



## Ottawa West Column – February 11, 2016

### River Ward Movie Night

The next River Ward Movie Night will take place on **Saturday February 20** at the Carleton Heights Community Centre located at 1665 Apeldoorn Ave. The doors open at 6pm and the movie (Rio 2, rated G) starts at 6:30pm. This is the second of three movie nights I am hosting across the ward in the winter. Feel free to bring a blanket and yoga mat to sit on. The Carleton Heights and Area Residents Association will be hosting their winter carnival on February 20 as well, from 4-6pm at the community centre. Before the movie, come on down and enjoy the outdoor festivities including a horse-drawn carriage ride, indoor and outdoor games and broomball on the rink (helmet required). Hot dogs and drinks will be available for purchase. There will also be a concession stand available during the movie.

### Central Park Winter Carnival

Central Park residents are invited to attend the annual winter carnival hosted by the Central Park Community Association. The event will be held in Celebration Park from 1-3pm on **Sunday February 14**. I look forward to seeing you and your family there.

### Mayor Watson's Family Day Event

Join Mayor Watson and I on Family Day, **February 15 from 11am to 2pm** at City Hall as we invite Ottawa residents **to join us for a skating party complete with winter fun at Marion Dewar Plaza (Laurier side). Your favourite local mascots will be on hand, as well as free hot chocolate.**

### Pot Holes are Back

With the seesaw temperatures this winter above and below the freezing point, more and more potholes are springing up on our roads. The best way to alert the City to a local pothole is to call 3-1-1. If you don't see any improvement after calling, please contact my office. As the snow melts, it is important that local catch basins remain open to drain as much water as possible. Local residents are asked to do what they can but if thick ice or other debris is an issue, please call 3-1-1 to report the matter.

### Syrian Refugee Update

As of the end of January 2016, the City of Ottawa has welcomed 706 refugees from Syria. 636 are federal government sponsored and 70 are privately sponsored. The City continues to work with the Catholic Centre for Immigrants and Refugee 613 to help support newcomers' needs, including access to recreational activities and library services. Ottawa Public Health is continuing to provide health assessments, immunizations and dental screening.

### Tree Canada Grants Available

Tree Canada is offering grants up to \$4,000 to community groups that are interested in a tree planting program that will grow fruit and nut bearing trees that will be used to share within the community. If you would like to learn more about this project, please contact my office. The deadline to apply is February 27.