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Carlington Hill to Add Mountain Bike Course

On September 28, City Council voted 19-2 to allow a partnership between the Ottawa Mountain Bike Assn and the City to proceed. The deal will allow a mountain bike pump track and skills area to be constructed on a portion of the Hill's north facing meadow, occupying approx 2% of the park's area. As a result of various public meetings, discussions with the public and correspondence received, I amended the staff recommendation to provide greater protections to environmental lands, added emergency way-finding signage, ensured the design will be in collaboration with the community and no expansion of this project shall proceed without Council's approval. I also made this a two-year pilot which will be reviewed by the end of 2018. If you have any questions about this project, please contact me.

River Ward Budget Consultation

Join me and Councillors Cloutier (Alta Vista) and Deans (Gloucester-Southgate), as we host the south-end budget consultation on **October 6 from 6-8pm** at the Jim Durrell Recreation Centre, located at 1265 Walkley Road. If you are unable to attend but would like to share your feedback with me regarding budget priorities, please contact my office. Councillor Jeff Leiper (Kitchissippi) and I will be at **Westgate Mall** on **Saturday October 22** from 11am-1pm in the Food Court. All are welcome to pop over and chat about local issues.

Community Safety Night

You are cordially invited to attend the annual **River Ward Safety Night**, to be held on **October 19** at the Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Centre, doors open at 6pm, presentations at 7pm. Guest speakers include representatives from the Ottawa Police, Ottawa Bylaw and Ottawa Fire Dept, addressing local matters of concern. A trade show will also precede the presentation with a number of local organizations on hand that focus on community safety.

River Ward Resident Giuseppe Nicastro Honoured

River Ward resident Giuseppe Nicastro was honoured at City Hall on September 28 with a Mayor's City Builder Award. Mr. Nicastro is highly respected for both his business acumen and his community benevolence. Mr Nicastro has been involved with the Villa Marconi Long-Term Care Centre, St. Anthony's Church and founded the Circolo Recreativo Cleto and the Milan Club of Ottawa. He is an established business person, and the success of the Nicastro Fine Foods has become a pillar in the community, focusing on Italian food. Congratulations, well deserved!

Distracted Driving and Speeding

The Ottawa Police will be focusing on distracted drivers and speeders in October. As a result of distracted driving, between 2010 and 2014, there were 25,565 collisions resulting in 6,928 injuries and 18 fatalities. During the same timeframe, there were 15,762 collisions resulting in 4,238 injuries and 74 fatalities as a result of speeding. Put down the phone, slow down. We all have a role to play in keeping our community safe.