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Councillor's Report



Riverside Park Community Association AGM October 7, 2020

Thank you to the Riverside Park Community Association Board for your dedication, passion and advocacy for your community. It is through active, engaged associations like the RPCA that we are able to effect positive change in the community. I would like to welcome the new Directors to the RPCA. I also extend my deepest thanks to the returning Directors, as well as those who are departing, for their service on the Board.

DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

As Riverside Park slowly evolves to include new residential developments, we will soon welcome hundreds of new residents in 2021 with the opening of the Brookfield Road apartment complex.

Brigil, Canoe Bay and Norberry are likely to heat up in 2021 along with other projects in our neighbourhood.

ACTIVE DEVELOPMENT FILES:

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 concepts and were professionally critical of other major concepts. 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.

Canoe Bay Development

Construction timelines remain on hold. I am not aware when construction will begin for the Canoe Bay Development at 3071 Riverside Drive, however I do not anticipate any construction in 2020 and for the first half of 2021. I have been approached about some minor amendments to the site plan, however, no official application has been submitted to the City. Some of the potential amendments include an amendment to the underground parking ramp, reconfiguring some units from 1 bedroom to 2 bedrooms, elimination of some of the square footage of the commercial units along Riverside Drive, and to reconfigure to residential units along the ground floor. The preliminary changes to the units will result in a net decrease of approximately 40 units to the overall development plan. An amendment to the site plan would be necessary.

Norberry Residences Development Update

The City's Planning Department is currently awaiting the submission of the updated final materials and documentation relating to the Site Plan Control application for the expansion plans for the Norberry Residences (located at 2660 Norberry Crescent, 740-790-840 Springland Drive). All site plan issues have been resolved, and the applicant is currently updating their plans and studies. City Planning staff anticipate site plan approval this Fall.

As a reminder, the development consists of three new apartment buildings within the current Norberry Residences, all fronting Norberry Crescent, one in the north-east corner and two facing south, which would include the demolition of the current covered parking

garage with a complete replacement of a new parking garage. Reconfiguration of surface parking and landscaping, which will include the addition of visitor parking spaces to the semi-circular driveways of existing buildings is also part of the site plan application.

655-755 Anand Private Construction

Construction is ongoing at 655-755 Anand Private west of Bank Street between the Shoppers Drug Mart and the Walkley transit station. The approved project is for two 17 storey residential apartment buildings connected via a six-storey podium.

Over the next several months residents can expect to see the following work occur - continued site excavation to be completed in October, Enbridge Gas temporary service installation, concrete parking garage structure to ground level. Next year we will see the construction elevate beyond ground level.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Potential Development at 3243 Riverside Drive

I was recently briefed by the owner and development team for the property at 3243 Riverside Drive. This is on the east side of Riverside Drive north of Revelstoke. The owner is proposing to develop the property with eight three-storey townhouses units. Any type of development of this kind would need to through a Zoning By-Law Amendment application and Plan of Subdivision application. This concept plan is still in the very early stages and the owner does not expect to file an application until 2021.

2930 McCarthy Road

The property at 2930 McCarthy Road which received severance approval last year is now up for sale. This property is on the west side of McCarthy Road south of Walkley Road. It was severed into three lots, however is currently listed as one property.

Planning for the Future - Confederation Heights

I have, on several occasions, requested that the Federal Government begin to assemble a master plan for the future development of the Confederation Heights land. This is the land north of Brookfield, south of Heron and in between Riverside and the train tracks and is mostly occupied by commercial office buildings. The land is a prime candidate for future development with its proximity beside an LRT station and its easy access to downtown, Carleton University, the Airport, the future Civic Hospital and several communities along the way.

In recently speaking to the General Manager of Planning, Infrastructure, and Economic Development I was informed

that Canada Lands expects to hire a consultant by the end of this year where they project to undertake a 3-4 year planning process for the future development of the land. I will keep the community apprised when any public engagement is initiated.

LRT NEWS—UPDATES

On May 1, 2020, the Trillium O-train Line closed in order for the Phase 2 LRT Southern Extension to begin construction.

Extensive works will be undertaken, along with a heavy presence in River Ward, including a new pedestrian/cyclist bridge spanning the Rideau River beside the Trillium Line bridge, upgrades to the Trillium Line bridge, a newly rebuilt and lengthened Mooney's Bay Station, pathway lighting on the MUP from the MB Station to Brookfield Road, a brand new Walkley Station, line, switch and track upgrades.

Multi-Use Pathway (MUP) detour near Mooney's Bay Station

As part of the Stage 2 O-Train Trillium Line South Extension project, work is proceeding at Mooney's Bay station to lengthen the existing station platform. This required a temporary MUP detour to divert cyclists and pedestrians around the work zone. A paved detour has been created to route cyclists and pedestrians around the construction zone on the south side of the station. This detour will be in place until the work is complete.

As previously reported, I was successful in acquiring \$200,000 to add MUP lighting to this project from Mooney's Bay Station to Brookfield Road. Riverside Park residents have asked for this and it will be done.

Walkley Station Work—MUP closure

Also part of the South Extension project, construction is ready to begin at Walkley station, which requires the temporary closure of the Walkley MUP adjacent to the Trillium Rail Line. A detour will be in place to maintain uninterrupted access for pedestrians and cyclists and provide the crews space needed to perform the foundation work for the future Walkley Station. This detour is anticipated to be in place until September 2021.

Trillium Line - Brookfield Multi-Use Pathway (MUP) Detour

As part of the Stage 2 O-Train Trillium Line South Extension project, the next stage of work between Mooney's Bay Station and Walkley Station is ready to

proceed, which will require the installation of a MUP detour to route pedestrians and cyclists around the work zone near Sawmill Creek. The existing segment of the Brookfield MUP is now closed and a temporary detour is in place to maintain access between Brookfield Road and the pathway.



The is required to safely route cyclists and pedestrians around the work zone established to facilitate construction operations on the rail bridge over Sawmill Creek. Pedestrians and cyclists will be required to adhere to flagging personnel and detour signage to reach their destination.

Stage 2 LRT Updates

The Stage 2 team sends out regular newsletters on the progress of Stage 2 LRT construction.

You can read the most recent update [HERE](#) as well as [sign up for their newsletter](#).



OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE

Hog's Back Road Bridges

The majority of 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. There will be intermittent 10-20-minute closures until October 31st. Work continues on the Parks Canada fixed bridge over the Hog's Back falls with expected opening of that section of Hog's Back Road between Riverside and Colonel By to occur by the end of the year.

New Zebra Stripes and Pedestrian Light Adjustment at Walkley/Springland/Otterson

In September, I learned of an collision involving student crossing the road on his bicycle and a motor vehicle. After learning about this incident I immediately directed the City Traffic Branch to paint new large and noticeable 'zebra' paint markings at the intersection to bring more awareness to motorists. I also had the pedestrian light adjusted to allow and advanced opportunity for pedestrians to cross the road without any vehicles entering the intersection. I understand the motorist was charged as a result of the incident.

Dead Tree Removal at Mooney's Bay Park

Forestry Staff have marked a handful of dead trees in Mooney's Bay Park for removal. The Forestry Operations group will be scheduling the removals to be completed this month. Fall is the best time for removals in this park when there are fewer people using the property and the ground is still firm for equipment access.

New Additions: Following a meeting with senior Parks and Recreation officials last week, we will be developing a plan to add bicycle parking and wayfinding signage in Mooney's Bay Park in 2021.

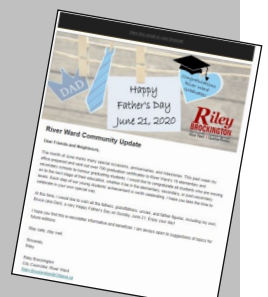
Tree Planting at Ernie Calcutt Park and Marble Park

The City of Ottawa will be undertaking tree planning at both Ernie Calcutt and Marble Parks. Ernie Calcutt will have 830 new trees planted, and Marble Park will have 440. The forested areas of these parks have been heavily impacted in the last few years with the removal of hundreds of trees due to the Emerald Ash Borer. These tree planting operations will be limited to removing vegetation that is directly competing with the surviving trees planted a number of years ago. Mature trees will not be removed here. This is simply to open up space for the planted trees to get above the competition and to replace trees that have died over the last few years.

Did you receive my monthly e-newsletter this past week?

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.



TRANSPORTATION UPDATES

Transportation Master Plan—Public Engagement

Opportunity

Until October 23, you 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.

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, road safety and construction staging. The working group meetings are tentatively scheduled to take place in October. No date has been set aside at this time.

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

Enforcement of On-Street Parking Limits

The City has resumed enforcement of parking in excess of time limits in all areas of the city, including those that are not marked with signs. Parking limits in unsigned areas are three hours, Monday to Friday, between 7 am and 7 pm, and six hours on weekends and statutory holidays, between 7 am and 7 pm.

OTHER CITY UPDATES

Committee Approves Budget Directions

The City's Finance and Economic Development Committee approved the 2021 budget directions and consultation timelines at its October 6 meeting.

The draft budget would include an overall increase of three per cent to the municipal tax rate. The average urban homeowner would pay an additional \$115 on their annual property tax bill.

The draft budget will be tabled at a special meeting of Council on Wednesday, November 4. The budget is scheduled to be adopted by Council on Wednesday, December 9.

On page 6 you will find information on upcoming Budget Consultations where you can provide your feedback on the 2021 City of Ottawa Budget.

Short term Rental Regulations Update

City Council was briefed on September 24 with an update on the timelines for bringing forward the framework to regulate short-term rentals in the City, further to Council's approval of the Report on Rental Accommodations Study and Regulatory Regime in November 2019. A short-term rental by-law and a companion zoning by-law amendment with a three-year term are currently being developed through various City Departments. While an original reporting-out date of late 2020 was planned, some delays in the development of the by-laws have occurred due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the resulting effects on the industry and availability of the municipal accommodations tax (MAT) as the funding source for these regulations.

At this time, City staff anticipate reporting in early 2021, with the potential implementation of the new regulations in mid-2021.

The short-term rental regulations currently being developed will provide options for residents to operate short-term rentals within their principal residence, or within vacation homes in rural areas, provided they obtain a permit first and comply with certain conditions aimed at protecting public safety and reducing community nuisances. Short-term rental of investment properties will continue to be prohibited throughout the urban area of the City. The permit system will make it easier to identify illegal listings and will include measures to revoke permits for problem addresses.

Final Household Hazardous Waste Depot for 2020

The final extended Household Hazardous Waste Depot for 2020 will be held at the Barrhaven Snow Disposal Facility (Strandherd Drive and Dealership Drive) from Wednesday, October 21 to Sunday, October 25 between the hours of 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

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](#).

Indoor Public Skating

Indoor public skating is available again by reservation at five City arenas:

- Bob MacQuarrie Recreation Complex – Orléans,
- Sandy Hill Arena,
- CARDELREC Recreation Complex – Goulbourn,
- Minto Recreation Complex- Barrhaven, and
- Bell Centennial Arena.

Additional arenas, including the Jim Durrell Recreation Centre closer to home, are expected to reopen on October 15 for more public and specialized skating sessions by reservation. Hockey programming, including shinny and adult pick-up are included in the fall recreation e-Guides at ottawa.ca/recreation.

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 has been completed as of 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](#);
- Assessment centres discontinued walk-in testing services on Sunday, October 4, 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:

- 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.

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.

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 it's 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.

COMING 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.



**Thursday
October 22, 2020
7pm - 8:30pm**

Join your City Councillors, representing South-Central Ottawa, for an informal online discussion of the 2021 City of Ottawa Budget and your priorities moving forward.

To register, contact your Councillor's office.

You will receive the Zoom link by email, prior to the meeting.



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Share your feedback on the City Budget! Contact your City Councillor or visit www.Ottawa.ca/Budget

Mental Health Support

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. 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.

Ottawa Public Health published a handout of Mental Health Resources recently (illustrated here.)

You can find printable copies on my website at <http://rileybrockington.ca/mental-health-supports-you-are-not-alone/>



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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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