



COUNCILLOR/CONSEILLER
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Councillor's Report



Ottawa Central Park Community Association AGM November 10, 2020

Thank you to the Ottawa Central Park Community Association Board for your dedication, passion and advocacy for your community. It is through active, engaged associations like OCPA that we are able to effect positive change in the community. It has been a pleasure working with you.

Year in Review

Site Plan Application for 130 & 136 Central Park Drive

In June, the City's Planning Department received a Site Plan Control application for 130 & 136 Central Park Drive. The site is located west of Celebration Park, and south of the existing Park Place Retirement Residence. The proposal is to construct an 8-storey and 10-storey seniors' residence, with a 1-storey podium connection. The proposal is the 2nd phase of the residences completed at 110 and 120 Central Park Drive. The new development proposes 344 rooming units, with 86 parking spaces, creating a total of 132 surface and 167 underground parking spaces for the two phases.

This application is strictly a Site Plan application. The required zoning approval was finalized in 2008, which allows this development to proceed on this site. Site Plan applications strictly deal with the finer components of a site development including landscaping, garbage storage, snow storage, and lighting, to name a few.

At this time, the Site Plan is still under review by City Planning staff. To view the Site Plan application and all associated documentation and reports, please visit www.ottawa.ca/devapps, and enter 130 Central Park into the file search tool.

1357 Baseline Road—Laurentian Plaza

The City of Ottawa's Planning Department continues to review the details of the Site Plan Application for the property at 1357 Baseline Road. This is the vacant parcel of land at the northeast corner of Baseline Road and Clyde Avenue, in the Laurentian Plaza. The proposed development is for a mixed-use building of primarily retirement home use, which consists of a single podium

and two towers that disconnect from a u-shape after the fifth storey. Both towers will be 15-storeys in height, with the westerly tower intended

for independent retirement living, and the easterly tower intended for a retirement lifestyle requiring a higher level of personal care and service. 15 storeys is the maximum height allowed and does not require a zoning amendment. Included in the plan are 400 residential units with 333 total parking spaces, mostly below grade.



Streetview looking north from Baseline Road

To view the Site Plan application and all associated documentation and reports, please visit www.ottawa.ca/devapps, and enter 1357 Baseline into the file search tool. The Site Plan is still under review however City Planning staff believe it will be finalized later this Fall.

Development Application for 1356 Clyde Avenue

In May, the City's Planning Department received a Zoning By-law Amendment application for a proposed 24-storey (north building) and 28-storey mixed-use (south) building with 468 residential units, commercial/retail space at grade, and some office space on the lower levels of the building. The property is the current location of the two single-storey strip mall buildings (Burger King) on the northwest corner of the Baseline and Clyde intersection. This property is just outside the boundary of River Ward, in College Ward.

On June 30, I co-hosted a public meeting with Councillors Chiarelli and Egli where several concerned citizens expressed their opposition to the proposal. The main noted concern was the height of the proposed buildings as well as the transportation circulation at the intersection and entering and leaving the property. At this point in time, no further information has come forward on this development proposal.

To see the details of the application, please visit www.Ottawa.ca/Devapps and search '1356 Clyde'.

Fiber Optic Installation - Central Park

Telecon has begun the installation of the new Bell Fibre Optic network in the Central Park Community. You may have noticed small flags and paint on neighbourhood streets, curbs and right of way indicating that the utility locates have been marked for this project.

If you have an underground sprinkler system, the contractor asks that you locate the sprinkler heads and mark them to assist in preventing any damage. If you need assistance with this, please flag down a Telecon employee.

The work commenced the week of November 2 and construction takes approximately 6-8 weeks for full completion. The work should take a couple of weeks on average for each street, depending on the street, the number of homes, the complexity of the landscaping, and the existing utilities. Work will be exclusively during the daytime hours.

You can email Telecon at customer.care@telecon.ca or by phone at 1-833-386-8227 to inquire about your property in relation to this project. I will also share updates with the Central Park Community through the Online Discussion Board.

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.

For a full overview of this project, please visit <https://ottawa.ca/en/city-hall/public-engagement/projects/baseline-road-rapid-transit-corridor-bayshore-station-heron-station-planning-and-environmental-assessment-study>.

Celebration Park Gazebo Update

The City of Ottawa will be installing a second gazebo in Celebration Park. This plan was approved by the Central Park Community Association and I initiated the project this year. The expectation is that the preliminary excavation and site preparation work will be completed before the end of this construction season, with the concrete pad and gazebo being installed next spring. I am disappointed with the delay. Many projects have been impacted by COVID in 2020.

Celebration Park Pond and Fountain Update

The Celebration Park Pond Fountain is not currently operational.

The fountain is dependent on a consistent water level in the pond in order to operate.

Over the past few summers, the fountain has not been in operation due to the loss of water in the pond, which could cause damage to the fountain pump. While there have been attempts to resolve areas of suspected leakage in the pond, City staff continue to assess the issue this autumn and are exploring options for remediation. I have added signage by the fountain to advise residents of the current repair status.



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Remembrance Day 2020

For the first time, the Royal Canadian Legion is asking the public to pay their respects virtually instead of in person for the 2020 [National Remembrance Day Ceremony](#). You can watch the solemn ceremony and take part in the two minutes of silence via the [Legion's facebook page](#).

Please consider supporting the Legion through the purchase of items from their new [Poppy Store](#) or making a donation to the [National Poppy Trust Fund](#). Many branches are suffering financially due to COVID-related restrictions.

Although I am unable to attend Remembrance Day services in local schools this year, I have delivered 11 wreaths to be used for observations this week.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all men and women who currently serve in the Canadian Armed Forces, both at home and abroad. Let us never forget the men and women who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in service for our nation. We remember them. Lest we forget.



City Updates and Around River Ward

Ottawa Public Library Studying Opportunities in Carlington

On November 3rd, the Ottawa Public Library Board unanimously approved the staff recommendation to 'explore library services in the Carlington community and direct staff to report back by Q3 2021'. This means that funds have been set aside in the OPL budget to undertake a gap analysis of current services, a growth study regarding future needs, and the identification of detailed facilities standards. Letters of support from the Central Park Community Association, Carlington Community Association, the Carlington Community Health Centre, Friends of Meadowvale Park, and Ottawa Community Housing was invaluable in convincing the board that Carlington can benefit from library services.

Identified in the top three of Ottawa's most at-risk neighbourhoods, Carlington is a priority area with a Community Development Framework (CDF) aimed at growing strong neighbourhoods. In the spring of 2020, the Recreation, Culture, and Facilities Services undertook a community consultation process to obtain input on the revitalization of the Alexander Community Centre (ACC). From that survey, 299 respondents indicated that having library services in the ACC would increase their use of the library. Clearly there is a need and great interest for library services in Carlington and the next several months

will be an exciting venture.

Motion to encourage Outdoor Physical Activity this Winter

At the council meeting of October 28, I brought forward a motion to direct city staff to have a public information campaign this winter, in collaboration with Ottawa Public Health, to promote the physical and mental benefits of outdoor recreational activities. The motion further specified that the city publicly communicate a list of outdoor recreational winter activities through to the end of March and include activities like skiing, snowshoeing trails, outdoor rinks, walking/hiking trails and tobogganing hills and encourage local partners (such as the NCC) to do the same.

This motion was to ensure that with the possible rotational closures of indoor activities over the winter, there would be outdoor activities available to residents.

Hydro Pole Replacement on Merivale Road

Hydro Ottawa has notified my office about planned hydro pole replacement in 2021 on Merivale Road between Central Park Dr and Larose Ave. The proposed construction dates range from January 2021 to August 2021. Hydro Ottawa is proposing to install approximately 32 new poles and associated anchoring along Merivale Road including a new duct structure.

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.

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>.

Meet your local Community Police Officer

Constable Darren Joseph
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Born and raised in Ottawa, and a former resident of Carlington, Darren (DJ) is a former CFL, Ottawa U Gee Gee and Ottawa Sooners football player who has returned to his roots to serve his city as a Police Officer with the Ottawa Police Service. Darren has been with the OPS for 15 years now, on Patrol, Neighbourhood Resource Team and as a School Resource

Officer. He is your contact with the police service for the Central Park/Carlington area.

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.)

To sign up for email notifications, visit <https://app06.ottawa.ca/esubscriptions/signup-form-en.html> and select 'Winter parking alerts' (bottom of list).

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.

Watch for Snow Contractor Scams

While we'd like to think the winter snow will never come, we know that it is inevitable. With that in mind, Ottawa Bylaw Services would like to remind you that while many people who come to your door offering snow removal services are legitimate, you should always be diligent before making a purchase. Visit Ottawa.ca for helpful information and a list of licenced contractors.

Proposed Names for Two Stations on O-Train Line 2

OC Transpo has launched a public consultation to get feedback on two station names for O-Train Line 2, part of the Stage 2 expansion and improvements.

The consultation will run from October 29 to November 12. We would love to hear what you think of the proposed names and welcome suggestions for alternatives.

You can have your say on these two names:

- Corso Italia (new station at Gladstone Avenue)
- Dow's Lake / Lac Dow (currently Carling Station)

Corso Italia

The previously suggested name, Gladstone, references the nearest street to the station. Gladstone Avenue is named for the former U.K. Prime Minister William Ewart Gladstone (1809-1898), who opposed the emancipation of enslaved people early in his political career. In recognition of this, Corso Italia is proposed as a more appropriate name and it

will meet wayfinding needs into the future. Corso means main street or boulevard in Italian, and Corso Italia is the ceremonial name for nearby Preston Street, which runs through Little Italy.

Dow's Lake

The name ties in with the adjacent neighbourhood, and an important landmark and destination for customers. Stretching from Centretown all the way to Kanata, Carling is a very long street. It is also the closest cross-street to another station – Lincoln Fields – which could be confusing for customers.

The recommended names were also chosen based on established criteria and transit industry best practices, including:

- Meaningful geographic reference
- Easy to understand in French and English
- Easy to pronounce
- Easy to write
- Unique from other stations and city locations
- Established Transitway station names

To participate in the consultations, visit OCTranspo.com.

Draft Budget 2021

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

The draft budget includes a 3% increase to the municipal tax rate, which would see the average urban homeowner pay an additional \$115 per year.



All snow plow contractors licensed by the City of Ottawa are required to:

- Have an active City of Ottawa Business License.
- Have a City of Ottawa snow plow numbered plate prominently affixed to every snow plow vehicle.
- Have a sign showing the name and telephone number of the business on both sides of every snow plow vehicle.
- Ensure that snow removal vehicles do not throw, push, dump or otherwise deposit snow or ice on a street.
- Keep a record of all contracts with the entries transcribed in ink in a clear and legible manner, or in a recording system.

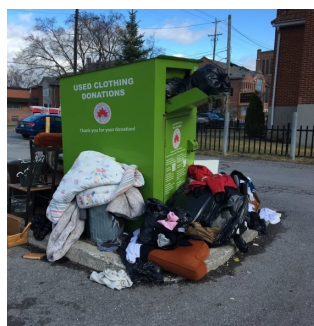


By-law & Regulatory Services
Services des règlements municipaux

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. If you would like to attend an upcoming committee Meeting and speak to the committees on the 2021 City Budget, please send me an email at Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca and my office will help get you on the speakers list.

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



Clothing Donation Boxes Public Survey

As part of the City's By-law Review Workplan, City staff are currently conducting a review of the Clothing Donation Box By-Law.

This review will examine the current regulations with

respect to the operation of clothing donation boxes within the City of Ottawa. City staff will use the feedback from the public survey to help shape any future amendments to those regulations. The review will also examine best practices employed by other municipalities within Ontario and across the country.

You can participate in the survey [HERE](#).

COVID-19 UPDATES

COVID-19 Testing Centres

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. 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](https://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.

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. More information regarding participating pharmacies and Ottawa Public Health's Community Clinics can be found at 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

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 to receive updates on this event.

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