



## Ottawa West Column – January 28, 2016

### Carlington Winter Festival

The annual Carlington Winter Festival will take place this **Saturday from 11am-1pm** at Alexander Park, followed by the Carlington Cup hockey tournament from 1-5pm. Participants and spectators are more than welcome. I will be there.

### Winterlude - Free Pancake Breakfast

Winterlude kicks off this weekend and what better way to enjoy the best, outdoor Canadian festival than to come down to City Hall for a free pancake breakfast on **Saturday January 30**, starting at 10am at Marian Dewar Plaza (Laurier side). After breakfast, go for a skate on the Sens Rink of Dreams and tour the new Ottawa 2017 Experience. I look forward to seeing you at City Hall.

### World Record SnowPeople Competition

A Guinness World Record attempt will be made on **Sunday January 31**, starting at 10am, on the football field at Lansdowne Park. Participants will have one hour to make as many three-foot or taller, snow people as possible. Want to participate? This will be an exciting and memorable activity to be part of. Also at Lansdowne is the outdoor skating rink and there will be curling demos as well.

### Streetside Spots Available

Local businesses and community organizations have until February 15 to apply for the Streetside Spots pilot program. Streetside spots are small outdoor spaces created by temporarily repurposing and converting on-street parking spaces into creative places where people can connect on the street. Typically, these spaces serve as restaurant patios or vending stalls for local retailers, but they can also be parklets that are open to everyone as a public space, and they can be initiated by local retailers or by neighbourhood organizations. In 2016, the City will grant up to 25 permits to allow on-street parking spaces to be converted to a Streetside parklet, patio or vending stall. For more details about the Streetside Spots pilot, including applications, eligibility and design criteria, visit [ottawa.ca/streetsidespots](http://ottawa.ca/streetsidespots) or call 3-1-1.

### On-Line Pet Registration

The City has launched a new on-line pet registration service on Ottawa.ca. This mobile friendly application provides expanded service options for residents through their *My ServiceOttawa* account, including, the ability to create new and renew existing pet registrations, update and change information to existing pet registrations, request a replacement identification tag and pay fees directly. By doing this on-line, pet owners can save postage and travel to a client service centre.

### Possible Ban or Restriction on Sale of Pets

Later this winter, the City is expected to commence consultations on possible amendments to the bylaw that governs the sale of dogs, cats and rabbits in Ottawa's pet stores. Concerns raised by members of the public on the poor conditions and treatment of the animals at some breeding centres have led to this review. What are your thoughts?