



Proudly serving all residents of River Ward

Dear Neighbours and Residents,

I trust you are well, had a restful summer and continue to enjoy autumn. As the cooler weather arrives we will soon be spending more time indoors.

Don't forget that River Ward has some of the City's best wooded walking trails, a 5km groomed cross country ski trail at the Terry Fox Athletic Centre and Mooney's Bay Park, spectacular toboggan hills, the Carleton Heights Curling rink, dozens of outdoor community-run ice rinks, the JA Dulude Arena and Deborah Anne Kirwan indoor pool. Enjoy the bounty that our ward has to offer. With the on-going COVID pandemic, it is important to ensure your basic needs are and will continue to be met. If you need any type of assistance with grocery and/or medication delivery or require assistance in getting to medical appointments, please contact my office.

A number of residents are struggling with the lack of social interaction and a never ending deluge of media coverage. It is ok to not be ok. There are resources available for you if you seek assistance. The main organization my office refers people to is the Distress Centre of Ottawa and Region. They can be reached by calling 613-238-3311.

With the exception of a few days away this past summer with my daughters, I have been at City Hall every day since the pandemic started. The volume of inquiries and requests for assistance from local residents has never been higher.

I anticipate reopening the Ward Office in the Hunt Club - Riverside Park Community Centre once the centre fully reopens to the public. Currently only those registered for classes or a fitness session may enter the building. However, if you wish to meet with me face-to-face, please call my office and we can make the necessary arrangements.

I have used my time during the pandemic to successfully champion a number of battles including allowing community gardens to open during the shutdown, staggered reopening of library services, offering summer camp programs, advanced the re-opening of the City's beaches and once again secured funds to keep the Mooney's Bay Pavilion open until Thanksgiving on weekends. I worked with the Ridgemont community in the ward to welcome homeless men who lived in the Jim Durrell Arena for a couple of months, and the City's Community and Social Services Dept expanded their offerings in the Travelodge, which has been used as a family shelter for a number of years.

Thanks to my staff, we reached out to hundreds of residents in the early weeks of the pandemic to touch base and to ensure everyone was well. To promote small businesses, I continue to profile various businesses in the ward on my social media and shop locally whenever possible. Please support our local small businesses. They contribute to vibrant and



Supporting River's Ward small businesses will be the key to our recovery. Premier Cleaners on Merivale Road in Carlington is a family-run business that has felt the brunt of COVID-19 like so many others. Nitesh Naidu (middle) and Shobha Vedantam (right), welcome you to their store and promise excellent service. During the course of the summer, I visited many local businesses in an effort to help promote their services to residents. It is very important to support them. Early in the Pandemic, my office developed an interactive map featuring all open River Ward grocery and pharmacy locations to help people know where they could shop online, curbside and/or instore.

diverse neighbourhoods, as well as employ our residents and sponsor our local sports teams and social clubs.

Working closely with the Ottawa Police Services, I continue to identify streets in our ward that need their attention, particularly due to chronic speeding, road racing, excessive car noise and stop sign running. I have worked with residents across the ward on road safety projects and I remain laser focused on expanding speed enforcement technology where warranted,

not just in school zones. This will continue to be a main priority for me, on your behalf.

Let us remember those who lost their lives to COVID and those who were seriously ill. Many have lost their jobs. Take care of yourself. Help your neighbour. Ensure you are prepared for the pending winter. Let me know how I can help you.

Be safe. We will prevail.

Sincerely yours,
Riley



Ottawa Chief of Police, Peter Sloly

Thank you for this opportunity to speak directly with the residents and business owners in River Ward. It is important to keep the lines of communication open and I am excited to give you a snapshot of what our officers have been up to, not only in your neighbourhood, but across Ottawa.

Almost a year ago, I stepped into the role of Chief of Police in the Nation's Capital and while there have been challenges, I'm optimistic about the future of the Service. Ottawa is a beautiful city and we have enjoyed going out as a family and getting acquainted with the diverse and vibrant neighbourhoods in this community.

In July, we released our 2019 Annual Report that gives an overview of the steps we have taken as an organization to build a foundation that will help us to get to where we need to go. It's a story about the Ottawa Police's commitment to continuous improvement and making meaningful, needed change. It's a story about a police service that continues to demonstrate a willingness and ability to adapt to the constantly and, in some

Open Letter from Peter Sloly, Chief of Police

cases, exponentially shifting societal landscape, in order to ensure that we are able to effectively, equitably and ethically serve all the people of this city while providing a healthy, safe and rewarding workplace for all of our members. Those building blocks have afforded us the ability to roll out several new initiatives in 2020 that will help to strengthen our Service both internally, and in how we provide service to the community.

We are on the right track.

Last October, the Carlington/Caldwell and Banff/Ledbury neighbourhoods in River Ward were selected as two of the first areas to launch our Neighbourhood Resource Teams (NRTs). This initiative was so successful that we expanded our initial three teams into six in 2020. I want to thank you for your time and input to help us better-serve your community, it has helped us in the development and deployment of our NRT program. The NRTs will be the cornerstone of community policing in Ottawa and will continue to grow and develop in the coming years.

NRTs are made up of frontline officers, Community Police Officer, School Resource Officers and Traffic Services Officers, who work collaboratively with community leaders to develop a tailored approach to policing for each neighbourhood. The goal is to provide a more holistic approach to issues of social disorder and crime by networking with other City services as well as the people who live and work in these communities. By working together to develop solutions, we can implement meaningful and lasting change.

Dangerous Driving

One of the top complaints we receive from residents city-wide are concerns about speeding, aggressive driving, and excessive noise on our streets.

Our Traffic Services team launched Operation Overwatch earlier this spring with the goal of reducing those types of drivers on our roads. To-date our officers have issued over 3,100 tickets for speeding, stunt and distracted driving. Locations were selected based on reports submitted by residents, helping us to identify problem areas of the city so that we can better-direct our resources. I encourage you all to submit traffic complaints using our online system at ottawapolice.ca/onlinereporting any time you witness dangerous driving.

Project Noisemaker was specific to targeting drivers for excessive noise and other violations. Since its launch on June 18, Project Noisemaker has issued over 1,000 provincial offence notices, 56 Part III Summons, and six criminal charges relating to things like a loud muffler, unsafe modifications to a vehicle, cannabis or alcohol-related offences, as well as driving without a licence.

COVID 19

As we all collectively deal with challenges during this pandemic, I want to assure you that OPS will continue to maintain capacity in order to effectively respond to calls for service. We have ensured that all of our officers are equipped with the proper personal protective equipment (PPE), and updated on emerging legislative changes from the Province.

As a resident, it's important that you are doing your part, too. Wear a mask when you go out in public, maintain physical distancing, and follow the good guidance

set up by Ottawa Public Health (OPH) to keep you and your family safe. Our OPH partners have a wealth of information available on their website at OttawaPublicHealth.ca, but I also encourage everyone to look into what mental health resources and supports are available, too. This pandemic has taken a toll on everyone, so it's important to recognize any signs or symptoms and reach out for help if you need it.

Don't forget to check in on your family and neighbours—from a physical distance, of course—to see how they are doing, too. Isolation affects everyone differently and we are seeing the results of that here in our community.

We are all in this together. With the colder months approaching, it will become even more important to stay connected socially, but distanced physically.

Stay safe,
Chief Peter Sloly
Ottawa Police Service

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.

River Ward Development and Infrastructure Updates

The following is a brief summary of development applications and infrastructure projects in River Ward that have evolved since the April Bulletin. If you would like detailed information on these or any other development, please contact my office.

Brigil Development – 729 Ridgewood Avenue

Over the past several months Brigil has been working on some initial development plans for the property. The initial vision is proposing a mixed-use development of retail and commercial with residential units with a mixture of bachelor, 1, 2, and 3 bedroom units. The proposed buildings are 25, 10, and 7 storeys respectively. The buildings will surround an interior courtyard / public gathering space.

On October 1, 2020, I attended the Urban Design Review Panel's review and assessment of Brigil's initial vision for the development of the property. The Panel provided extensive comments on the proposal. They liked a number of components and were professionally critical of others. As a result, the public information session I had tentatively scheduled for October 29 will be postponed, should Brigil decide to go back to the drawing board. Although the Panel's recommendations are not binding, Brigil acknowledged they will review their preliminary proposal to possibly make modifications.

I will keep residents up to date on this important development file.

1330 Carling Avenue and 815 Archibald

A development application was submitted in June for the property located at 1330 Carling Avenue and 815 Archibald Street. This is the southwest corner of the intersection at Carling and Archibald, east of the Travelodge site. The site is currently occupied by 2nd Chance Auto Sales.

The proposed development is a 24-storey, mixed-use building with commercial uses at-grade and 175 residential units above. The building is designed with a five-storey podium and a tower. Resident and visitor parking is located underground with surface parking spaces provided to serve the proposed commercial/retail uses.

The application is currently under review.

1356 Clyde Avenue (College Ward)

The City of Ottawa received a Zoning By-Law Amendment application for the property at 1356 Clyde Avenue. This property is located on the northwest corner of the Baseline and Clyde intersection. The application is to permit the construction of a 24-storey and 28-storey mixed-use building with 468 residential units, commercial and retail space at grade, and some office space on the lower levels of the building.

The application is currently under review.

1110 Fisher Avenue

On July 15, City Council approved a development application for a 9-storey, 62-unit building where a single house once stood. The property is located on the west side of Fisher Avenue on a vacant lot between Turnbull School and Trent Street. The approved application has been appealed to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT). I did not support this development application.

1354-1376 Carling Avenue

Development has been approved for the property at 1354-1376 Carling Avenue. The property is located on the south side of Carling Avenue, west of Merivale Road where the Travelodge currently stands. The approved development consists of two, 20-storey towers and one, 22-storey tower fronting onto Carling Avenue as well as two, 8-storey buildings. Site Plan Approval for construction has been

extended until January 1, 2021. The extension is necessary as the development team requires more time as they actively seek their building permit approvals and site plan registration to begin construction.

Hog's Back Road Bridges

Work to repair and replace the major components of the NCC swing bridge on Hog's Back Road is now complete. The section of Hog's Back Road between Prince of Wales and Colonel By Drive was opened to traffic on October 5 with intermittent 10-20-minute closures until October 31. Work continues on the Parks Canada fixed bridge over the Hog's Back Falls with the expected opening of that section of Hog's Back Road between Riverside and Colonel By to occur by the end of the year. Final paving of the road is expected to occur in Spring 2021. Federal government investment is approximately \$18 million.

Baseline Road Bus Rapid Transit Plan

Baseline Road is identified for the future construction of bus-only transit lanes within the centre median along Baseline Road from Heron to Bayshore Station. Phase 1 of the project is estimated at \$165 million.

In order for this project to move forward funds are required from the provincial and federal governments. Future public consultation as part of the final design package will be required prior to any implementation.

This project is several years away, however I wanted to ensure that residents were aware of the project and provide a brief update.

Claymor – Falaise – Senio Infrastructure Renewal

Work is ongoing for the major water, sewer, and road renewal on Claymor Avenue, a section of Falaise Road, and Senio Avenue. The section of Falaise Road between Prince of Wales and Claymor was completed first to mitigate impacts with the beginning of the school year at Carleton Heights Public School. The current focus of work for the remainder of 2020 is on Claymor between Falaise and Normandy. In 2021, the work will shift to the rest of Claymor between Normandy and Meadowlands and to Senio between Normandy and Falaise. All works associated with this project, including the final paving and landscaping, will be completed in 2022. City investment is approximately \$7 million.

Lepage Larkin Larose Infrastructure Renewal—Project Postponed

I was recently notified that the City of Ottawa has postponed the Lepage-Larkin-Larose infrastructure renewal project due to conflicts with LRT construction. A major watermain shutoff is required for this project which coincides with a major watermain shutoff in the east end. Both major watermains can not be offline simultaneously. There is no risk/impact to Carlington residents. We are hopeful this project will be back on schedule in 2021. City investment is approximately \$5 million.

Riverside Drive O-Train Bridge Rehabilitation

Work has commenced on the O-Train bridge rehabilitation project over Riverside Drive, north of Heron Road.

For this construction season, no lane closures on Riverside Drive are needed other than minor interruptions during off-peak traffic hours. In 2021, construction will take place over two stages, wherein all Riverside Drive southbound lanes will be closed and bi-directional traffic maintained on the east side of the bridge during Stage 1, and all Riverside Drive northbound lanes will be closed and bi-directional traffic maintained on the west side of the bridge during Stage 2. There will be periods in 2021 where complete

closure of the bridge will be required to raise the bridge and replace the bearings. During a complete closure, traffic will be detoured onto Heron Road and Bronson Avenue for northbound movement on Riverside Drive, and onto Data Centre Road and Heron Road for southbound movement on Riverside Drive. City investment is approximately \$3 million.

Transportation Master Plan (TMP) Update

The scope of work for the TMP Update (which includes updates to the Active Transportation Plan, formerly the Ottawa Pedestrian Plan and Ottawa Cycling Plan) was approved by Council on June 12, 2019. The approved scope of work identifies completion of the TMP Update in April 2022. That timing was based on a set of key milestones that are listed in the Scope of Work, which includes a new Origin-Destination (OD) Survey, coordination with the Official Plan review, and public consultation milestones. Work on the TMP Update is currently underway, with the first phase of consultation completed in January 2020, and the second phase launched recently with an online consultation closing October 23.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the OD Survey, originally scheduled to begin in Q3 2020, has been deferred. Any data collected would not be representative of long-term trends or valuable to the TMP Update. The start of the OD Survey has therefore been rescheduled to the autumn of 2021.

The deferral of the OD Survey means that it will not be possible to complete the TMP Update as originally scheduled. Allowing for the new OD Survey timing, as well as the municipal election in October 2022 and the transition to a new Term of Council, the revised completion date for the TMP Update and new Active Transportation Plan is the fall of 2023. In the interim, staff will continue to advance transit, road, cycling and sidewalk projects based on the current TMP and the 2019 City-Wide Development Charges Background Study, and subject to annual capital budget approvals.

To keep informed on the TMP progress, visit [Ottawa.ca/TMPUpdate](https://ottawa.ca/TMPUpdate).

Speed Enforcement Technology

Speed limits are not suggestions. They are the law. And they exist to keep vulnerable road users, like school children and older adults, pedestrians and cyclists, with a degree of safety.

Since July 2020, the City of Ottawa has four speed cameras in use, rotating through seven identified school zones. Regrettably, this technology is limited to school and safety zones only. I have always taken a strong stand that restrictions on locations should be few and municipalities be given broad authority in installing the technology where warranted. The safety of all road users, particularly in residential communities continues to be a major priority for me as your Councillor. You may find more information on the current program at <https://ottawa.ca/en/news/follow-sign-avoid-photo-get-picture>.

New Bus Shelter Coming to Carlington

Each year, OC Transpo has the opportunity to install a limited number of new bus shelters city-wide as part of their annual Bus Stop Improvement Program. This year, a new shelter will be added in Carlington at Admiral and Crerar, stop #2427, as part of this program. I will continue to press OC Transpo for additional shelters across River Ward, particularly in areas frequented by older adults and other vulnerable persons.

Recent suggestions for benches near the Coady Coop will be reviewed as part of the 2021 Bus Shelter Program.

If you have a location to suggest, please send me a note at Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca.

Community Gardens Flourishing in River Ward



This past summer, I joined volunteers at three of River Ward's Community Gardens. On July 13, we officially opened the Mooney's Bay Community Garden at the Riverside Mall property (top photo). Then, in late July, I visited both the Carlington Park Community Garden (centre) and the new Maudlin Matilda McEwan Community Garden (bottom) at the Emmanuel Apostolic Church on McCarthy Road. These projects are all a testament to the hard work and dedication of local volunteers. It is great to see improved food security for many local families. Have an idea for a new community garden location? Send me a note at Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca.

Get Growing Hunt Club

This past spring, in the middle of a pandemic, a team of volunteers from the Hunt Club Community Association, led by Barb Shea rolled up their sleeves and put their ideas together to start **Get Growing Hunt Club**. Their mission was simple, to encourage and help teach aspiring gardeners how to start and maintain backyard and container vegetable gardens, in order to help with food security issues in the community. After a whirlwind start, they were successful in their inaugural season of distributing 450 vegetable gardens kits. This fall, the participants were encouraged to share their bounty with neighbours and the Heron Emergency Food Shelter. I look forward to seeing what will grow from this initiative in 2021.

Ottawa's Anti-Racism Secretariat

In 2019, under Councillor Rawlson King's leadership, City Council established the policy unit at the City of Ottawa to address systemic racism in our community. The Anti-Racism Secretariat will target systemic racism by adopting an anti-racism approach concerning the way City government develops policies, makes decisions, evaluates programs and monitors outcomes. The Secretariat will use an equity lens framework to address anti-Black racism, Islamophobia, anti-Semitism and discrimination that Indigenous people face. The Secretariat will seek to identify and eliminate systemic barriers for racialized people by addressing challenges concerning employment equity, equity in governance, housing, economic development, health outcomes and youth development. The City of Ottawa will be seeking input from residents on their ideas on how to better address racism in our city. A survey will be launched in the coming months to support the conversation about systemic racism and to strengthen efforts to end it. Learn more at [Engage.Ottawa.ca](https://ottawa.ca/Engage).

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Stage 2 LRT Update South Extension Progress in River Ward

Construction crews working on the Stage 2 Trillium Line Project have been busy through the summer.

In order to make the best use of fair-weather months, the focus this construction season has been on progressing rail-over-road bridges primarily located along the southern extension, widening the guideway in the north end of the alignment, and moving forward with station refurbishment and construction.

In River Ward, work is well underway on a new Maintenance and Storage Facility (MSF) in the Walkley Yards where the newly expanded fleet of trains will be washed, repaired and maintained once construction is complete. Construction has also begun on the rail bridge at the Ellwood Diamond, which, once complete, will allow the Trillium Line to pass over the VIA rail tracks. Later this year, work will also begin on the rail bridge over Hunt Club Road. Crews working on both structures will drill caissons, or deep foundations, before pouring the columns and pier caps that will ultimately support the bridge decks that allow trains to proceed without impacting other rail lines or



Photo of the Walkley MSF steel frame

motorways.

While station activity is not expected to ramp up until 2021, work is visible at South Keys Station; a portion of the Sawmill Creek multi-use pathway (MUP) and underpass have been detoured in order to allow construction on the new transfer station that will connect the mainline with the Airport Link. Crews will also begin to mobilize at Mooney's Bay and Greenboro Stations to demolish existing platforms in order to construct longer ones that will accommodate new trains with greater capacity. And finally, the remainder of 2020 will see the start of mobilization and foundation work at the site of the new Walkley Station.

For more info visit Ottawa.ca/Stage2.

Ward Boundary Review Update

The City of Ottawa is reviewing its ward boundaries. The last major review was completed in 2005 and established the City's 23 wards.

Ward boundaries must be reviewed periodically to balance population numbers and achieve other components of effective representation, as established by the Supreme Court of Canada and Ontario's Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (formerly the Ontario Municipal Board).

Since the last major ward boundary review 15 years ago, Ottawa has seen considerable population growth, especially in suburban wards outside the Greenbelt. Some wards are growing twice as fast as others, creating population imbalances.

The Ottawa Ward Boundary Review 2020 is meant to establish boundaries that can be used in at least three municipal elections (2022, 2026 and 2030) and, perhaps, a fourth municipal election in 2034.

Based on direction from City Council, an independent, third-party consultant team is conducting the Ottawa Ward Boundary Review 2020 to ensure it is objective and impartial. The team is consulting the public, Members of Council and stakeholder groups, including school boards.

The project included two rounds of public consultation where residents and businesses were able to share their thoughts through surveys and discussions.

Initially, five options were proposed by the independent consultants with the following impacts on River Ward:

Option 1 increases the number of wards to 25, with 13 urban wards, 9 suburban wards and 3 rural wards. More or less keeps River Ward as is.

Option 2 increases the number of wards to 24, with 12 urban wards, 9 suburban wards and 3 rural wards. More or less keeps River Ward as is.

Option 3 maintains the current number of wards, 23, and includes 11 urban wards, 9 suburban wards and 3 rural wards. Splits River Ward at Heron Road. Merges northern half in to Capital Ward, merges southern half in to Knoxdale-Merivale Ward. Ridgemont goes to Gloucester-Southgate.

Option 4 also maintains the number of wards at 23. It also includes 11 urban wards, 9 suburban wards and 3 rural wards. The boundaries for each ward are different than those in option 3. Splits River Ward at Heron Road. Merges northern half in to Capital Ward, merges southern half in to Knoxdale-Merivale Ward. Ridgemont goes to Gloucester-Southgate.

Option 5 reduces the number of wards to 17, with 9 urban wards, 6 suburban wards and 2 rural wards. Splits River Ward into 4 different wards.

On July 9, 2020, City Council directed the consultants to create a 6th option that would mitigate the impact on wards that don't have a population imbalance.

Option 6 increases the number of wards to 24, with 12 urban wards, 9 suburban wards and 3 rural wards. It minimizes ward boundary changes. More or less keeps River Ward as is.

Following a on-line discussion with River Ward's Community Association Presidents on July 22, whereby we discussed the ward boundary review and preliminary options, some of which are very intrusive on the geographic boundaries and communities of River Ward, I immediately picked up the phone and arranged a conference call with the consultants. In speaking with them, I underlined the need to keep Carlington and Hunt Club intact (there were proposals to also dissect these neighbourhoods) and the desire of Ridgemont to stay within River Ward. The consultants listened and when they developed Option 6, the ward is more or less as we know it today with the community's requests honoured. The noted changes refine the southern boundary to Hunt Club Road, eliminating the residential, commercial and airport from the ward along the south side of Hunt Club and includes the addition of the Westgate Shopping Centre lands, currently in Kitchissippi Ward and Canadian Tire / Corel block of the south side of Carling Avenue between Clyde and the Queensway.

My preferred Option at this time is Option 6.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

You may find more information about this review here: ottawa.ca/wardboundary.

The History of the Dominion Observatory

How often do you check the time on your phone or watch? It is something we do all day – we can't do without it. You could be forgiven if you did not know that time was first officially established in Canada at the Dominion Observatory - long before the National Research Council's time clock. A signal from the observatory's clock was electronically transmitted to approximately 700 government clocks in Ottawa and they were able to display precise time by 1930. After 1941, this time service was available across Canada and the Dominion Observatory became the official time supplier.



the observatory in 1974. At the time it was transferred to and then displayed in the Canadian Museum of Science and Technology. Today it is preserved in its long-term collection storage since the recent renovation in the hopes of being restored by the museum's conservationists.

At one time there were public tours in order to keep astronomy at the forefront of people's mind – the observatory was the perfect setting. But times change and the change was the fire code. For tours to continue a staircase would have to be affixed to the outside to provide an emergency fire exit. This would have ruined the architecture so one was never installed.

The observatory's nearby tiny building is the Photo Equatorial, an excellent example of an eclectic blend of Romanesque Revival and Edwardian Classicist styles. Built to shelter astronomical equipment, the Photo Equatorial Building is an elegant, octagonal building that resembles an English Baroque tempietto.

The astronomer's home was constructed in 1907 on the same property and is now a historic site. It stands next to a weeping willow and is used by the NRC as an office.

If you drive by on Carling Avenue or take the time to walk around the grounds of the Dominion Observatory, you now know its history.

As you walk down a leafy Maple Road, a quick turn down the aptly named Observatory Crescent puts you straight in front of a grand structure - the Dominion Observatory. It was constructed between 1902-1905, in a time when Canada was easing away from Britain and showing its independence. Canada needed to demonstrate that it was serious in the pursuit of science and the observatory was meant to be a statement.

As you enter the building there is a concrete pier that tapers up to the dome, this is where the telescope used to sit. The dome was custom built for the telescope which had already been made before the construction of the observatory even commenced. The telescope was saved and removed from



On June 12 I presented Barbara Carroll and the staff at the Debra Dynes Family House with a Certificate of Congratulations on their 25th Anniversary signed by Mayor Watson and myself.



Jack Kitts retired this year as President and CEO of The Ottawa Hospital. On June 25 I visited him at the Civic Campus to wish him well and thank him for his years of service on behalf of River Ward residents.

Reminder - Winter Weather Parking Ban

The Winter Weather Parking Ban is beneficial to the City's winter operations team as it greatly assists in ensuring the City's roadways are free of vehicles when operations staff are clearing during a snow event. This results in more efficiencies and significant savings for City operations. The ban also allows City crews to clear roads sooner, clear roads closer to the curbs, and help to prevent ice build-up experienced in previous years. Having to return to local residential streets due to the presence of parked cars is a significant cost to the City and can result in poor maintenance over time.

Residents are reminded that City staff have the ability to put the winter parking ban into effect any time snow is forecasted at 7cm (Example 5-10cm predicted) or more during the day or overnight.

As soon as a Winter Weather Parking Ban is deemed necessary, the City will use various forms of communications to let residents know when to expect the Ban. This includes social media, Ottawa.ca, the City's App, TV and radio notifications. I encourage all residents to sign up to receive an email letting them know about the Winter Weather Parking Ban. I will also share overnight park ban information via Twitter (@RiverWardRiley.)

I would also encourage residents who tend to park on the street to please consider alternative options when a snow event is forecasted including discussing with neighbours if an extra parking spot is available at a neighbouring home, temporarily parking in a City designated Park and Ride location and/or access to a Municipal Parking Garage overnight.

The City of Ottawa also offers residents the ability to ban parking on one or both sides of a residential street through a community-led petition process. Seasonal parking restrictions (December 1 – March 31) can be implemented on residential streets to improve winter maintenance if the required support (66%) is achieved through a local petition. If this is something that you wish to take on, please contact my office. Please note any requests moving forward would be for Winter 2021-2022.

What to expect during a winter storm

Minimum depth of snow before we deploy		End of snowfall – time needed to clear snow
At accumulation	Major roads – Highway 174 and Transitway	
2.5 cm	Downtown core, winter cycling network	4 hours
5 cm	Secondary roads	6 hours
5 cm	Most sidewalks	16 hours
7 cm +	Most residential roads	10 hours
*** A significant snow or ice event may require service adjustments ***	Bus Stops	24 hours

History of River Ward Street Names

Paardeberg Avenue

The Battle of Paardeberg (February 18-27, 1900) was the first major engagement for Canadian troops in the South African War. Following a few minor skirmishes after arriving in Africa, the Royal Canadians merged with a British brigade to surround enemy forces along the Modder River. The Boers had a position near the Paardeberg Drift and on February 18, 1900, Canadian forces went on the attack. The highest single-day losses suffered in the conflict came on the battle's opening day when 18 Canadians were killed and 60 were wounded. There were four thousand Boer casualties - almost ten percent of the entire enemy army. The sustained Canadian attack convinced the Boer commander that he could not hold his position. Later that morning, he surrendered to the British - the Battle of Paardeberg would be the first significant victory for the British forces in the war. Paardeberg is located in River Ward's Ridgemont neighbourhood.

Walkley Road

Walkley Road is most likely named after land-owner Enoch Walkley, who owned property in the township of Gloucester and the county of Carleton, which today is Riverside Park. Enoch Walkley opened a brickyard in Bytown in 1802. In 1833, following the decline of the log cabin, he erected the first all-brick house in Bytown. With time and an increase in prosperity, brick and stone became the preferred building materials in Ottawa.

Ortona Avenue

Allied forces, including Canadians, invaded Italy in July 1943, opening up a new front in southern Europe. First came the capture of the island of Sicily, followed by a slow advance up the mainland of Italy. In December 1943, as part of the Allied advance through Italy, Canadian forces fought one of their toughest battles of the war in a bid to capture the town of Ortona. Finding it impossible to venture along the streets, Canadian troops resorted to "mouseholing." Although taught in some British battle schools, none of the Canadians in Ortona had previously heard of this tactic. Instead, they invented it out of need. Explosives packed against the connecting wall of two buildings blasted an opening through which the soldiers advanced. The month-long campaign with vicious street fighting in the town itself cost more than 2,300 Canadian casualties. Ortona Ave is located in River Ward's Carleton Heights neighbourhood.



Around the COMMUNITY



Helen Synek (centre) has been a volunteer at the Caldwell Family Centre for the past thirty years. On August 20 she celebrated her 80th Birthday by hosting a personal fundraiser for the Centre.



It was an extremely busy season at Mooney's Bay Beach this year and I was pleased to greet this year's team of lifeguards and open the beach season on June 27.



Floral Award Winners

This year's floral award nominations came in from across the ward. It was great to visit one sunny day in July and see as many as I could.

I would like to thank all the nominators for taking the time to recognize their neighbours for their hard work maintaining their floral and vegetable gardens.

This year's nominees include:

- Earnest and Alma Cowan, Dorchester Ave
- Andy Birrell and Joy Houston, Condor Ave (pictured above)
- Fiorina Gabrielli, Apeldoorn Ave
- Marilyn and Richard McGregor, Quinterra Circle
- Hazel Mainville, Debra Ave
- Marketa Graham, Mooney's Bay Place.

An honourable mention is also given to Troy Dodd of Carlington for having one of the best vegetable gardens I have seen.



On August 29, along with the Riverside Park Community Association and Brigil, we co-sponsored a Riverside Park Day at the Brookfield Restaurant to celebrate this iconic local restaurant and promote the importance of small businesses. Pictured above are myself, Mayor Watson, Joyce Aboud (Brookfield Restaurant) and Joel Duff and Travis Croken of the RPCA.



Melissa Arslan of Ridgemont in River Ward received the Governor General's Award for Academic Achievement at Franco-Cité this past June. With her mother Nur Arslan attending, I presented her (centre) with a certificate of congratulations signed by myself and Mayor Watson. Melissa is studying at the University of Ottawa this fall.



Sue Holloway, Olympic Medalist and River Ward resident, joined me at the Rideau Canoe Club for the announcement that the 2021 Canoe Kayak Canada Sprint National Championships are coming to Ottawa next summer. Also attending were CKC representatives, Tourism Ottawa, RCC executives, Mayor Watson and Councillor Fleury as Sports Commissioner.



On September 26 I hosted my annual E-Waste Depot (postponed from April) in partnership with Junk that Funk at the Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community Centre. The response was amazing with over 549 drop offs of 28,000lbs of electronic waste. This included 5000lbs of old televisions alone. This was our biggest year to date, exceeding 2019's numbers by 50%. My next e-waste depot will be in April 2021.



The Jackie Holzman Bridge was officially opened on September 10. This pedestrian and cycling bridge spans Highway 417 between Harmer Avenue South and Harmer Avenue North. Former Mayor Jackie Holzman was on hand for the celebrations, along with family and friends, pictured above.

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Ottawa COVID-19 TESTING CENTRES (all by appointment only)

- Brewer Arena Assessment Centre, 151 Brewer Way., 8:30-7:30pm daily
- CHEO Assessment Centre (2months-17yrs old), 151 Brewer Way, 8:30-7:30pm daily
- Moodie COVID Care Clinic, 595 Moodie Dr. 9-3:30pm, Monday to Friday.
- Heron COVID Care Clinic, 1485 Heron Rd, 9-3:30pm, Monday to Friday.
- Coventry Rd Drive-Thru Assessment Centre, 300 Coventry Rd, 11:30-6:30pm daily (14 yrs +)
- Select Pharmacies across the City

For the most current information and links to book your appointment, visit OttawaPublicHealth.ca or call 613-580-6744.

4 REASONS TO SEEK TESTING FOR COVID-19:

- 1 You are showing COVID-19 symptoms
- 2 You have been exposed to a confirmed case of the virus as informed by Ottawa Public Health or exposure notification through the COVID Alert app.
- 3 You are a resident or work in a setting that has a COVID-19 outbreak, as identified and informed by Ottawa Public Health.
- 4 You are eligible for testing as part of targeted testing initiative directed by the Ministry of Health or the Ministry of Long-Term Care.



Coming Events in River Ward

Join me this autumn for a number of community events in River Ward.

My office takes your health and safety seriously and all events proceed under the guidance of Ottawa Public Health.

To register for either of these events or to get on my email list, simply send me an email at Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca



Older Adult Summit - October 29, 10am

The annual River Ward Older Adult Summit will be held on October 29 from 10am to 11:30am online using Zoom. We have invited the Council on Aging in Ottawa and Ottawa Public Health to provide informative presentations to residents about health and wellness during the pandemic. Sign up at Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca.

Holiday Fun Day - December 19

My office is coordinating a Holiday Fun Day on **Saturday, December 19** to celebrate the end of the year and the start of the Christmas Holiday Season. Details are still being developed. Watch for my November and December e-Newsletters for more information. Sign up at Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca.