



Ottawa West Column – March 10, 2016

Carlington Hill Proposal

Residents of Carlington West (in particular) and recreational users of the Carlington Hill are cordially welcome to attend the **March 23** meeting of the Carlington Community Association to learn more about a proposal from the Ottawa Mountain Bike Association. The meeting will commence at 7pm at the Alexander Community Centre on Silver Street.

Traffic Calming Initiatives for 2016

At the same meeting mentioned above, I will also provide an overview of the proposed traffic calming initiatives that are being reviewed for 2016. Your input and feedback is very much appreciated, as the various traffic calming initiatives that are being undertaken are a direct result of local resident demand. If you are unable to attend the meeting, but have specific traffic issues that need to be addressed, please contact my office.

Market Fresh Mobile Returns

Four years ago, Ottawa's Poverty and Hunger Working Group had a dream of creating a mobile market that would bring healthy, affordable, and culturally appropriate foods to various Ottawa neighbourhoods, particularly those not well served by grocery outlets. I am very pleased that the Market Mobile stops in the Caldwell community of River Ward twice a month. Produce on the Market Mobile is selected based on residents' needs and cultural preferences, purchased in bulk and sold on a cost recovery basis. The Market Mobile carries a selection of over 30 different items. Through a partnership with Loblaws and Cibo Food, a local Ottawa wholesaler, the Market Mobile has been able to utilize wholesale buying power to procure the most affordable prices on produce. Prices are, on average, 40% less than in retail grocery stores. In March, Market Mobile will be at 1520 Caldwell Ave (Gym) on March 12 and 26 from 1:15pm – 2:45pm.

Ottawa Police to Address Distracted Drivers

The Ottawa Police Service's Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) will focus on distracted driving and unsafe lane changes during the month of March. Between 2010 and 2014, there were 25,565 collisions resulting in 6,928 injuries and 18 fatalities due to distracted driving. Distracted driving and the consequences thereof, is now more serious than impaired driving. Please take care while driving in our community.

Outdoor Rink Volunteers: Winter Heroes

On Saturday February 27, I was privileged to attend, along with the mayor and many Councillors, the annual appreciation breakfast for the City's outdoor rink volunteers. These men and women do fantastic work, in unfavourable and always challenging weather conditions. Their work, usually in bitter cold and late at night, affords our communities with free, outdoor fun that every Canadian girl and boy remembers in to adulthood. To the men and women of River Ward who provided exceptional skating opportunities this winter at our 16 outdoor rinks, I thank-you very much for your service.