



Ottawa South Column – June 30, 2016

Happy Canada Day

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very Happy Canada Day! As we celebrate Canada's 149th birthday, let us never take for granted how fortunate we are to live in the greatest nation on Earth, and the sacrifices made on our behalf to ensure we enjoy the life we have today. Please note that free public transit will be offered on all OC Transpo and Para Transpo routes on July 1, ending at 3am on July 2.

Festivals at/near Mooney's Bay

With last week's successful Ottawa Dragon Boat Festival now behind us, and July about to commence, the major summer festivals that visit Mooney's Bay or nearby are mere weeks away. The HOPE Beach Volleyball Festival will be held on Saturday July 16, closely followed by the Ottawa Lebanese Festival from July 20-24. JamDay, a celebration of everything Jamaican will be held at Mooney's Bay on Saturday August 6. Month long parking restrictions are already in effect within Riverside Park North and Ottawa Bylaw patrol the community during the festivals to respond to parking and excessive noise violations. Residents are encouraged to call 3-1-1 to register concerns with Ottawa Bylaw and I will also follow-up on every matter that is brought to my attention. The summer festivals add a positive vibe and cultural diversity to our community and City which I support, but I also expect that the nearby residential community will be respected by our guests as well.

Norberry Residences Planned Expansion

Recently I met with representatives of the Norberry Residences, a 4-apartment building complex on Norberry Crescent and Springland Drive in Riverside Park regarding their intention to build additional units on the existing property. The owner requested a public information session be held in July, however, I rejected that request given the number of residents who are expected to be away on vacation. The tentative date for the public information session is booked for **Thursday September 8**. Detailed information, development plans and meeting location/time will be circulated in advance by mail to nearby residents and in this newspaper.

Wading Pool Schedules have been Amended

The City of Ottawa has adjusted wading pool hours to allow for evening water fun on Tuesdays and Thursdays, city wide. Depending on the site, the pools may be open from Noon- 7pm. These revised hours are to allow families more time, particularly in the early evening, to enjoy the local wading pool together. For a detailed list of River Ward's wading pools, hours, and summer festivals at our pools, please contact my office for a complete listing.

Dogs in Parks, Dogs in Public

Owners of dogs are kindly reminded to be in control of your dog(s) in public on all occasions. My office has received a number of concerns recently, and Ottawa Bylaw will be increasing their patrols in local parks over the summer.