



River Ward Community Bulletin

June 2015

Proudly serving the residents of River Ward

Festivals and Special Events in River Ward

Outside of the downtown core, River Ward hosts more festivals and special events than any other ward in the City of Ottawa.

River Ward hosts major events such as the Tim Hortons Ottawa Dragon Boat Festival (June 25-28, 2015), HOPE Beach Volleyball Tournament (July 11, 2015), The Ottawa Lebanese Festival (July 15-19, 2015), Greek Fest Ottawa (August 13-23, 2015), and many events associated with the Rideau Canoe Club. Smaller one day events at Mooney's Bay or Hog's Back are normally, but not always, associated with a charitable fundraising event, religious or cultural celebration.

The City of Ottawa now requires events of a certain size to participate in a SEAT program. The Special Events Advisory Team (SEAT) will convene an annual meeting with the festival organizers and all city departments that need to provide input to the planning of the events, including my office. For each and every festival, their site plan is reviewed which contains a thorough outline of the specifics of the event,

staff and security plan, emergency plan, parking plan, noise issues, etc.

For every festival I have been a part of already in 2015, I have reviewed all bylaw complaints from years past. I am also in communication with the local Riverside Park Community and Recreation Association (RPCRA) on the east side of the Rideau River and the Carleton Heights and Area Residents Association (CHARA) on the west side of the river regarding past history. Although I do not have the authority to grant or deny permission for an event to take place on city property, I do have a significant say as the local Councillor. By raising past issues that have been identified by the local community, I am able to work with city officials to ensure a plan is in place to address outstanding matters.

If there are issues pertaining to the various special events that take place in River Ward this year, please contact my office to share your concerns. If you need immediate assistance from the Bylaw Department, please call 3-1-1 to file a complaint.



RIVER WARD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS COME TOGETHER

On January 29th, 2015 I fulfilled one of my campaign promises by bringing together representatives from each of River Ward's Community Associations to create the River Ward Council. The intent of the gathering was for all associations to meet one another, share contacts, informally discuss matters in each neighbourhood and share best practices. I am happy to report that since that meeting, there has been continued collaboration and support between the associations. I look forward to facilitating the sharing of ideas and open communications during my tenure in office.



Green Bin use in the Summertime

One of the most effective residential waste programs in Ottawa's history has been the green bin program that collects residential organic waste for composting and diverts it away from the landfill, saving taxpayers millions of dollars over the long-term. Green bin waste is collected on a weekly basis. Regular household waste (garbage) is collected every two weeks and blue box and black box recycling alternates every other week. During the election

campaign, I committed to costing out weekly garbage pick-up in the summer months. While this isn't financially feasible at this time, I haven't abandoned this possibility.

I have heard from many residents of the challenges associated with using the green bin, particularly in the summer months. Here are a few tips to keep it clean and to reduce insect and rodent penetration:

Keep it clean

- Line your Green Bin with flyers, a couple sheets of newspaper or yard waste paper bags to keep it clean.
- Rinse your Green Bin with a garden hose from time to time, especially if you don't line your bin with paper.
- Rinse your green bin with lemon juice, vinegar or baking soda to reduce odours and keep bugs out.
- Ice is nice. Keeping your meat or fish scraps in the freezer until collection day helps reduce odours.

Keep animals and bugs away

- Sprinkle a strong smelling biodegradable repellent such as vinegar or detergent on your cart will help keep pests away.
- Remember to lock the lid to keep animals out of your green bin.
- Put salt or vinegar on maggots to kill them. If maggots appear in the green bin, a fly has laid eggs on some exposed food waste.
- Peppermint oil, cayenne or chili pepper or hot sauce can act as anti-gnawing repellents and help deter animals from taking an interest in your green bin.



Cleaning up the Capital—Spring Campaign

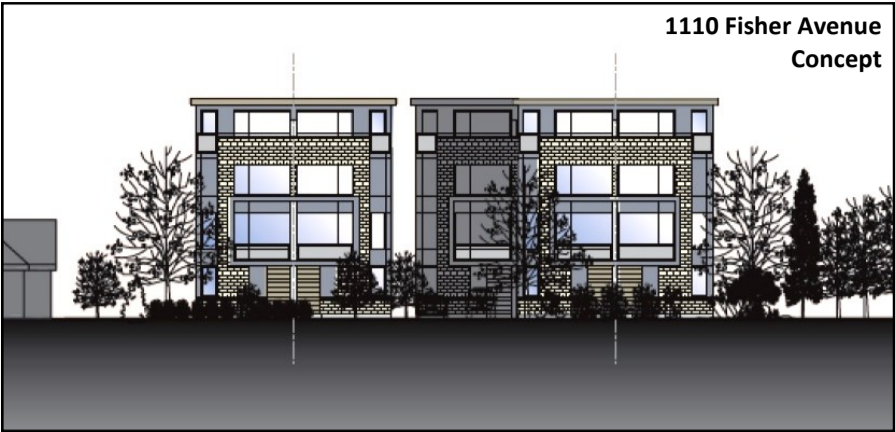
I would like to thank the many groups and individuals within River Ward who participated in this year's Spring Clean up the Capital campaign. Local teams covered many areas in the ward, doing their part to keep our community clean and green. In total, there were 47 teams with 2986 participants registered from River Ward. Seen above, I was pleased to join the Carlington Community Association team who cleaned up Alexander Park on Saturday, April 25th.

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Hunt Club-Riverside Park
Community Centre

Development Projects in River Ward



Although River Ward is a mature, established community in the heart of Ottawa, we have our fair share of new development. Here is an update of some recent initiatives:

770 Brookfield Road – This site was under consideration for three apartment buildings, to be marketed and geared towards post secondary students. I hosted a public meeting on February 2 to link the local community with the developer and to listen to concerns. At this time, the proposal has been placed on hold by the developer with no news on timelines moving forward. When any information becomes available I will be sure to keep the community updated.

1110 Fisher Avenue – City Council has approved the zoning application for the construction of 9 houses. I hosted a public meeting on February 19 for the community to listen to the developer's plans and for me to listen to the concerns of the community. This proposal replaces a much more invasive apartment tower that was rejected before I took office. I will work with the local community once this project commences in 2016.

660 Hunt Club Road – Otto's BMW has requested via a site plan application to expand their current location, which would include a two-storey building, additional parking to the west and a possible third entry point off Hunt Club. On May 11, Councillor Deans and I hosted a public meeting to listen to our affected communities. At the time this community bulletin went to print, I had strong reservations with the proposal for an additional access lane off Hunt Club and for the need of an expanded parking lot.

948 Hunt Club Road – City Council in March approved the application to construct a sister, low-rise apartment building, beside the existing low-rise apartment building. In January, I provided a detailed community bulletin to nearby residents for their information and to seek their feedback.

2970 McCarthy Road – The existing house was relocated in 2014 and the Committee of Adjustment approved the application to construct four

houses on this site. Preliminary work has begun this spring and construction is expected to last in to 2016. I have worked with the construction company, local residents, the school trustee and principal of Fielding Drive PS to mitigate safety issues for students and pedestrians as the construction site is located right beside the school.

3358 Riverside Drive – The owner of the property has informed me of his intentions to redevelop this property. His proposal may include the construction of twelve homes on this parcel of land, which would include the demolition of the existing house which has not been inhabited for many years. The quantity of homes and their proximity to existing homes, as well as other issues, have caused concern in the community.

880 Thorndale Road – Ecole George Etienne Cartier will expand their current school to provide additional classrooms, a childcare centre and expanded parking lot. Construction is expected to commence in July and continue through the end of the calendar year.

3071 Riverside Drive – Former Location of Bayview PS

The City of Ottawa owns the ten acres of land commonly referred to as the former location of Bayview PS. Acquired in 2008, the City bought the land to control ownership and zoning and to provide the community with opportunities to share their vision of the site. The former City Councillor for River Ward hosted extensive public consultation regarding the future uses of this land and a tentative concept plan incorporating low density and medium density housing, as well as a 2-acre soccer pitch was established. Since that time, no action has been taken on this file. In September 2015, I plan to conduct one final round of consultation with the community on this matter and then authorize City staff to commence proceedings to amend the zoning for the land. This would eventually lead to the land being sold.

You may ask why I feel it is necessary to reopen the matter for more consultation. My answer to you is simple. Before I authorize one of the largest pieces of available land in River Ward for partial development, I want to be assured that I am on the same page as the local community. As such, a two-page information bulletin will be circulated, including the current plan as identified above and other options that have been brought to my attention. When I am comfortable the immediate community and I are on the same page, we will move this project forward together.

River Ward's Active Community Associations

As a former community association member and President myself for many years, I value and appreciate the great work that River Ward's community associations do on our behalf. As such, I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank the women and men who volunteer their time to make our local communities a great place to live and play.

Please join me in thanking our current Presidents:

Carleton Heights: Ed Chaplin
Carlington: Sarah Dalle (outgoing)
Central Park: Klaus Kollenberg
Hunt Club: John Sankey
Ridgemont: Frank Licari
Riverside Park: Dave Hutchinson

Your local community association would value your presence at one of their future meetings. If you would like to be connected to your neighbourhood association, please contact my office.

Carlington Mini-Library launch celebrated on May 9th



On May 9, it was my honour to join Mayor Jim Watson, community association leaders, neighbours and local children in officially opening the Carlington Mini-Library at the Alexander Community Centre. The Mini-Library, or book-box, is a free, outdoor, book-lending library that residents can freely use as often as they wish. Many thanks to Anna Du Vent who was the main organizer of this project and to Rick Lane who was the carpenter who built the book lending box.

The box was painted by the *Girls Just Want to Have Fun Club* to give it a youthful look and feel. In addition,

the opening ceremony included the girls of the community who provided a dance performance and bake sale.

I want to thank everyone who attended the opening ceremony and especially the volunteers who made the event possible. This is yet another community-led project that makes Carlington such a great place to live.

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Visits to River Ward Businesses

On **April 7 and 8**, I visited and met with every business owner/manager of the stores along Merivale Road between Kirkwood Ave and Carling Ave.

Later that same month, on **April 26**, I visited and met with every business owner/manager of the stores in Riverside Park, mainly the Ridgewood Mall, and those along Riverside Drive and Brookfield Road.

In addition to introducing myself and stressing that I will do what I can to ensure they are as successful as possible in the community, I listened to their concerns about various issues in the neighbourhood.

Each business was provided with a handy City of Ottawa Business Contacts card. If you would like one, please call my office at 613-580-2486.

Let's do our part and support our local businesses!



2015 Household Hazardous Waste Depots

To help you dispose of these products safely, the City of Ottawa operates several one-day Household Hazardous Waste Depots for City of Ottawa residents. Depot hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday, June 14, 2015—BFI Navan Facility, 3354 Navan Road
Sunday, June 28, 2015—Fallowfield Park & Ride
Sunday, August 23, 2015—Waste Management, 254 Westbrook Road
Sunday, September 13, 2015—Tunney's Pasture, 251 Sir Frederick Banting
Saturday, October 3, 2015—Drain-All Ltd., 2705 Stevenage Drive
Sunday, October 25, 2015—Fallowfield Park & Ride

For more information on the City of Ottawa's Household Hazardous Waste Disposal programs, visit the city website at Ottawa.ca/HHW

Get to know your local Community Associations

This bulletin features three of the six community associations in River Ward, with the remaining three to be featured in the Autumn 2015 bulletin. The space below is provided to the local community associations to communicate with you. The content has been submitted.

The Hunt Club Community Organization

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The Hunt Club Community Organization area is just north of the airport and includes about 12,000 residents living in affluent households to co-ops to Ottawa Community Housing. We're blessed with lots of public green space and safe living areas; our businesses include the 2nd-

largest complex of Asian markets and services in Ottawa.

We maintain a website hunt-club.ncf.ca, Facebook and Twitter accounts, publish a community newsletter written, edited and distributed by volunteers, have adopted several of our parks and Hunt Club Creek, and are trying out free monthly community lectures on health safety and community matters that precede our community meetings.

A major long-term concern is to maintain our portions of Hunt Club Road and Riverside Drive as efficient, reliable arterials in order to protect our living areas from cut-through traffic and to



Councillor Brockington on hand to help open the new Hampton Inn in the Hunt Club neighbourhood, joined by Mayor Jim Watson and Councillor Diane Deans.

maintain our access to the rest of Ottawa. Our major current concern is to revitalize Paul Landry Park, which was devastated by the clearing of ash trees last winter.

Carleton Heights and Area Residents Association (CHARA)

CHARA Executive

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In October, 2014 the Carleton Heights and Area Residents Association (CHARA) elected a new board of directors to revamp and reinvigorate our long standing and beloved residents association. The board wasted no time in setting off with our community initiatives which included managing the rink at Carleton Heights Park, hosting the February Frolic winter carnival, donating \$1000 to Carleton Heights public school parent council, and re-writing our strategic plan.

CHARA's next event will be the Kick off to Summer Party, on June 26th from 5-9pm. This will be a great event to get out of the house, have some fun, meet your neighbours, and see what CHARA

has been up to for the past few months. We hope all of our neighbours will be able to join us.

If you'd like to be involved, or if you have a skill which you think would benefit your community, we are looking for more volunteers! Currently CHARA is looking for community representatives to fill the roles of Rink Supervisors and Rink Maintenance for the 2015/16 year; Treasurer (must be a resident of Carleton Heights), Event Planner, and Director. Whether you have lived in Carleton Heights for a few months, years, or decades we would love to hear from you, as we are a not for profit organization funded by our community events and private donations.

Look for more information about our upcoming events and initiatives, on our website www.carletonheights.org, email us at info@carletonheights.org and follow us on twitter (@CarletonHeightsARA) and Facebook to



be sure you are staying up to date with what we're working on for our community!

We rely on our residents to keep us going, we hope to hear from you soon!



Carlington Community Association

Carlington CA

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Carlington's Annual Yard & Plant Sale: Come celebrate spring on Saturday, June 6, 8.30 am – 12.30 pm!

The first Saturday of every June, Carlington residents put on offer a diverse array of perennials and annuals, as well as a wide range of other yard sale items that attract bargain hunters from across the city.

Centred around **Harrold Place Park** (near Carling & Merivale), residents equally set up sales **throughout the**

neighbourhood, creating a festive spirit and lots of great deals all around Carlington!

Come out on June 6 to enjoy the community spirit and hunt for a new treasure. We hope to see friends and neighbours from across River Ward!
About the Carlington Community Association

The CCA is a volunteer powered not-for-profit dedicated to building a greener, safer, better Carlington. We organize community events, monitor urban planning issues relevant to Carlington, promote greening activities and support initiatives of interest to Carlington residents.

Here is a sampling of our activities from 2014-15:

- Organized River Ward's only All-Candidates Debate for the 2014 municipal elections
- Worked with Carlington volunteers to design and launch a free take-a-book/leave-a-book mini-library in

front of Alexander Community Centre. Bring your gently used books at any time!

- Hosted the 4th Annual Carlington Cup – our homegrown shinny hockey tournament – as well as a mini-shinny for kids
- Co-hosted the 1st Carlington Arts Festival and 4th Annual Family Fun Day with the Carlington Arts Initiative
- Produced a Primer to inform residents about the Official Plan Zoning Review and provided input into the Infill II By-law with the aim of preserving the character of the neighbourhood
- Renewed our adoption of Alexander Park and organized tulip bulb plantings and park clean-ups
- Began planning for a memorial to veterans to be located at Harrold Place Park

We would love to have you involved! Here is how:

- Contact president@carlingtoncommunity.org with your idea or for more information
- Come to a CCA meeting or event: www.carlingtoncommunity.org/events
- Sign up for our monthly e-newsletter: www.carlingtoncommunity.org/get-involved/newsletter/
- Follow us on Facebook or Twitter (and please share/re-tweet!)

Royal Ottawa Community Working Group

I am pleased to inform River Ward residents that in partnership with the Royal Ottawa Hospital and Councillor Jeff Leiper, I have, with their support, created the Royal Ottawa Community Working Group. This group will facilitate a discussion on an on-going basis with the hospital, two City Councillors and representatives from the local community associations on matters that are of interest to all members of the newly formed working group.

Ottawa Civic Hospital Relocation

On November 3, 2014, the federal government announced plans to assist with the relocation of the Ottawa Civic Hospital, currently located at 1053 Carling Ave, to a 65-acre site directly across the road on Agriculture Canada property. I have been working with other elected representatives as well as the Hospital to host a public information session that will provide the greater community with a better sense of the hospital's vision and timelines for this project. This first meeting was originally scheduled for **April 30, 2015** but the Civic has requested a postponement. When a date for a public meeting is re-established, I will ensure the Carlington community is notified promptly. If you don't live in Carlington and would like to be notified, please contact my office.

Airport Parkway and Lester Road Widening Environmental Assessment Study

Open House
June 17, 2015
6:00 to 8:30pm

Jim Durrell Recreation Centre

Residents are encouraged to come out to learn more about this project and participate in the public consultation.

Local Woodlands to be Replanted

This past winter three parks in River Ward (Ernie Calcutt, Marble and Paul Landry) had significant tree removal due to the emerald ash borer infestation. This tree removal shocked many residents by the sheer number of trees removed and the amount of debris left behind. By working with the City's Forestry Department, I ensured that the contractor returned in the spring to clear pathways and remove debris. It is the City's intention to replant in these three parks this coming autumn with native species. I appreciate your patience and understanding as our local parks rebound from this initiative.

NCC Greenspace in River Ward

On January 30 I met one-on-one with the CEO of the National Capital Commission, Dr. Mark Kristmanson. During our discussion about the vision for the NCC and their (limited) involvement for the upcoming 2017 150th birthday celebrations, I focused most of my time with him on the green-spaces within River Ward. In particular, we talked about the Southern Corridor, the McCarthy Woods, the Rideau River shoreline in the Revelstoke community and a parcel of land beside the southbound on-ramp to the Airport Parkway at Walkley Road. I explained in depth, particularly for the first three parcels of land, what significant value the residents of River Ward place on these lands and how it is in the public interest to keep these lands in public hands. He agreed. That said, I plan to meet with Dr. Kristmanson on an annual basis to ensure the wishes of local residents are respected.

May I also take this opportunity to remind those of you whose properties hug NCC land to alert the NCC if there are any ash trees or other species that need attention, to avoid any potential accidents in the future. Like the City of Ottawa, the NCC is challenged to address the backlog of trees that require attention, but it would be wise to flag any trees to them that are of concern.



I was honoured to be the Master of Ceremonies at the March 30th opening of the City of Ottawa Archives' Canada's Chronicles exhibit which was held in partnership with Brookfield High School. This exhibit featured the work of students from Ms. Erin Cain's Visual Arts program with 56 pieces in total that were displayed at the Archives from late March to mid-April.

City of Ottawa Beach Information

Please take a day this summer to visit one of Ottawa's four great beaches. They are Britannia, Petrie Island, Westboro and River Ward's Mooney's Bay Beach.

Excluding Westboro beach, washrooms and rentals are available from May 16 - September 7, 2015 between the hours of 10:30 - 9 pm Monday to Thursday and 10:30 - 7 pm Friday to Sunday. Lifeguards will be on duty daily, starting June 20th until August 16th, 2015 from noon - 7pm.

Westboro Beach will be open June 20 until August 16, 2015, from noon - 7 pm daily.

BEACH VOLLEYBALL

- Volleyball net rentals: \$15 per hour or \$50 per day, stand up paddleboards \$20 per hour. Inquire at any beach's Lifeguard office.
- Join a volleyball league. Call 613-580-2854

To book your event at the beach, contact City Wide Allocations at 613-580-2595 or e-mail sports@ottawa.ca.

Stay safe this summer

- There is no substitute for your supervision!
- Always be within arms' reach of your children!
- Drink lots of water, wear light-coloured clothing, a hat, and good sunglasses
- Use waterproof sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or more at least 30 minutes before sun exposure and remember to keep re-applying.

For more Information, please contact the Seasonal Recreation Office at 613-580-2590.

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If I can be of assistance, please contact my office.
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Seniors' Strawberry Social

To ensure all residents have an opportunity to attend this year's Seniors' Strawberry Social, Councillor Brockington will be holding **two** celebrations, one on each side of the River!

Thursday, June 18th, 1-3pm
Alexander Community Centre
960 Silver Street

Friday, June 19th, 1-3pm
Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community Centre
3320 Paul Anka Drive

Please RSVP for the Seniors' Strawberry Social by contacting **Sarah Barber, 613-580-2424 x19034** or by email at Sarah.Barber@Ottawa.ca

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