



## Ottawa South Column – March 17, 2016

### Airport Parkway: City of Ottawa Recommendations

On March 10, 2016, the City of Ottawa hosted the third meeting related to the on-going Environmental Assessment of the proposed widening of the Airport Parkway and Lester Road. City staff are recommending the following:

Widen the Airport Parkway to become a divided four lane arterial roadway, between Brookfield Road and the airport, as well as Lester Road, in three separate phases, with phase one being the section of Parkway between Brookfield Road and Hunt Club Road. The Parkway will shift to the east between Brookfield and Walkley to avoid the wooded area on the west side.

Construct a south-bound off-ramp at Walkley Road, that would be accompanied by a traffic circle on Walkley Road, with significant modifications, including the loss of two lanes of traffic that would be converted for bike lanes, the construction of a concrete median on Walkley Road at Southmore Drive East, the elongation of the left-hand turning lane from Walkley Road to McCarthy, which would include a concrete median in front of Wexford Way.

Sound mitigation walls would be built along the Parkway, between Brookfield Road, stopping before Walkley Road.

The timelines of Phase one have been delayed, as expected revenues for this project, mainly, development charge revenues, have not met expectations, as the level of development in Ottawa has slowed down. Federal government infrastructure dollars are not earmarked for road projects, they are being diverted to projects that focus on public transit, green infrastructure and social infrastructure.

City staff request that all public comments be sent to Project Manager, Frank McKinney by email at [Frank.McKinney@Ottawa.ca](mailto:Frank.McKinney@Ottawa.ca) by **April 7, 2016**. You may also forward your comments to me as well. I plan to meet with city staff again to raise a number of concerns I have heard from residents following the March 10 meeting, including the raised medians on Walkley Road, the loss of two lanes of traffic on Walkley and the road's future ability to absorb the predicted volume of traffic, the immediate need for safety measures on Walkley Road, and the locations and types of sound walls to be constructed.

### Hunt Club Spring Food Feast

Please note, the **March 19 Spring Food Feast**, organized by the Hunt Club Community Organization (HCCO) has been cancelled. The event will return in 2017 as part of a Canada2017 celebration.

### Meet Me at the Ward Office

During my first year as your City Councillor, I welcomed over 100 River Ward residents at the ward office to meet with me to discuss multiple matters. The ward office is located in the Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Centre and is open Tuesdays and Fridays. I work from the ward office on Fridays and encourage all residents to consider dropping in to say hello. If you'd like an appointment time, simply call my office at 613-580-2486.