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# Councillor's Report

## Carleton Heights Area Residents Association AGM October 27, 2020

Thank you to the Carleton Heights Area Residents Association Board for your dedication, passion and advocacy for your community. It is through active, engaged associations like CHARA that we are able to effect positive change in the community. It has been a pleasure working with you.

### DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATES:

#### Claymor Avenue Construction

Work continues on Claymor Avenue between Normandy and Falaise. The watermain and sanitary sewer installation (including services to each house) are now completed. The City's Drinking Water Services (DWS) staff will chlorinate the water and complete the service connections to each house. Following that, DWS will disconnect the temporary water hoses.

Work is now focused on the storm sewer installation on the west side of Claymor. Aecon will start preparing the road granular base for the paving of the baselift asphalt within first couple weeks in November.

At this time, the plan is to install a temporary asphalt sidewalk on the east side of Claymor. The contractor has deferred the installation of the concrete curb and sidewalk this year on Claymor as it is late in the year and the risk of settlement cracking and potential damage due to salting. It is best to install concrete a minimum of 45 days before the start of salting, otherwise scaling of the concrete surface is likely to occur. Pouring the concrete curbs and sidewalk in the spring will produce a better finished product.

In 2021, work will shift to Claymor between Meadowlands and Normandy, as well as Senio Avenue.

#### Work at Apeldoorn and Normandy (north)

A small section of work to repair the watermain and sewer at Apeldoorn and Normandy (north) is scheduled

to commence in the next two weeks. To properly conduct this work a road closure will be required a road closure.

Normandy Crescent will be closed from Valmarie Avenue to Claymor Avenue to accommodate the construction. The road closure is scheduled to occur on Monday November 9 at 7AM to Saturday November 14 at 6PM.

#### Prince of Wales Drive Asphalt

Work to install new skid resistant asphalt is now complete on Prince of Wales Drive in the northbound lane on the bend north of the Kochar/Normandy intersection. The new asphalt was implemented as an added safety measure to help avoid cars leaving the road on the bend.

#### Service Connections at 924 Normandy Avenue

Normandy Crescent (north) will be closed from Senio Avenue to Prince of Wales Drive from November 2 to November 5. Adria Concrete & Paving Ltd. will be connecting new services at 924 Normandy Crescent for a new infill detached home. Notification signs will be posted. Local and emergency vehicle access will be maintained.

#### 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. Access to Colonel By via Prince of Wales Drive is open. 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 2020. Final paving of the fixed bridge segment is expected to occur in Spring 2021.



## **TRANSPORTATION UPDATES**

### **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.

### **Long Term Interprovincial Crossing Plan**

The National Capital Commission is opening the first phase of public consultation on the Long Term Interprovincial Crossing Plan through an online questionnaire.

The NCC is developing this plan which will provide a strategic long-term framework to best manage crossings over the Ottawa River, as more and more people and goods cross back and forth between Ottawa and Gatineau.

Its development is a collaborative effort between federal, provincial and municipal governments.

This first online public consultation is ongoing til November 2. Reference materials and an online questionnaire can be viewed at the following link: <https://ncc-ccn.gc.ca/projects/long-term-integrated-interprovincial-crossing-plan>

### **Winter Road Maintenance and Repairs**

With the upcoming winter upon us, I would like to remind residents that if you see any roads or potholes that require maintenance or repair, please contact 3-1-1 and then my office who will assist with arranging for additional maintenance and repairs with City Supervisors. If a City snow plow has caused any damage to your front grass, please let me know and we will arrange for grass repair which typically occurs in the spring. I continue to push for budget allocation for road repair and renewal.

### **Public Works Transitioning Maintenance Activities**

In the coming weeks, Public Works will transition from summer activities like sidewalk repairs, ironworks, rural ditching and mowing to winter operations of snow clearing and removal. Roads and Parking Services team transitions over a two-week period in November to ensure they are ready for an early snowfall. You may see snow plows and snow clearing equipment out on the road ahead of the first snowfall as operators complete their annual training ahead of the winter season.

Clearing Catch Basins – Residents are asked to assist the City clear their local catch basin of leaves and debris. A clear catch basin allows water to drain off the road, making it safer for resident travel. As temperatures drop, water that is left on the road may freeze causing dangerous conditions. Small steps taken now to keep catch basins clear will help prevent water pooling on our roads.

### **OPS Traffic Enforcement Update**

As many of you are aware, I work closely with the Ottawa Police Service (OPS) on road safety enforcement initiatives. On October 9, the OPS released their statistics on two major campaigns that they undertook this spring and summer. Operation Overwatch was launched in late April targeting speedsters, stunt drivers and street racers across the City and resulted in over 5,000 speeding tickets issued and an average of 10 Stunt drivers stopped each week. Operation NoiseMaker was launched in mid-June. It resulted in 2,300 tickets issued including 1,400 for speeding. The NoiseMaker campaign was in response to enforcement requests specific to Street Racing and excessive/unnecessary noise generated primarily from aftermarket modifications to vehicle muffler and exhaust systems. Many tickets were issued in River Ward and I thank the Ottawa Police Service for these two campaigns.

### **Hit and Run Collision on Meadowlands Drive: police seeking witnesses**

The Ottawa Police Service Collision Investigation Unit is looking for any witnesses to a collision involving a pedestrian at the intersection of Fisher Avenue and Meadowlands Drive on 22 September 2020.

At approximately 8:17pm, a pedestrian was crossing on the crosswalk when a grey Honda Civic accelerated while turning into the crosswalk and struck the pedestrian. The vehicle did not remain on the scene. The pedestrian suffered minor injuries.

Investigators would like to speak with anyone who may have witnessed the collision or who may have information about this incident.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Ottawa Police Collision Investigation Unit at 613-236-1222, ext. 2481 or by email at [Collisions@ottawapolice.ca](mailto:Collisions@ottawapolice.ca).

Anonymous tips can be submitted by calling Crime Stoppers toll-free at 1-800-222-8477 or at [crimestoppers.ca](http://crimestoppers.ca).

### **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>.

### 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.

## CITY UPDATES

### Draft Budget 2021 to be Tabled on November 4

The City's draft budget for 2021 will be tabled at a special City Council meeting on Wednesday, November 4.

The draft budget will include a 3% increase to the municipal tax rate, which would see the average urban homeowner pay an additional \$115 per year. The city-wide levy, which funds most City services, would increase by 2.5 per cent, while the transit levy would increase by 4.6 per cent, for an overall three-per-cent tax rate. Council will adopt the final budget on Wednesday, December 9.

COVID-19 has put financial pressure on the City, with staff projecting a \$59.6-million deficit this year. Council received a report the second-quarter status of **this year's budget**, along with a year-end budget forecast. Although the City is currently in a good position with cash flow, a resurgence of COVID-19 could worsen cash flow and the projected deficit.

### 2021 Budget Meeting Schedule Committee / Boards / Commissions

Environmental Protection, Water & Waste Management Committee	Nov 17
Transit Commission	Nov 18
Community & Protective Services Committee	Nov 19
Police Services Board	Nov 23
Audit Committee	Nov 24
Planning Committee	Nov 26
IT Sub-Committee	Nov 30
Ottawa Board of Health	Nov 30
Finance & Economic Development Committee	Dec 1
Ottawa Public Library Board	Dec 1
Transportation Committee	Dec 4
Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee	Dec 3

### Cannabis Retail License Application in Carleton Heights

I was informed at the end of June that a cannabis retail application was received by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission in the Shoppers Drug Mart strip-mall on the southwest corner of the Prince of Wales and Meadowlands intersection, with the civic address 888 Meadowlands Drive. Working together, CHARA, the City of Ottawa, local residents, and myself, submitted letters of objection to the proposed location because it is within 150m of an active-use public park (Hog's Back, Rideau Canal Locks, and Rideau Canoe Club) and is also across the street from the Boys and Girls Club. At this time, the application is still under review by the AGCO and no retail license has been granted.

### New Official Plan – Transect Presentation Invitation

The City started to develop the new Official Plan around the 5 Big Moves of: growth, mobility, urban design,

resilience and economic development in 2019. Community engagement occurred across the city to discuss these key concepts. You may have seen our team at one of over 70 events across the City. This feedback was incorporated into the Preliminary Policy Directions presented to Council in December 2019.

Through the discussions so far, the City has had over 50,000 engagements with residents and will continue our equity and inclusion informed outreach into 2021. This discussion is helping the city develop new ideas for the plan. One of the key cornerstones of the New Official Plan is the Transect approach, which means the City will plan by context.

The City is changing from a previous approach to plan by land-use in order to recognize the specific needs of neighbourhoods in different parts of the City. The Transect approach will focus on “form and function” by planning for the appropriate shape of new buildings, their relationship with public space, and how they function to be informed based on which Transect you live in.

The City is proposing 6 different Transect areas across the city: Downtown, Inner Urban, Outer Urban, Suburban, Greenbelt and Rural. Five public presentations will help residents learn what this new planning approach will propose for their neighbourhood.

Find out when your Transect presentation will take place by checking out the [New Official Plan website](#).

### City Clarifies Provincial Restrictions Impact on Recreation Activities and Rentals

The City has received additional details on the Provincial modified stage-two restrictions and is providing a further update on impacts to its recreation activities and rentals – especially around the gathering limitations of 10 people indoors and 25 outdoors. Furthermore, masks must be worn in all facilities. The new restrictions have resulted in the closure of fitness and weight rooms and stopping all drop-in fitness classes and many indoor team sporting activities. Instructional recreation programs have been cancelled, with the exception of modified swimming lessons. While team sports using City facilities are limited to practices and drills, they must also restrict the number of participants to 25 outdoors and 10 indoors – a total number that includes both players and coaches. Public skating and skating lessons in indoor arenas have been suspended.

For full details please visit <http://rileybrockington.ca/city-receives-further-clarification-on-provincial-restrictions-impact-on-recreation-activities-and-rentals/>.

### 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.

### COVID-19 UPDATES

#### COVID-19 Testing Centres

On October 19, a new COVID 19 testing centre was opened in Orleans, to help provide additional testing locations and options for residents in the east end.

In Ottawa, your testing centres are:

- Brewer Arena Assessment Centre, 151 Brewer Way., 8:30 -7:30pm daily

### 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](mailto:Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca)

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



- CHEO Assessment Centre (2months-17yrs old), 151 Brewer Way, 8:30-7:30pm daily
- Moodie COVID Care Clinic, 595 Moodie Dr. 8-3:30pm, Monday to Friday. 6 months and older welcome.
- Heron COVID Care Clinic, 1485 Heron Rd, 8-3:30pm, Monday to Friday. 6 months and older welcome.
- Coventry Rd Drive-Thru Assessment Centre, 300 Coventry Rd, 10am-6pm daily (14 yrs + )
- COVID-19 Assessment and Care Clinic at the Ray Friel Rec Centre (1585 Tenth Line) in Orleans, 8-3:30pm, Mon-Fri. 6 months and older welcome.
- Select Pharmacies across the City

For the most current information and links to book your appointment, visit [OttawaPublicHealth.ca](http://OttawaPublicHealth.ca) or call 613-580-6744.

Links to the individual appointment websites can also be found on my website at <http://rileybrockington.ca/ottawa-covid19-testing-update/>

## Mental Health

While we continue learning to live with COVID-19. OPH is aware that many members of our community are feeling stressed, hopeless, and discouraged. We have been through so much together these last eight months. I encourage you to remain hopeful. Don't hesitate to think ahead to the time when the pandemic will end. One lesson from the past: health crises do pass. And it's up to each of us to do our part while we wait.

Ottawa Public Health and The Royal Mental Health Centre have collaborated to produce the "Protecting Your Mental Health" series to help protect and promote mental health in our community.

Please review the resources located [here](#), and share widely within your communities. The resources are intended to help you make choices to protect you and your families' mental health, as well as information about how and where to access mental health supports.

## CHEO Offering New Drive-up Mental Health Vitals Clinic

To safely meet the needs of children and youth who are accessing CHEO mental health services during the COVID-19 pandemic, CHEO has transformed its Montreal Road location into a drive-up clinic for monitoring vital signs — a necessary in-person service needed to provide the best care possible. It

supplements their ongoing virtual care and is designed to keep everyone as safe as possible with masking, physical distancing and limited time indoors.

The new drive-up clinic complements CHEO's outpatient mental health visits currently being done virtually. Regular vital-sign check-ups are an essential part of caring for children and youth with mental health needs, especially those who are taking medications.

Pre-pandemic this would have been done during a full, in-person visit. These check-ups assess height, weight, heart rate and blood pressure, and allow the care team to see how a child or youth is adjusting to a new medication, monitor for any negative side-effects, order bloodwork if necessary, and detect potential problems early.

With the launch of the new drive-up Mental Health Vitals Clinic, children and youth are able to quickly and easily have this important vital-sign check-in. The drive-up clinic is by appointment only, for children and youth referred by our Mental Health team.

## Influenza (flu)

The goal of OPH's influenza vaccination campaign is simple: surpass our previous years percentage of the population who get immunized. OPH hopes to reach individuals who typically don't present for the flu shot in a regular year.

Immunization against seasonal influenza is shown to reduce hospitalizations and deaths. The flu vaccine will not protect against COVID-19, but will help reduce an individual's risk of getting the flu and [COVID-19](#) at the same time. Having both illnesses together could put individuals at a higher risk for severe illness. Anyone aged six months and older who lives, works or attends school in Ontario is eligible to receive the publicly funded flu vaccine.

Residents can get their flu shot at the following locations:

- Health Care Providers
- Ottawa Public Health Community Clinics
- Participating Pharmacies
- Targeted outreach to congregate care settings and using a mobile RV and van to address specific areas with outstanding needs

When more people get their flu vaccine, the odds of the flu virus spreading goes down. This protects those who are most vulnerable. Elected officials are encouraged to highlight the vaccination campaign to their constituents through promotion in community newsletters, on social

media and in your daily interactions. Elected officials and other community leaders promoting their experience with getting the flu shot can go a long way in convincing those who don't typically get their shot to get vaccinated this year.

Please help OPH get the word out. Getting your flu vaccine is good for everyone.

More information regarding participating pharmacies and Ottawa Public Health's Community Clinics can be found at [ottawapublichealth.ca/flu/](http://ottawapublichealth.ca/flu/).

### COVID-19 Response Site – Champlain Community Support Network

Seniors and adults with disabilities can access support services during the COVID-19 pandemic through the [Champlain's COVID-19 Response Website](#).

Information on the following resources can be found on the website:

- Meals on Wheels

- Transportation to medical appointments
- Telephone Safety Checks
- Access to social programs by phone or online
- Help with food and grocery delivery
- Caregiver Support
- Dementia Support
- A Friendly Voice – telephone visiting line for seniors who may be feeling lonely or isolated

### Coming Events

#### Older Adult Summit—Oct 29, 2020

The annual River Ward Older Adult Summit is being held this Thursday, 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. There is still time to register, simply send an email to [Andrea.Ward@Ottawa.ca](mailto:Andrea.Ward@Ottawa.ca) and she will send you the link.

# River Ward's **OLDER ADULT SUMMIT**

*Virtual edition*

**Thursday, October 29**  
**10am - 11:30am**  
*Online with ZOOM*

Join City Councillor Riley Brockington & special guests, including **Ottawa Public Health** and the **Council on Aging in Ottawa**, for the annual River Ward Older Adult Summit

This year's topics include:

- Health and Safety for Older Adults in a Time of COVID; and
- How to Stay Active in your Home during the Winter Months

**Register to attend by emailing [Andrea.Ward@Ottawa.ca](mailto:Andrea.Ward@Ottawa.ca).**

*You will receive the link to the meeting following your registration.*



## 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 as current restrictions would prevent an in-person event from occurring. Should the current restrictions be loosened for Ottawa, we hope to have a controlled, family-friendly event on that date. Please watch for my December e-Newsletter for more information. Sign up at [Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca](mailto:Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca) to receive updates on this event.

# 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](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://ottawa.ca/support-and-assistance) or call 311.



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