



Proudly serving the residents of River Ward

2016: Focus on Community Safety

Dear Residents of River Ward,

I trust you are well and are enjoying autumn. As we slowly transition to winter and given the Christmas and holiday season is weeks away, I wish you and your family best wishes.

Community safety and security has always been one of my main areas of focus during my tenure as your City Councillor.

I strongly believe in safe, liveable neighbourhoods, where you have the right to live, work and play and not have to worry about your personal safety or that of your private property.

In October, I hosted the annual River Ward Community Safety Night as well as a Carlington-focused Safety Night later in the month. River Ward has had some high profile incidents over the last couple of months, highlighting the need for greater community awareness of the resources that exist and contribute to improved community safety and security. By

working in collaboration with local community groups, the Ottawa Police Service and Ottawa Community Housing, I intend to ensure that matters brought to my attention are addressed promptly and various community groups take a greater proactive approach within our communities as well.

Solving chronic crime overnight is not realistic and in many cases we need to better understand the root causes of it. That said, if there are matters that you would like to bring to my attention, please do so, I will be happy to assist you.

If you'd like more information on starting a Neighbourhood Watch program on your street or would like to receive a free home safety audit from the Ottawa Police, please contact my office.

Sincerely,
Riley



On October 20, 2016 the Ottawa Senators Foundation officially announced the construction of a new Sens Rink at Alexander Park in Carlington with a ground-breaking ceremony. From left, Mayor Jim Watson; Chris Phillips, Ottawa Senators Alumni; Kim MacDonald, WE Gowling PS Principal; Cyril Leeder, President, Ottawa Senators; and City Councillor Riley Brockington.



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Open Letter from Ottawa Fire Chief Gerry Pingitore

I am pleased to address the residents of River Ward through this article and I want to thank Councillor Brockington for providing me the opportunity to do so.

First and foremost, Ottawa Fire Services (OFS) protects the lives, property and environment for the citizens and visitors of the City of Ottawa. We have Mission, Vision and Value statements that direct our Service's day-to-day operations and are in the midst of developing a new Strategic Plan that will guide our Service through this term of Council.

In 2014, OFS received "accredited agency" status with the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI). The accreditation process began in 2012 as part of a key initiative within our Strategic Plan (2012-2015). Over the two year span leading up to accreditation, our Service gathered materials from all of its Divisions including, operations, special operations, training, inspections, investigations, communications, asset

management and administration to complete the two main components of the CFAI process, the Self-Assessment Manual and a Standards of Cover. These two documents provided a comprehensive look at each Division and its deployment strategy to ensure it is operating efficiently and effectively. The documents were examined by peer evaluators from CFAI comprised of leaders from fire services around North America.

The Self-Assessment Manual evaluates fire services on 253 performance indicators, of which 82 are core competencies that OFS had to immediately comply with in order to receive "accredited agency" status. The Standards of Cover serves as OFS integrated Risk Management Plan. It is a comprehensive deployment analysis that defines the written procedures which determine the distribution and concentration of fixed and mobile OFS assets.

Through the completion of the Standards of Cover, our Service was able to modify its deployment strategy to align with industry best practice and has adopted a risk-based deployment model based on an effective response force (number of firefighters needed to mitigate risk) and response times that are recognized internationally. These standards were then applied across the city and used to develop a new Station Location Study which was approved by Council in June of 2015.

As a result, OFS is working towards building a new fire station in Orleans and consolidating Station 36 (Industrial Road) and Station 55 (Blair Road) to Cyrville Road with hopes of both new stations being fully operational by the end of 2017. OFS is also monitoring growth in Kanata which will require a new fire station likely in the year 2020. This new plan will allow OFS to prepare for growth in Ottawa for the next ten years. Over the next few years, OFS is hoping to expand its fire prevention community outreach through various partnerships. Fire prevention is the first line of defence against fires and a vital component of our Service. Prevention staff includes:

- Fire engineers who are engaged in several projects such as new city developments, light rail transit and Lansdowne Park;
- Fire inspectors who ensure the establishments we visit and enjoy are fire safe;
- Fire investigators who determine the causes of fires;
- And public educators who are out in the community every day educating residents about the proper ways to be fire safe.

In 2015, Prevention staff worked with Ottawa Community Housing to deliver

and install SmartBurners™ to vulnerable residents. SmartBurners™ make stove-top cooking more safe by blocking food from falling between coils and keeping heat below burning temperatures. Kitchen fires remain the number one cause of fires. These are the types of partnerships our Service is looking for.

There are a number of staff engagement initiatives that the OFS Management Team and I have launched or plan to launch to increase the safety of our personnel. All too often we forget about the mental occupational injuries that our first responders endure. OFS has successfully delivered a Mental Health First Aid Training, the first of its kind, delivered through partnership with the Mental Health Commission of Canada to all uniform personnel. Additionally, we have provided staff with information to assist with critical incident stress management and a list of mental health resources available to personnel in Ottawa.

We hope to build upon our current momentum as we work to enhance our current Health and Wellness Program and streamline communications from myself and the Management Team to our frontline personnel.

Lastly, our Service considers our stations and its personnel pillars of the community and we hope you do as well. When you see your local firefighter crews in and around the community please say hello and feel free to drop in for a tour of the station and meet the men and woman that serve and protect you and your family.

Thanks,
Gerry Pingitore



Fire Chief Gerry Pingitore and City Councillor Riley Brockington

Development & Infrastructure Updates

Carlington Pumping Station Expansion

The City of Ottawa will be undertaking the expansion of the Carlington Pumping Station to provide additional capacity. The output of this station is limited by pump capacity. Improvements are needed so that this Station can provide adequate emergency supply to the different pressure zones. These improvements will also add capacity to accommodate projected peak demands of urban growth in these zones. This project will improve the reliability of supply to both existing and future development.

Carlington Park will remain accessible to the public outside of construction areas. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in the summer of 2017 and completed late 2018.

Dynes Road and Prince of Wales Water and Sewer Renewal

The sanitary sewer on Dynes Road, between Fisher Avenue and Claymor Avenue is scheduled to be replaced. In addition, the sanitary sewer on Dynes Road between Morley Boulevard and Prince of Wales Drive, as well as on Prince of Wales Drive between Dynes Road and Villa Crescent will also be replaced to accommodate the construction of a new storm sewer trunk. The work will include full road reconstruction and urbanization of Prince of Wales within the project area. This project is currently in the Preliminary Design phase, with construction anticipated to begin in Spring 2017 subject to city budget approvals.

This is a very large infrastructure project that will impact local residents and traffic. I am planning to host an Open House in the winter of 2017 for residents who are interested in viewing the plans and discussing the project with City staff.

Marble Crescent Sewer Renewal

This project will consist of a replacement of the sanitary sewer on Marble Crescent from Flannery Drive to Springland Drive. The project is currently in the Design phase, with construction anticipated to take place in 2017.

Revelstoke Drive (Leopolds to Riverside)

This project consists of structural repair improvements to the storm drainage on Revelstoke Drive from Leopolds Drive to Riverside Drive. The project is currently in the Design phase, with construction anticipated to take place in late 2017. More information and details of this project will be made available in 2017.

Paul Anka (Uplands to McCarthy) Sidewalk and Curb renewal

The sidewalk and curbs on the north side of Paul Anka Drive from Uplands Drive to McCarthy Road are scheduled to be reconstructed. The project is currently in the Preliminary Design phase, with construction

anticipated to take place in 2017.

3071 Riverside Drive (former site of Bayview PS)

The Ottawa Community Lands Development Corporation (OCLDC), an arm's length development corporation of the City, released a Request for Offers for the 10-acre parcel of land during the summer months. Many bids were received and ultimately one submission was recommended as the selected development proponent, based on their financial offer, adherence to the 2009 concept plan as well as other criteria. As the OCLDC meetings and negotiations are confidential, the specifics of the proposal, including the identity of the developer will be released once a signed deal is in place. As a basis for selecting a preferred developer, the OCLDC used the original 2009 Concept Plan to guide its selection of a proponent. The 2009 plan outlines parcels of land to be used for low density and medium density residential, as well as greenspace for recreational purposes with a fieldhouse. The 2016 plan as proposed by the main proponent contains differences from the 2009 concept plan, mainly, the 2 acre soccer field and field house has been reduced to a minimum 1.5 acre programmed park (to be determined by the community), and its location is proposed to now run along the southern end of the site, providing a greater buffer to the existing residential homeowners to the south. The second key difference of the new plan is the addition of a Mixed-Use commercial parcel along Riverside Drive frontage that is proposed to accommodate two-storey commercial/retail and residential. This revised concept plan, which I did not support at the November 9, 2016 City Council meeting, is not final. The entire proposal requires zoning applications, a subdivision plan and a site plan application as well, which will trigger public consultation. All zoning changes are heard through the Planning Committee and ultimately, City Council. There are still many public consultation stages ahead and I look forward to working with you collaboratively as it progresses.

A more detailed community update will be circulated within the Riverside Park North community soon.

Functional Design Study for Bank Street from Riverside North to Ledbury

The City of Ottawa as part of its infrastructure improvements mandate is required to complete the preliminary transportation design of Bank Street from Riverside Drive North to Ledbury Avenue. The development of a Recommended Functional Design Plan for Bank Street will be guided by a detailed assessment of the roadway for pedestrians, cyclists, transit service and general traffic for existing and future travel conditions at key locations within the corridor. This analysis considers the operations of each travel mode and will be used as

input in the analysis of design for the Riverside Drive (North and South), Alta Vista Drive, Heron Road and Walkley Road intersections, as well as the roadway segments in between.

A key study objective will be to incorporate cycling facilities into the plan. The results of the initial analysis will assist in identifying the need for and the degree to which protected facilities can be achieved. The study will also review the need for transit signal priorities

The Recommended Functional Design Plan will be refined based on future input received from stakeholders and the public.

A public open house is scheduled for December 6, 2016 at the Jim Durrell Recreation Centre starting at 6pm.

Norberr Residences Expansion Project

Earlier this year, the City of Ottawa and my office were notified of a development proposal from the Norberr Residences. The proposal is to add three, 5-storey residential apartment buildings (66 units each). The new proposed buildings will front onto Norberr Crescent. Surface parking will be provided at the rear of the new buildings. The proposal is within the current zoning of the property.

The proposal requires a zoning by-law amendment to align the parking requirement more closely with the actual use of the parking lots, which is much lower than the zoning requirement, and to allow visitor parking in front of the existing buildings.

The existing parking areas are to be reduced in size in order to provide additional landscaped area. The existing parking structure will be demolished and one new entrance is proposed along the western edge of the site. The central access drive into the site will be expanded to accommodate parking. Visitor parking spaces are to be provided along the circular access drives fronting the existing buildings.

The site currently contains 761 apartment units within four buildings. The existing buildings are serviced by surface parking and a parkade. There are currently 759 parking spaces

(resident and visitor) on-site.

I hosted a public meeting on October 13 with local residents. Subsequently, I plan on meeting with the owner of the property to request they halt their plans and consider a less invasive proposal. I have also brought a number of concerns to their attention including but not limited to traffic, reduced parking, density, and issues with the current buildings.

I intend to continue to work with the property owner prior to their formal application to minimize impacts on local residents. If you would like to keep up to date on this file I have created an email outreach list for local residents.

900 Merivale (Carlington Community Health Centre expansion)

In February, City Council approved the application from the Carlington Community Health Centre to expand their current establishment at 900 Merivale Road at Coldrey Avenue. This will entail a four-storey addition consisting of 42 one-bedroom residential apartment units for seniors, as well as the expansion of the existing community health and resource centre function. The site plan has recently been approved and construction on the site has begun.

3095 Albion Road North Development Application

The City of Ottawa's Planning Department received a combined zoning by-law amendment and site plan control application for a new mosque, school, and community centre located at 3095 Albion Road North. The site is located approximately 150 metres north of the CN rail yards and abuts the current OC Transpo maintenance facility on the southeast side. The Ahlul-Bayt Centre of Ottawa (ABCO) is proposing to build a complex that includes a two-storey building (plus basement) with a total gross floor area of 6,860 square metres.

Councillor Deans and I hosted a public meeting on May 3, 2016. Many issues with the proposal were identified by local residents. The application is currently on hold as the applicant and their consultants work on a resubmission plan expected by late winter 2017.

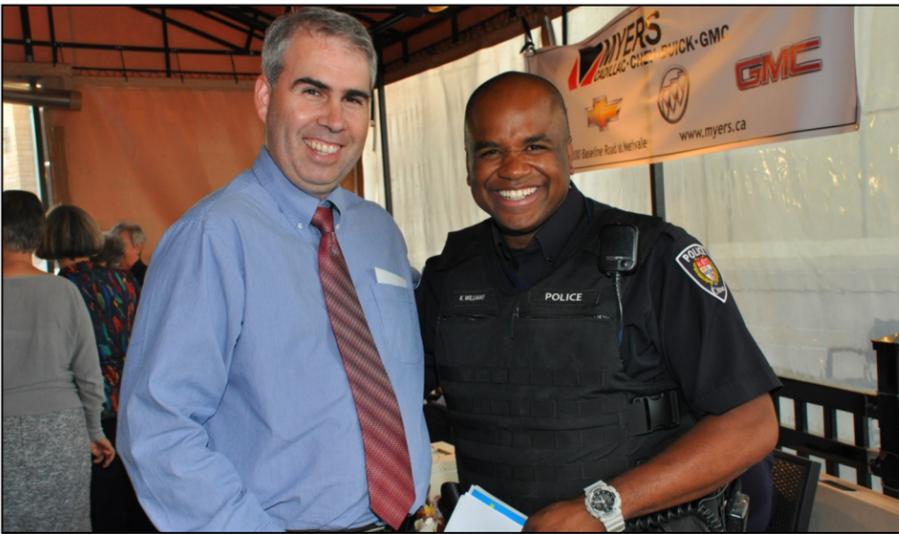
You are invited to my annual
Christmas Social
Open House
Tuesday, December 13, 2016
6:00pm—8:00pm
Carleton Heights Community Centre
1665 Apeldoorn Avenue.
Please bring a non-perishable food item in support of
the Ottawa Food Bank.
RSVP by Dec 6, 2016 to Shannon.Hall@Ottawa.ca



The children from the Caldwell Jumpstart program joined me at City Hall for the Canadian Tire jumpstart program kick-off July 19, 2016.



In June I hosted my annual Strawberry Socials in the Hunt Club—Riverside Park Community Centre and the Alexander Community Centre in Carlington. Pictured above are volunteers who assisted with this year's event in Carlington including Councillor Jeff Leiper, Shirley Seward, OCDSB Trustee, Deputy Mayor Mark Taylor, Deputy Chief John Gillissie of the Ottawa Fire Department along with fellow firefighters, and Charity Bartlett & Linda Dodd from the Carlington Community Association.



What a great night to join Community Police Officer Kevin Williams at the **Caldwell Family Centre's Harvest of Hope Dinner and Auction** on October 3, 2016. Approx. \$20,000 was raised which will help ensure that there are healthy snacks for hungry children after school; that all the children have the school supplies they need to succeed in their school work; and that the scholarship program continues to support those who wish to continue their education after high school. For more information about the great community work being done, visit www.CaldwellFamilyCentre.ca.

Airport Parkway Pedestrian Bridge - Legal Update

On December 3, 2013, the City Clerk and Solicitor was directed to try and recover the additional money spent as a result of the problems associated with the design and construction of the Airport Parkway Pedestrian/Cycling Bridge (APPCB). Following that direction, the City started a lawsuit against the designer and main contractor of the bridge in June 2014. The City was also brought into other litigation between the various contractors on the project. The result is a complex web of claims totalling many millions of dollars.

The parties have gone through an initial phase of discoveries, where each side gets to ask questions of the others so that each can get a better understanding of the facts and the legal issues that the other is relying on. All parties must also collect and share the many thousands of pages of documents, letters and emails that they have. Because of the volume of information, and the number of parties, this phase of a lawsuit as complex as the APPCB case can take a significant amount of time. However, it does allow all of the parties to better understand the strengths and weaknesses of each others' cases.

In most court cases in Ontario, including those in Ottawa, the parties have to take part in mediation in an effort to resolve the case without having to go to trial. The purpose of the process, in which an experienced mediator helps the parties to try to reach a settlement.

While a settlement often means that both sides in a lawsuit have to accept some "water with their wine", so to speak, resolving a case also avoids both the risks inherent in any litigation, as well as the very significant legal costs associated with a lengthy trial.

In the APPCB case, mediation took place over the summer and, while some smaller parts of the litigation were resolved, the claims are still outstanding. That does not prevent the parties from reaching a resolution on their own or, once the case gets closer to trial, with the help of a pre-trial judge.

As for next steps, the discovery phase needs to be completed, after which the case can be set down for trial. Given the number of parties and the range of issues, a trial like this might take several weeks or even months. This means that, unless the parties can reach a settlement, a trial decision may be several years away.

Is it time to name the bridge?



Is it time to give an official name to the Airport Parkway Pedestrian Bridge? It is my hope that during 2017, we consider formally naming this bridge. What do you think? I am taking this opportunity to seek your feedback on whether it's time to officially name the bridge. Please share your thoughts with me.

Communications en français

J'estime important de fournir des services en français aux résidents du quartier Rivière, et toutes les communications qui émanent de moi et de mon bureau sont offertes dans cette langue. Afin d'économiser et d'ajouter du contenu à ce bulletin, j'imprime les numéros séparément, dans leurs versions française et anglaise. J'ai dressé la liste des personnes qui souhaitent recevoir la correspondance en français.

Pour vous faire inscrire sur cette liste, il vous suffit d'appeler mon bureau ou de lui envoyer un courriel, après quoi vous recevrez tous les bulletins dans la langue officielle de votre choix.

Events in River Ward

Nov 17 to Nov 25

Friends of the Farm 'Fall Frenzy' On-Line Silent Auction.
www.fcefottawa2016.eflea.ca

November 19, 2016

W.E. Gowling School Craft Show, 10am-3:30pm. 250 Anna Ave.

November 19, 2016,

Annual Bazaar, 10am –2pm. Riverside United Church, 3191 Riverside Drive near Walkley.

November 19, 2016

Windsor Park Manor, 990 Hunt Club Road, Christmas Bazaar. 10-2.

November 20, 2016

Friends of the Farm Guided Tree Tour at 2 pm. Tree forms and shapes, selecting trees for a purpose. Meet at Museum parking lot (SW of the traffic circle). Free to the public, register at info@friendsofthefarm.ca.

November 22, 2016

The Ottawa Central Park Community Association Annual General Meeting is on Tuesday November 22 at 7pm. 120 Central Park Dr (Park Place Retirement Place)

November 26, 2016

The Carlington Arts Initiative will be on November 26 from 2 to 4 in the Alexander Community Centre. Art for all ages.

November 26, 2016

Boutique Fair, 10:00 a.m. -2:00p.m. Riverside United Church, 3191 Riverside Drive near Walkley.

November 26 and December 10, 2016

Carlington/Caldwell MarketMobile, 1520 Caldwell Avenue 1:15 to 2:45 pm.

December 3, 2016

St. Elias Antiochian Women's Christmas Bake Sale & Luncheon. 10:30am - 1:30pm at St. Elias Centre, Ridgewood Ave.

December 11, 2016

Join with members of the Riverside United Church for their Carols Service. Music and fellowship begin at 7pm.

December 16 and 17, 2016

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1017 Prince of Wales Drive, invite you to join in an Ottawa Outdoor Family Christmas Tradition. The Nativity is performed live on Friday, December 16 and Saturday, December 17 at 7pm and 7:45pm (French presentation Fri at 7:45pm).

January 7, 2017

River Ward Free Movie Night at Carlington Recreation Centre, Caldwell Avenue, 6pm.

January 18, 2017

Carlington Community Association General Meeting will be held on January 18th from 7 to 9 pm in the Alexander Community Centre.

January 28, 2017

Carlington Cup Hockey Tournament on January 28, 11 am to 4 pm hosted by the Carlington Community Association on the new Sens Foundation rink.

February 18, 2017

Carlington Community Association Mini Shiny and Hockey Day in Canada from 11 am to 2 pm on the new Sens Foundation rink next to the Alexander Community Centre.

February 25, 2017

River Ward Free Movie Night, Hunt Club—Riverside Park Community Centre, 6pm.

March 25, 2017

River Ward Free Movie Night, Alexander Community Centre, 6pm.

April 29, 2017

Garage Sale, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Riverside United Church, 3191 Riverside Drive near Walkley.

May 12, 2017

St. Elias Church Mother's Day Event

May 22, 2017

Watch for Carlington's Family Fun Day which will have a special theme this year around Canada's 150th birthday!! This popular event will be held at Alexander Park from 11 am to 4 pm on May 22nd.

River Ward Photo Album



Giuseppe Nicastro received the City Builder Award for his work in the community. (September 2016)



Showing off my library card at the launch of the new bookmobile on Caldwell Avenue. (October 2016)



With the graduating class of Camp FITT (Female Firefighters in Training), aimed at encouraging young women to consider a career in fire fighting. (August 2016)



With John Fraser, MPP, Leslie McDiarmid, South East Ottawa Community Health Centre, David McQuinty, MP, and Mayor Jim Watson at the Hunt Club Community Festival, held Sept 10, 2016 and hosted by the Hunt Club Community Organization.



Visiting Artrageous and getting a tour of the art. Artrageous is held annually at St. Elizabeth School in Carlington each May. Students create artwork themselves and then sell all of it back to the community.

Ottawa 2017 Events

2017 marks Canada's 150th birthday. You are encouraged to participate in the many celebrations planned across the city throughout the year.

Some exciting events include:

Mar 3-4: Red Bull Crashed Ice on the Rideau Canal locks between Parliament Hill and the Chateau Laurier.

Mar 15-18: Stanley Cup 125th tribute events coinciding with Canada's 150th birthday with the Stanley Cup 125th Evening Gala, Wed March 15.

The Stanley Cup returns home to Rideau Hall during the March break and welcomed back by Governor David Johnston on Thursday, March 16.

Members of the public can have their photo taken with the Stanley Cup inside the residence at Rideau Hall (under portrait of Lord Stanley).

Stanley Cup Meet & Greet with NHL hockey legends Friday March, 17 in the Aberdeen Pavillion along with a Stanley Cup 125th Tribute Concert at the Canadian Tire Centre featuring theatre and musical performances.

Stanley Cup Monument Ground Breaking Ceremony on March 18 at Sparks Street to mark the anniversary of birthplace of Stanley Cup.

March 27-April 2nd the Capital will come alive with Canadian music as artists descend on the capital for seven days of music and celebration at downtown venues and culminating with Ottawa hosting the 46th annual

June Awards at the Canadian Tire Centre April 2nd.

June – Sept

UME: an underground multimedia extravaganza projected in one of Ottawa's future light rail transit stations will highlight the large scale infrastructure project.

July 1st Canada Day celebrations at Major's Hill Park and Parliament Hill.

July 2nd Interprovincial Picnic on Alexandra Bridge (tickets are sold out)

July 9 –Sept 10 Northern Lights Sound and Light Show on Parliament Hill,

Shows are presented nightly at 10:00 pm in July, 9:30 pm in August and 9:00 pm in September.

July 16-22 Sky Lounge takes 22 guests 150 feet in the air to experience fine culinary cuisine.

July 26-30 La Machine comes to the capital. This large scale theatre performance group based in Nantes, France is world renowned for their large scale machines that seemingly come to life. You can see performances at Chaudiere Island, Lebreton Flats, Byward Market or in the downtown core.

To cap off a year of celebration, Ottawa is set to host The **105th Grey Cup** at TD Place Stadium at Lansdowne Park on **Sunday November 26.**

December 31 Year end celebration events take place on Parliament Hill, Wellington and Elgin Streets.



Annual Community Safety Night



On October 19, 2016 I hosted my 2nd Annual River Ward Community Safety Night at the Hunt Club—Riverside Park Community Centre that was attended by 100 residents and 17 businesses and organizations. Safety presentations from Ottawa Police Service, Bylaw Services and Ottawa Fire Services were well received.

Beautiful Gardens

It was my honour to once again recognize a number of River Ward gardeners for their beautiful floral displays at their homes in our community. Each received a Certificate of Appreciation and a bag of Canada 150 Tulip bulbs.

From top: Natalia Zubkova of Central Park was recognized for her amazing display at the corner of Staten Way and Central Park Drive. Many residents commented as they passed by that the flower beds were a pleasure to view.

Middle: Gary Taljit of Bourbon Street was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his and his wife Sharon's wonderful floral display at their home in the Hunt Club neighbourhood.

Bottom: On Vanhurst Place it was my honour to recognize two individuals for their work on the flower beds on the islands of the street. Barb Hoerger and Kenella Johnston were given Certificates of Appreciation and tulip bulbs for their work in keeping Vanhurst Place beautiful.



It was my honour to chair the City's Summit on Education and Economy on October 21, 2016. His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada delivered the keynote address. Seated to my right are Mayor Jim Watson and Bruce Lazenby, Regional Group of Companies.

Photo credit: MCpl Vincent Carboneau, Rideau Hall, ©Her Majesty The Queen in Right of Canada represented by the Office of the Secretary to the Governor General, 2016.

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Tuesday & Friday 8:30-4:30pm

3320 Paul Anka Dr

Hunt Club-Riverside Park

Community Centre

Join us for the 2017 River Ward Movie Nights!

River Ward
MOVIE NIGHTS



Saturday
Jan 7, 2017
Carlington Recreation
Centre

Saturday
Feb. 25, 2017
Hunt Club -
Riverside Park
Community
Centre

Saturday
Mar. 25, 2017
Alexander
Community
Centre

Courtesy of...

Riley Brockington

City Councillor (River Ward)
Conseiller Municipal (Quartier Rivière)

For more information, or to volunteer at this event, please call 613-580-2486.

Stay tuned for movie titles and further information on these exciting FREE movie nights in River Ward.



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