



Ottawa West Column – February 25, 2016

Ottawa Civic Hospital Open House

The Ottawa Civic Hospital is hosting a public open house on **Monday March 7** at the Ottawa Conference and Event Centre, located at 200 Coventry Road between 4-9pm. A formal presentation will be provided by Dr Jack Kitts, CEO of the Hospital at 7pm. As River Ward residents may be aware, I have been very vocal since I took office on the necessity of including the local community in the hospital's future plans and I applaud that they have listened and are offering this session to the public. I encourage you to attend.

Westgate Mall - 1309 Carling Avenue

The City's Planning Department has received an Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment application for the property at 1309 Carling Avenue, currently known as the Westgate Shopping Mall. The proposed redevelopment of the site will consist of mixed-use towers, as well as underground and surface parking. The full build-out of the site will be phased over many years and will result in the demolition of the existing retail shopping centre. The site is currently occupied by a one-storey retail shopping centre with a second storey office portion. A stand-alone restaurant is located on the south-east corner of the lot.

The property is proposed to be redeveloped in three phases with construction times that are estimated to range between five and twenty years. The first phase proposes to remove the restaurant occupied by Monkey Joe's and construct a new mixed-use building within a five year time frame. The second phase proposes to remove approximately 4,026 square metres of the existing commercial mall and construct a mixed-use building within a five to ten year time frame. The third and final phase proposes removing the remainder of the commercial mall, approximately 12,306 square metres, and replacing it with three mixed-use towers within a fifteen to twenty year time frame. In total, the three phases propose approximately 8,230 square metres of commercial space, 1,146 residential rental units, 487 above or below-grade parking spaces for residents, and 111 surface parking spaces. A central amenity/park space is proposed to be introduced gradually through each phase, with an ultimate proposal of approximately 3,950 square metres of amenity/park space in the final phase.

To view a full copy of the official plan and zoning amendment applications please visit www.RileyBrockington.ca. If you wish to review all the supporting documentation with the application please visit www.ottawa.ca/devapps and enter 1309 Carling in the file search tool. Residents are invited to provide their comments by **March 9**. The file is expected to be considered at Planning Committee in May.

City Plants 125,000 Trees

In 2016, the City intends to plant 125,000 trees as part of a greater initiative to expand the urban canopy and continue to contribute to the reduction of carbon dioxide in the air. On average, the City removes 7,000 trees per year due to disease or emerald ash borer infestation.