



Ottawa South Column – May 19, 2016

Airport Parkway Environmental Assessment

On June 1, 2016, the Transportation Committee will receive the detailed Environmental Assessment (EA) report of the proposal to widen the Airport Parkway, including a southbound off-ramp at Walkley Road and the widening of Lester Road. The EA will be publicly released May 25. If you are interested in appearing before the Committee to comment on this project, please contact my office and we will put you in contact with the Committee Coordinator.

Bike to Work or Around Town

Did you know that May is Bike to Work Month and the City of Ottawa is encouraging all citizens who don't normally bike to work to give it a try. Take a break from your normal routine and try biking in to work at least one day a week. The City has an extensive network of multi-use pathways, cycling lanes, cycle tracks and paved shoulders that connect communities across the city and has made it easier than ever to commute to work by bike. If your commute is a little long for cycling, try riding to your nearest Transitway Station, O-Train Trillium Line Station, or Park and Ride lot and lock your bike up there. Cyclists can Rack & Roll with OC Transpo and load their bike onto the front of one of the 450 buses equipped with a bike rack, including all articulated and double-decker buses. Have a look at the advanced planner on octranspo.com to see which trips have bicycle racks. Bicycles can also be transported year-round on the O-Train Trillium Line. The City offers a number of cycling education courses through its Cycling Education Program. These are led by nationally certified instructors to help residents become more comfortable and confident on the road. More information about courses is available at ottawa.ca/bikeschool.

Summer Camp Registration

Register for a City of Ottawa summer day camp by June 1, 2016 and you could be one of 25 lucky campers to win your week's cost back, up to a value of \$250. Throughout the summer, in a facility near you, find active, imaginative and challenging programs that will entertain and educate campers. Program options include swimming, out-trips and special guests. For a complete list of camps available and contest details, visit ottawa.ca/summer_camps.

Trillium Line Annual Maintenance

On Sunday May 15, the Trillium line was temporary closed for annual maintenance and two additional dates have been scheduled this summer on Sunday August 14 and Sunday August 21, 2016. The Trillium Line service will be temporarily replaced by Route 107 bus service in order to facilitate various lifecycle replacements and refurbishments, track maintenance work and routine infrastructure inspections. While the majority of Trillium Line maintenance activity takes place overnight outside of regular operating hours, certain work requires a longer period of time and the use of specialized rail equipment.