



Ottawa South Column – September 8, 2016

School is Back – Slow Down

Welcome Back Students and Teachers! Local students have now returned to school and with that comes heavier volumes of walkers, cyclists and vehicles travelling to and from school in our neighbourhoods. Motorists are asked to slow down in school zones and obey all posted speed limits. Parents, please speak with your children about rules of the road, crosswalk and sidewalk use and bicycle safety. We all have an active role to play in keeping our community safe. It should come as no surprise that during the month of September, the Ottawa Police will focus a fair bit of their attention on school zone safety. Between 2010 and 2014, there were 890 collisions within school zones, on school days around bell time, resulting in 207 injuries.

Community Festival – September 10

CommFest will be held on **Saturday, September 10** (rain or shine) at the Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Centre (3320 Paul Anka Drive at McCarthy) from 11- 2pm. This year's festival theme is "Meet your Neighbours, Explore your Community". All food items, refreshments and activities will be free. The intent of this festival is to provide food, fun activities, information and conversation for the citizens in the Hunt Club and Riverside Park communities, all are welcome. I will be there, please come and say hello and chat about any issues of concern.

Walkley Road Bridge Repairs

I have sought frequent details from city staff this summer on the progress of repairs to the Walkley Road Bridge and am pleased that everything is on schedule (and budget). Work continues on the bridge deck, bridge link slabs and down below on the Sawmill Creek culvert liner. The bridge work is expected to be complete by mid-October with a later completion date for the creek.

Ward Office – Open for You

All residents of River Ward are welcome and encouraged to drop-in and say hello at the Ward Office, located in the Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Centre. The office is open on Tuesdays and Fridays. I have met hundreds of residents to discuss issues of local concern, simply drop-in or schedule an appointment by calling 613-580-2486.

Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers

The City of Ottawa is partnering with the Governor General of Canada to honour 150 outstanding volunteers from our city. These outstanding volunteers will be recognized in 2017 with the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers as part of Canada's 150th birthday celebrations. The Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers is a prestigious national honour that is awarded to recognize volunteer achievements in a wide range of fields. I have been asked to nominate six exemplary volunteers from River Ward for this honour. To learn more about this medal, please visit <https://caring.gg.ca/en>. I invite you to contact my office with your nomination by September 30.