



Ottawa West Column – May 5, 2016

Ottawa Central/Downtown Library

Ottawa residents will soon have the opportunity to share what they consider most important when evaluating possible locations for the new Ottawa Central/Downtown Library. In June 2015, the Ottawa Public Library Board unanimously approved the Central Area as the geographic location for the Ottawa Central/Downtown Library. The boundaries of this area include: the Ottawa River to the North; Lisgar to the South; King Edward to the East; and, the Trillium Line (Bayview Station) to the West. Two large in-person consultation sessions are planned for **May 16 at Ottawa City Hall**. The goal of the sessions is to develop a long list of the elements (criteria) that will be used to evaluate potential sites. Ottawa residents will also have an opportunity to weigh in on each of these elements through an online questionnaire in May - June. The bilingual discussion sessions will take place at 4pm and 7pm. Each session is expected to last approximately two hours. Given the high interest in these sessions, residents are strongly encouraged to register for their preferred time by visiting www.ottawacentrallibrary.ca

Rare and Unusual Plant Sale

The Friends of the Experimental Farm will host their annual Rare and Unusual Plant Sale on **Sunday May 15** from 9am to Noon at the Experimental Farm. Several Master Gardeners will also be on hand to provide free advice and assistance with your gardening questions/challenges. For more information about this event, please call (613) 230-3276 or send an e-mail to info@friendsofthefarm.ca

Hazardous Waste Depots

Corrosive, flammable and/or poisonous material is considered hazardous waste. These types of products contaminate water and landfills and should never be poured down the drain or put out with your regular garbage. To assist with safe disposal, the City of Ottawa operates several one-day Household Hazardous Waste depots across the City, with the next depot on **Sunday May 15 at Tunney's Pasture**. It's Spring cleaning time, clean out your garage and basement and get rid of old and unwanted products in a safe and environmentally friendly way. Please note, residential electronic waste will also accepted at this site.

New Waste Collection Calendars

The City's new 12-month waste collection calendar will be delivered by mail to residences across the city starting in May. The calendar starts in June 2016 and runs until May 2017. It features information about regular and holiday collection schedules, Giveaway Weekends, Household Hazardous Waste Depot dates and locations and much more. If a calendar does not arrive by **June 1**, please contact my office and I will ensure you receive a calendar.

Ottawa's Drinking Water – Perfect

Ottawa's drinking water is tested thousands of times per year and recent tests performed by the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) gave Ottawa a perfect score. The City is committed to providing the residents of Ottawa with the highest quality and safest drinking water in Canada.