



Ottawa South Column – Nov 17, 2016

Ash Tree Removal Along Airport Parkway

As ash trees continue to decline within the City of Ottawa due to the invasive Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), it is necessary to proceed with tree removals within our parks and woodlots. Part of the City's EAB strategy includes selective park and woodlot rehabilitation; identifying City parks and woodlots with a high percentage of ash to remove unsafe dead, dying or invasive trees, encourage non-ash trees and shrubs with the exception of buckthorn and plant a selection of native tree species. Many parks and woodlots hold significant plant and wildlife populations and make large contributions to human health and the environment: it is important to manage these significant areas. During the winter of 2017, all dead or dying ash trees, along the western edges of the Airport Parkway, between Hunt Club Road and Walkley Road will be removed. All tree removal areas will be replanted in the spring or autumn of 2017 with a diverse range of species such as: red maple, sugar maple, silver maple, serviceberry, hackberry, white pine, burr oak, red oak, American elder, white cedar, basswood, nannyberry, large tooth aspen, trembling aspen, dogwood and speckled alder.

Draft Urban Forest Management Plan Open House

The City's Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP) is intended to provide strategic and technical guidance to achieve urban forest sustainability in Ottawa over the next 20 years. Following the City's well attended and informative Input and Visioning Workshop one year ago, a draft UFMP has been developed and additional public input is sought. Please consider attending a public open house: November 21, City Hall, 1-4pm or 6-9pm and November 22, 6-9pm.

Two River Ward Christmas Bazaars on Saturday

Two Christmas bazaars will take place this Saturday in River Ward. The Riverside Churches, located at 3191 Riverside Drive, just south of Walkley Road, will host their annual bazaar from 10am-2pm. Many homemade treasures, food and other gift possibilities await you. In addition to this bazaar, you are also welcome to attend the annual event at the Carleton Memorial United Church located at 740 Melfa Crescent, off Prince of Wales. Many similar treasures, baked goods and a sit-down lunch await you from 10am-2pm as well.

Police are Focusing on Red Light Runners

During the month of November, the Ottawa Police Service has been focusing attention on **red light runners and stop sign violators**. Between 2010 and 2014, there were 3,186 collisions resulting in 1,478 injuries and 2 fatalities due to red light running and during the same time period, there were 3,283 collisions resulting in 1,034 injuries and eight fatalities due to stop sign running. When stop signs and traffic lights are not respected, the lives of other motorists, cyclists and pedestrians are put in risk. Please obey the rules of the road and do your part to keep River Ward safe. If there are intersections that are chronically problematic, please report them to my office.