



COUNCILLOR/CONSEILLER  
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# Councillor's Report

## Hunt Club Community Association - September 14, 2020

### River Ward E-Waste Depot: September 26

You are invited to bring your old electronic devices to the Hunt Club – Riverside Park Community Centre on Saturday, September 26 from 10-4pm. Anything with a battery or plug is accepted. I am partnering again this year with Junk that Funk for this annual Earth Day event that had to be postponed due to COVID-19.

COVID-19 protocols will be followed strictly at this event. Please stay with your vehicle, wear a mask, and follow all directions by staff on site.

- The Junk that Funk crew will be wearing masks and gloves for your protection.
- Customers must stay with their vehicle and follow directions of staff on site for where to park.
- Junk that Funk staff will remove items from your vehicle.
- Wear a mask if you must exit your vehicle.
- Drive away when vehicle cleared.
- Conduct a self-assessment before attending the event <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/>.
- Do not attend the E-Waste Depot if you do not feel well or have been in recent contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

River Ward is the reigning champion for greatest volume of e-waste collected at these annual events. Let's ensure we continue to hold the title!

### Back to School

I have been working with the City's Traffic and Bylaw Services, emphasizing the need to ensure safe passage to school for students this fall. Bylaw Services have committed to focussing on school zones to ensure traffic flow and safety for the students during early September. With more families choosing to drive their children to school, Ottawa Police, Ottawa Bylaw, and Traffic Services will need to be vigilant in their enforcement of speed and parking regulations in school zones.

If your child is returning to school in September, take some time to consider the best transportation options for your family. If you are not putting your student on a school bus, please consider walking or biking to school.

### Benefits of walking or biking to school

Children need at least 60 minutes of physical activity each day. Finding ways to fit this into a daily routine is hard for

busy families. Walking or biking to school helps solve this issue and both are easy ways for children to become more independent, spend time outdoors and, in many cases, save time.

Children who walk or bike to school on a regular basis also benefit in the classroom with:

- improved concentration
- better stress-coping abilities
- reduced feelings of isolation
- increased social interaction

Other benefits include reduced traffic congestion in school zones and reduced greenhouse-gas emissions. Visit [School Active Transportation](#) for more information.

### Supporting Schools During COVID

Ottawa Public Health (OPH) is working with local school boards to implement provincial standards and guidance to support the reopening of schools. Keeping COVID-19 transmission low at the community level will be key to preventing the introduction of the virus into schools. The primary goal is to make the return to school as safe as possible, balancing the risk of COVID-19 transmission with reducing other harms to the well-being of students, families and staff. OPH is partnering with school boards to address ongoing questions and concerns of families, school staff and students regarding COVID-19 and provide the most current information possible.

### Ottawa Public Health's Role

- Support School Boards in their reopening plans and provide public health information and support implementing provincial standards and guidance.
- Facilitate knowledge exchange through various platforms with stakeholders and the school community by ensuring ongoing engagement and active listening.
- Provide infection prevention and control advice to schools for both in-school and transportation scenarios.
- Manage COVID-19 cases and outbreaks, including providing guidance to schools on confirming and controlling outbreaks.
- Support testing and surveillance of the school population.
- Provide ongoing support through a dedicated Public Health School Nurse who will be assigned to an area of schools and can assist in responding to school specific inquiries and make regular visits to the schools.

- Provide age-appropriate resources on COVID-19.
- Provide Mental Wellness Support including the development of school resources and tools on topics like resiliency, positive coping skills, and reducing stress and anxiety. Facilitate linkages to resources and community supports available for school staff, students and their families.

### School Board's Role

- Develop and implement reopening plans following guidelines and recommendations from the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education and Ottawa Public Health (OPH).
- Communicate with the school community about COVID-19 prevention measures and how cases and outbreaks will be handled, in collaboration with OPH.
- Support OPH, and other stakeholders as appropriate, with the investigation of cases, contacts, and outbreaks.
- Ensure accurate records of staff and students' attendance, as well up-to-date contact information for staff and students that can be accessed in a timely manner for investigations and communications.
- Facilitate training of school staff with respect to outbreak prevention and control measures and the use of personal protective equipment (PPE).

### Mask Bylaw Update

To help limit the spread of COVID-19 as schools and businesses reopen, City Council on Wednesday, August 26 extended, until the end of October, the temporary by-law that makes masks mandatory in indoor public spaces. Masks are also now mandatory in the common areas of condos and apartment buildings. Council can extend the temporary by-law again at a future meeting.

For more information on the extension of the mask bylaw, visit <https://ottawa.ca/en/health-and-public-safety/covid-19-ottawa/temporary-mandatory-mask-law>.

### Service Resumption Update – Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Centre

The Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Centre began a gradual re-opening with limited program offerings on September 8. The facility hours at this time are Monday to Friday, 7:30am to 8:00pm and Saturday/Sunday 8:30am to 5:00pm. At this time, the doors will be closed to the general public and only those participating in activities will be permitted access to the facility. The only exception to this will be residents wishing to access the library kiosks and lockers once those services resume (date to be announced). All those entering the facility will be required to wear a mask and answer screening questions. A staff member will be posted at the door to assist clients and respond to inquiries.

### Ward Office

The Ward Office is open by appointment only at this time.

### Fitness Classes

The HCRPCC is offering reduced Group Fitness Drop-in Classes that will run from **September 15th to October 12th, 2020**. Each class is booked in the FULL GYMNASIUM, with a max of 30 clients.

September 15<sup>th</sup> to October 12<sup>th</sup>

Reduced Group Fitness Schedule – Fall 2020					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:30-10:30 AM	8:30-9:30 AM	9:00-10:00 AM	8:30-9:30 AM	10:15-11:15 AM	9:00-10:00 AM
Strength	Cardio	Strength	Cardio & Strength	Strength (starts Sep 25 <sup>th</sup> )	Cardio & Strength
Morgan	Gill	Ana Maria	Krista	Andrew	Doreen
	10:15-11:15 AM				
	Strength (starts Sep 22 <sup>nd</sup> )				
	Andrew				

\*Andrew's classes will begin the week of September 22<sup>nd</sup>

Online class booking system started displaying the Fitness Schedules as of this afternoon (Monday, Sept 14).

These classes are Drop-in Classes, meaning you can either pay for the individual class (\$8 - Senior or \$9.25 - Adult) or purchase a membership passes. Please do not hesitate to contact 613-580-2990 for more information.

Please note:

- Instructors/Clients must wear masks, until class begins (if they leave their area, they must put it back on);
- Everyone will be screened at the front door upon entry;
- **You can book up to two days in advance;**
- 20 online spaces and 10 walk in spaces available per class;
- Visit <https://reservation.frontdesksuite.ca/rcfs/EMP> for online spaces;

If you encounter any difficulties booking online, you can also call the Front Desk for assistance at 613-580-2990.

They are working diligently to complete the schedule for both Registered & Drop-in Fitness Classes that would begin on October 13th, 2020.

### Re-opening of the Cardio/Weight Room

The Cardio and weight room opened on September 8 with limitations on use such as:

- Limit of 4 people in the room at one time to ensure adequate, safe space per person
- Some machines will be closed off to ensure social distancing is maintained at all times
- A Cardio/Weight attendant will be supervising the space at all times to ensure that clients abide by covid protocols and to provide assistance when required.
- Clients can book a 90 minute session via the Front Desk Suite website up to 2 days in advance. There will be 2 online spaces and 2 walk-in spaces available per timeslot. Clients may call the customer service desk (613-580-2990) for assistance with booking their timeslot if required.

### October 13 - Resumption of registered programs

A reduced number of registered programs will be offered starting October 13. Class sizes will be smaller to

accommodate physical distancing requirements. The schedule is being developed and will be released once finalized.

### **Bookmobile Has Returned**

The Bookmobile is now offering a return and holds pickup service at 10 stops, with a modified schedule. No appointment is needed to return items or pick up holds at the Bookmobile. Unfortunately, browsing the collection on the Bookmobile in person is temporarily not possible. In River Ward, the Bookmobile schedule is as follows:

- **Hunt Club** (temporary Kiosk Service), 3310 McCarthy Rd, Mondays, 2-3:30pm
- **Riverside**, 747 Ridgewood Ave, Tuesdays, 9:30am-noon
- **Hunt Club**, 3310 McCarthy Rd, Wednesdays, 2-5pm

Note - the two Hunt Club stops will be combined eventually once locker pickup resumes.

### **Cannabis Retail Application in Hunt Club Community**

The Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario has notified the City of Ottawa that an application for a license to operate a cannabis retail store has been made for the property at 3310 McCarthy Road, Unit 2006 (Hunt Club Centre Plaza) across the street from the Hunt Club – Riverside Park Community Centre.

I have formally objected to this application, as well as the Hunt Club Community Association and the City of Ottawa, due to its proximity to the community centre and McCarthy Park, and the many children and youth in the immediate community.

### **Night Work on Riverside Drive This Week**

The contractor for the Riverside Drive paving project is expected to undertake some overnight paving work this week to complete the project. The contractor stated that the work needs to be performed overnight as to minimize traffic disruption and potential safety hazards to the public and their staff by working at the time where traffic and pedestrian congestion is greatly reduced. The exemption is granted until September 18.

### **Stage 2 LRT – South Keys Station Piling Notice**

As work progresses on the Stage 2 Trillium Line, South Keys Station construction continues with piling tentatively planned for the first week of September until September 21. In order to maintain the schedule, TNext has requested a noise exemption to complete the work overnight. I have pushed back on this request. This work will be taking place during the daytime and possibly nighttime as it is a critical activity for the station construction and maintaining the project schedule. City officials are working with TNext to minimize the pile driving that would be conducted in the overnight hours as much as possible. The Project Manager has advised that the schedule for South Keys station is far more compressed than the other locations as the track needs to be reinstated from Walkley Yard to Lester Road to facilitate freight deliveries to the National Research Council.

This added project complexity stems from the federal regulatory obligations on the Trillium Line.

### **Hydro One Vegetation Maintenance Work**

My office was informed that in beginning in 2021, Hydro One will be removing trees and other vegetation that pose a risk to the electricity system. As part of this work Hydro One crews will be removing trees and other vegetation that can grow into or near the power lines and towers and trim and remove trees and other vegetation that can fall into the power lines and towers. Residents within the work area will be provided with a public notice from Hydro One prior to work commencing. Below is a map of the expected work in your community.

### **South Keys Station Pathway Detour**

A portion of the Sawmill Creek MUP and underpass will be closed until Spring 2021 to allow crews to begin construction on the South Keys station. A new temporary MUP will be built on the northern side of the construction site to detour the public around construction activity. Work will take place between 7am and 5pm until Spring 2021, though this schedule is subject to change. Pedestrians and cyclists will be detoured around the construction zone and should watch for signage installed near the construction site.

### **Bronson and Airport Parkway Paving**

Bronson Ave, south of the Rideau Canal, all the way to Brookfield Road is currently being repaved and work will continue to the end of September.

Surface repairs to the Confederation Bridge that spans Heron Road are complete and now the underbelly of the bridge will see multiple months of repairs, requiring the closure of one lane of traffic in each direction on Heron Road.

### **Hog's Back Bridges**

Both federal bridges that span sections of Hog's Back Road are under extensive repairs this year.

The NCC owned swing span that spans the Rideau Canal is slated to be completed by **October 1, 2020**. Hog's Back Road between Colonel By Drive and Prince of Wales Drive is slated to open at the same time.

The Parks Canada stationary bridge over the waterfall is slated to be completed by **December 31, 2020**. Hog's Back Road between Colonel By Drive and Riverside Drive is slated to open at the same time.

### **Cracks on Airport Parkway Multi-Use Pathway**

I am aware of the deep cracks in the pavement on a section of the Sawmill Creek multi-use pathway and I would advise residents to please use caution when traveling by bicycle. I have raised this matter with City staff who are looking into correcting the matter for good. The issue has to do with the soft soils underneath the pathway that shift and cause cracks in the pavement. Stantec Engineering has been retained by the City to

assess the site and provide recommendations for the long-term rehabilitation of the pathway. Stantec is expected to begin the investigation shortly and complete their reporting in the Fall.

### **Cathodic Protection of Watermain on Hunt Club**

The City of Ottawa will begin the Cathodic Protection of Watermain works on Hunt Club Road from Paul Anka Drive to Uplands Drive in September. This work is being conducted to extend the design life of watermain pipes by adding a liner which will help to reduce the risk of watermain breaks. The work should take approximately two days to complete. Lane reductions and alternating traffic can be expected during construction to accommodate the work.

### **Ward Boundary Review – Public Consultation Sessions**

The second round of public consultation opened on August 19 and run until September 25, 2020. It is aimed at receiving feedback from residents, key stakeholders, and Members of Council on the six ward boundary options. This round will result in a Recommendations Report, which will be considered by the Finance and Economic Development Committee and City Council in December 2020.

Provide your feedback online at [ottawa.ca/wardboundary](http://ottawa.ca/wardboundary) or register to take part in one of the virtual consultation sessions on Zoom.

The remaining sessions are:

- Citywide - Sept 19, 10am-12pm
- Rural—Sept 22, 7-9pm
- Urban—Sept 23, 7-9pm

Following registration at [ottawa.ca/wardboundary](http://ottawa.ca/wardboundary), you will receive an email with a passcode and login information.

### **Improvements to OC Transpo Community Pass Application Process**

OC Transpo has introduced an enhancement to the Community Pass application process, making it easier for customers to apply or renew their pass.

The Community Pass provides discounted rates for Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) beneficiaries. Customers are now able to complete their application remotely over the phone (613-741-4390), eliminating the need to travel to a customer service centre. The option to apply in person will remain available at the Rideau Centre location.

### **Glad Cleaning the Capital Program Fall Campaign**

The annual GLAD Cleaning the Capital Program Fall

Campaign received the green light to go ahead as part of Phase 2 of the City's Recovery Plan and kicked off with Early Bird Registration which opened August 15.

With gatherings permitted of 100 people when outdoors, while maintaining physical distancing, the program was able to proceed. Registered participants will receive the necessary documentation regarding health & safety procedures for COVID-19 to ensure a safe process is followed. Register your cleanup projects online at [Ottawa.ca/Clean](http://Ottawa.ca/Clean) or by calling 613 580-2424, extension 13458. The campaign will run from September 15 – October 15.

### **Tree Planting this Autumn**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Forestry's Spring 2020 planting season was postponed and new planting requests were put on hold. As part of the autumn tree planting, Paul Landry Park will be getting seven new trees. Uplands-Riverside Park will get nine.

Residential trees are also being planted this fall. If you have a request in for a new tree through 311 and want to confirm if you are on the list for a tree planting this fall, feel free to call my office to verify if your address is on the list.

Forestry Services' Fall Planting Program will run this year and planting requests for 2021 are now being accepted. Planting program information can be found at [Ottawa.ca/forestry](http://Ottawa.ca/forestry).

### **Older Adult Summit—Autumn 2020**

My office is reviewing and planning to host the Annual River Ward Older Adult Summit in some capacity in late October or early November. We will work with Ottawa Public Health to ensure all COVID-19 protocols are in place. The event would be scaled down from previous years and would be limited to two guest speakers in a 90-minute session.

Before I plan any further, I seek your input as to what your comfort levels are with an indoor event (limited to 45 people). If demand is strong, I will consider hosting one session in the afternoon and one in the evening. Your safety is my top priority. If the Older Adult Summit was planned for later this autumn, would you consider attending?

Please let me know at [Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca](mailto:Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca).

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