



## Ottawa West Column – June 16, 2016

### Westgate Development Open House

An open house and public meeting for the 1309 Carling Avenue (Westgate Mall) planning application will take place on **Monday, June 20** at the Best Western Hotel (1274 Carling Avenue) from **6pm-8:30pm**. All residents and local business owners are welcome to learn more about the proposal. The proposed redevelopment of the site will consist of mixed-use residential 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 pad is located on the southeast corner of the lot. Please attend this open house if you are able to.

### Central Park Summer Family Time

Calling all families in the Central Park community! Come on out to Celebration Park on Wednesdays from 9:15am – 10:25am for Park-ticipate, a city run program filled with weekly themes, and a fun-filled program of crafts, games and sports. This free, informal drop-in program is offered by seasonal Parks and Recreation staff from the City of Ottawa from July 6 – August 24, 2016. Please note, parents/guardians are required to supervise their children while participating in the program. More information is online at [www.Ottawa.ca/parkticipate](http://www.Ottawa.ca/parkticipate).

### Pedestrian and Construction Zone Safety

During the month of June, the Ottawa Police will be focusing their attention on pedestrian safety as well as construction zones. Between 2010-2014, there were 1,752 reported collisions involving pedestrians, resulting in 36 fatalities and 225 injuries. During the same time period, there were 873 collisions in construction zones, with 1 fatality and 225 injuries as well. Please yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and take note of your speed while in construction zones this summer across Ottawa.

### Official Name for the Heron Road Bridge

On behalf of the Ottawa and District Labour Council, I am sponsoring their application, as the local City Councillor to officially name the Heron Road Bridge. On August 10, 1966, the south-span of the Heron Road Bridge collapsed while under construction, resulting in 9 deaths and 55 injuries. This has remained the most devastating one-day construction accident in the city's history. As such, to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the accident, the City is consulting this month on the proposal to name the bridge, the **Heron Road Workers' Memorial Bridge**. Public feedback is being sought and can be sent to [naminggottawa@ottawa.ca](mailto:naminggottawa@ottawa.ca) or by calling 613-580-2424 ext 13430.

### Fire Hydrant Testing

Starting this week, the City will start its annual fire hydrant testing. Approximately 2,000 hydrants are scheduled for full-flow testing and mini-flow testing will occur on the remaining 20,000 hydrants. Full-flow testing discharges water at a high rate to verify the hydrant's flow capacity. Full-flow testing is only required initially to identify flow capacity and then once every 10 years to adequately reassess the hydrant. Mini-flow testing slowly discharges water ensuring it is functional in the event of an emergency.