



Councillor's Report

Hunt Club Community Association October 5, 2020

COVID-19 UPDATES

New Measures for Testing

The Ontario government is taking additional steps to respond to the second wave of COVID-19 and prevent and stop the spread of the virus, while safely keeping schools and businesses open. These include:

- Transitioning to appointment-based testing at Ontario assessment centres beginning Tuesday, October 6, providing certainty to patients as to when they can receive a test during the cold winter months and allowing assessment centres to conduct enhanced screening to ensure adherence to [the guidelines released on September 24, 2020](#);
- As of Sunday, October 4, assessment centres discontinued walk-in testing services, so the province's lab network can make significant progress in processing tests and to allow assessment centres the necessary time to reset, deep clean and ensure preparedness for the new appointment-based model;
- Continuing mobile testing and pop-up testing centres to reach vulnerable populations and provide targeted testing for long-term care, congregate care, and other vulnerable populations;
- Expanding the number of pharmacies where people with no symptoms within provincial testing guidance can get tested; and
- Implementing updated testing guidance for children to help parents determine when it is most appropriate for students, children and their families to seek a test for COVID-19.

Ontario is also taking longer-term actions to increase the province's test processing capacity so people can get their results faster, including:

- Increasing testing and processing capacity to 50,000 tests per day by mid-October and 68,000 tests per day by mid-November; and
- Introducing new testing methods once they are

approved by Health Canada, including point of care testing and antigen testing.

In Ottawa, your testing centres are:

- The Brewer Arena Assessment Centre at 151 Brewer Way. At this site, there is also a CHEO Assessment Centre for children over 2 months old and under 18 years old (same hours of service.) Open 8:30 am to 7:30 pm, 7 days a week
- The Moodie (595 Moodie Drive) and Heron (1485 Heron Road) COVID Care Clinics which are open from 9:00am-3:30pm, Monday to Friday.
- The Drive-Thru Assessment Centre on Coventry Road (300 Coventry Rd) open from 11:30am—6:30pm daily by appointment for those over 14 years of age.

For more information and instructions on how to book your COVID-19 test at any of these centres, visit www.Ottawapublichealth.ca/en/shared-content/assessment-centres.aspx or call 613-580-6744.

PHARMACIES BEGIN TESTING

Select pharmacies have begun providing testing for asymptomatic residents as of Friday, September 25. Here in Ottawa, 13 pharmacies were listed including the Shoppers Drug Mart store at 1180 Walkley Road (at Bank Street.) These tests will be performed by appointment only. You can make an appointment by calling the pharmacy at 613-737-3344.

New Provincial Regulations for Social Gatherings

On September 17, the Provincial Government mandated that private gatherings in Ottawa are limited to 10 indoors and 25 outdoors. The restrictions apply to functions, parties, dinners, gatherings or wedding receptions held in private residences, backyards, parks and other recreational areas. This is a direct response to the recent increase in cases in Ottawa over the past few weeks. Failure to comply to these restrictions can result in a fine up to \$10,000.

The new limit will not apply to events or gatherings held in staffed businesses and facilities, such as bars, restaurants, cinemas, convention centres or banquet halls, gyms, and recreational sporting or performing art events. With the temporary mask by-law being in place for the past two

months, the City's By-law and Regulatory Services will be stepping up its enforcement, moving away from warnings to issuing charges with fines.

People who are not exempt from the by-law and fail to wear a mask can receive a \$240 fine. Businesses or property owners who fail to comply with the by-law can receive a fine of \$490.

Fall Recreation Programming on Hold

Due to the evolving situation with the COVID-19 pandemic, the City is postponing its fall recreation and arts programming registration, which was originally scheduled to open on Monday, October 5 at 9 pm. Stay tuned for further updates and any program changes.

The Latest from Ottawa Public Health

The Ottawa Public Health website is a wealth of information including the following updates to the website this week:

- Ottawa Public Health has updated [COVID-19 Testing Information](#) on its website.
- Exposure site infographic: [a visual of the different exposure in Ottawa](#).
- Mapping of confirmed [COVID-19 in Ottawa](#).
- The daily [COVID-19 dashboard](#) provides up-to-date information on COVID-19 in Ottawa.

Learn more at [OttawaPublicHealth.ca](#).

AROUND THE WARD UPDATES

Upcoming Noise Bylaw Exemptions for Stage 2 Construction

My office has been advised of the following exemptions for noise overnight, related to the construction of Stage 2 LRT:

Utility Relocations

- Hunt Club Rd (eastbound) between Airport Parkway south bound off-ramp and Bridle Path – October 3 – 9 2020
- Hunt Club Rd (westbound) between Airport Parkway south bound off-ramp and Bridle Path – October 4 - 23 2020

Station Construction

- South Keys Station – October 2 – 30 2020

Rail Bridge Construction

- Between South Keys Station and Airport Station

– September 19 – October 19 2020

Transportation Master Plan—Public Engagement Opportunity

From September 21 until October 23, you will have an opportunity to provide input into the Transportation Master Plan Update and Active Transportation Plan by completing an online questionnaire on active transportation, on what a fair and equitable transportation system looks like, and on the new technologies that are changing the way we move around the city.

The questionnaire will be available online at [www.ottawa.ca/TMPUpdate](#) along with an introductory video, a discussion paper on new mobility technologies, and information on what was heard in Phase 1 of public engagement about your priorities and the vision for the future of Ottawa's transportation system.

Hog's Back Road Swing Bridge

The section of Hog's Back Road between Prince of Wales and Colonel By was scheduled to reopen today as the NCC completes the repair and replacement of the components of the swing bridge. Testing is scheduled throughout October so there may be occasional delays for motorists of up to 15-20minutes.

Reminder - 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.

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 a targeted testing initiative directed by the Ministry of Health or the Ministry of Long-Term Care.

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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.

Bank Street Redesign Working Group

As part of the Bank Street redesign project's next steps, working group meetings which were previously cancelled this past April, will be organized again in each Ward with representatives of several municipal organizations and community associations. The meetings will be hosted online and will allow respective community associations to discuss topics such as the road geometry, intersections, streetscaping, utility work, the road safety audit and construction staging. The working group meetings are scheduled to take place in the coming weeks. No date has been set aside at this time.

Future construction of this project is still at minimum 2-3 years away. I will keep the community updated as this infrastructure project moves forward.

Trillium Line Stage 2 Update

I recently requested an update from the Stage 2 Senior Management on the ongoing works along the Trillium Line. A detailed outline of the work along the LRT Line in River Ward can be found at this link:
<http://rileybrockington.ca/o-train-stage-2-lrt-extension-update/>

Fraud charges to Ottawa-Based Snow Removal Companies

The Ottawa Police Service (OPS) Fraud Unit conducted investigations into three Ottawa-based snow removal companies - Snow Vaporizers, Faul Properties and Altitude Snow Removal, from the winter of 2019/2020 in relation to fraud allegations made from members of the public.

The investigations revealed that the companies fraudulently obtained money for snow removal services. Funds were obtained by cash, cheque, e-transfer and credit card. According to the reports made to the OPS, little to no snow removal service was provided after payment was made.

The OPS has issued charges against the companies and individuals.

There is concern that there are additional victims that have not made reports to the police. If you or somebody you know were a victim of Snow Vaporizers, Faul Properties, or Altitude Snow Removal, please file a report to the Ottawa Police Service.

Final Household Hazardous Waste Depot of 2020

The third and final extended Household Hazardous Waste Depot for 2020 will be held at the Barrhaven Snow Disposal Facility (Strandherd Drive and Dealership Drive). The Depot will be open from **Wednesday, October 21 to Sunday, October 25 between the hours of 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.** For more info, visit Ottawa.ca/HHW.

Preparing for Next Year's Depot Events

With significant uncertainty around the future of the ongoing pandemic, and based on the success of the Extended Household Hazardous Waste Depot events to-date, city staff will be considering the possibility of hosting similar extended events in 2021 as a contingency measure.

School Bus Driver Recruitment

The Ottawa Student Transit Authority is looking for drivers. If you are interested in this job opportunity, please visit their website at www.OttawaSchoolBus.ca/drivers. Over 100 drivers are immediately needed to drive local students to and from school.

Online engagement with the City of Ottawa

The City of Ottawa wants your input on the projects, policies, programs, and services that affect your daily life. From open houses to workshops and online engagement opportunities, your feedback helps to shape City decisions.

Current online engagement links:

- [COVID-19: Share your thoughts](#)
- [Draft Budget 2021](#)
- [Energy Evolution](#)
- [Public charging stations for electric cars](#)
- [Anti-racism and ethnocultural relations](#)

The City offers residents a variety of opportunities to engage, share information and collaborate. You can weigh in on different online engagement opportunities using the City's new innovative engagement platform, [Engage Ottawa](#). To see a full list of current engagement opportunities, visit the [public engagement event page](#).

Did you receive my monthly e-newsletter?

Sign up to receive it directly to your inbox by sending me an email at Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca



My newsletter contains updates on city decisions, planning files, community initiatives and more.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2021 City of Ottawa Budget Consultations

This year, budget consultations will be held virtually through Zoom for residents to share their priorities with their city councillors. I will be participating in two different budget sessions and encourage you to sign up to participate in the discussion. Both will be held in the evening.

- **Monday, October 19, at 6:30pm** – I will be co-hosting a Budget Consultation with Councillors Theresa Kavanagh and Jeff Leiper.
- **Thursday, October 22, at 7pm** – I am participating in a second online 2021 City of Ottawa Budget Consultation with my colleagues Councillors Deans, Cloutier, and Menard.

To register for either webinar, send me an email at Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca and indicate which session you would like to attend.

Older Adult Summit—Oct 29, 2020

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.

Plans are still being developed but if you want to get on the list for this webinar session, please send an email to Andrea.Ward@Ottawa.ca to register.

WARD BOUNDARY REVIEW

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.



Mental Health Support You are not alone!

The COVID-19 pandemic is a very difficult time for many of us. It is normal to feel stressed and worried. Please know that there is help available in our community.



Help is available

If you or someone you know is having a hard time coping, please reach out for help.

Visit counsellingconnect.org to talk to a counsellor by phone or video.

This is a free service for all ages and you can get help for many different problems. You can get an appointment the same day or the next day.

Services are also offered specifically for First Nations, Inuit, and Metis people.

You can also call The Walk-in Counselling Clinic at 613-755-2277 or go to walkincounselling.com. They have services in English, French, Arabic, Spanish, Somali, Cantonese and Mandarin at different locations.

If you need to talk to someone right now, these services are here for you 24 hours a day, every day of the week.

- Distress Centre of Ottawa and Region at 613-238-3311 in English
- Tel-Aide Outaouais at 613-741-6433 in French
- Crisis Line at 613-722-6914, if you are 16 or older (Bilingual)
- Youth Service Bureau crisis line at 613-260-2360 or chat at chat.ysb.ca, if you are 12 to 18 years old or parent (Bilingual)
- Kids Help Phone at 1-800-668-6868 or text 686868 if you are under 20 years old (Bilingual)

For more resources and supports please visit OttawaPublicHealth.ca/COVIDMentalHealth

Financial Support

If you or someone you know is struggling financially due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there is information and support available from the Federal, Provincial, and Local governments. For more information visit ottawa.ca/support-and-assistance or call 311.



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