crossings this week and the first one in River Ward will be on Owl Drive at Pigeon Terrace. Owl Drive is home to both Bayview PS and Holy Family School, as well as Owl Park. This new pedestrian crossing is critical and will provide a safer crossing for pedestrians by providing a dedicated location to cross.

### Pedestrian and Construction Zone Safety

During the month of June, the Ottawa Police will be focusing their attention on pedestrian safety as well as construction zones. Between 2010-2014, there were 1,752 reported collisions involving pedestrians, resulting in 36 fatalities and 225 injuries. During the same time period, there were 873 collisions in construction zones, with 1 fatality and 225 injuries as well. Please yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and take note of your speed while in construction zones this summer across Ottawa.

### Official Name for the Heron Road Bridge

On behalf of the Ottawa and District Labour Council, I am sponsoring their application, as the local City Councillor to officially name the Heron Road Bridge. On August 10, 1966, the south-span of the Heron Road Bridge collapsed while under construction, resulting in 9 deaths and 55 injuries. This has remained the most devastating one-day construction accident in the city's history. As such, to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the accident, the City is consulting this month on the proposal to name the bridge, the **Heron Road Workers' Memorial Bridge**. Public feedback is being sought and can be sent to [namingottawa@ottawa.ca](mailto:namingottawa@ottawa.ca) or by calling 613-580-2424 ext 13430.

### Fire Hydrant Testing

Starting this week, the City will start its annual fire hydrant testing. Approximately 2,000 hydrants are scheduled for full-flow testing and mini-flow testing will occur on the remaining 20,000 hydrants. Full-flow testing discharges water at a high rate to verify the hydrant's flow capacity. Full-flow testing is only required initially to identify flow capacity and then once every 10 years to adequately reassess the hydrant. Mini-flow testing slowly discharges water ensuring it is functional in the event of an emergency.