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# Community Bulletin / Bulletin communautaire

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# Proudly serving the residents of River Ward

## 2016: Busy Year Ahead

**Dear Residents of River Ward:** 

I trust you are enjoying spring and you are able to take some time to enjoy the great outdoors with your friends and family. 2016 promises to be a very busy year across River Ward. Some of the main issues that will be addressed are as follows:

- Completion of the Environmental Assessment to widen the Airport Parkway, including a proposed south-bound off-ramp at Walkley
- Three condemned wooden bridges in the north end of Mooney's Bay Park and outdoor recreational equipment in Sue Holloway Park will be removed, with the possible addition of a large playground. Sue Holloway Park will be rebuilt in 2017.
- A vote at the May 25 AGM of the **Carlington Community Association** will provide me with direction on

the proposal to build mountain bike trails and jumps on Carlington Hill.

- The Ottawa Hospital will announce the location of the new Civic Hospital. Three of four proposed sites are in River Ward on Experimental Farm land.
- Zoning changes will be sought for Westgate Mall to pave the way for its demolition and construction of multiple residential towers.
- Traffic calming initiatives will expand and I will continue to work with local community groups, neighbourhood watch volunteers and the Ottawa Police to be proactive regarding community safety matters.
- River Ward will welcome close to 40 festivals and special events this year, celebrating various cultural, religious and sporting events in our major parks and church grounds.



You are most welcome to contact me at any time to discuss any matter. I also extend a personal invite to all residents to visit me at the ward office, located in the Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Centre.

Sincerely yours,

[Above] On April 6, 2016 the Debra Dynes Family House celebrated their 20th Anniversary and it was my pleasure to participate by presenting Barbara Carroll with a commemorative certificate with Mayor Watson. At the celebration, Mme Sophie Grégoire-Trudeau was the keynote

## **Open Letter from Police Chief Charles Bordeleau**

Dear Residents of River Ward,

I am very pleased to be sharing some information about the priorities of the Ottawa Police Service. The men and women of our Police Service - sworn and civilian - work every day to keep this community safe. They do this by being responsive to the community we serve, enforcing the law, reducing victimization and holding offenders. Our Service has identified three key priorities – Road Safety, Violence Against Women, and Guns and Gangs.

## Road Safety

Preventing road deaths and serious injuries requires culture change, the development of safe transportation strategies, targeted enforcement, community engagement, education and

awareness. Speeding and distracted and aggressive driving continue to be issues of concern for residents in Ottawa. The OPS has officers specifically assigned to deal exclusively with traffic issues on a daily basis through the Traffic Section. Road safety has continually been identified by residents as a top concern. The Service is fortunate to have community partners like Safer Roads Ottawa, Crime Prevention Ottawa and MADD, who assist us in educating commuters and promoting safety on our roadways.

Through partnerships and community engagement, as well as education, awareness, and enforcement initiatives throughout the year, the Ottawa Police continues to take measures to ensure

roadways are safe for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians alike. Awareness campaigns like Leave the Phone Alone, Safe Driving Week and Road Safety Week, as well as programs like RIDE and the monthly Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP), all contribute to safer driving practices and compliance with traffic laws.

## **Violence Against Women**

Violence against women (VAW) is a serious and pervasive problem that crosses every culture, social boundary, and affects every community. Our officers respond and investigate calls where women have been victimized on a regular basis.

To help work towards a broader solution, the role of the OPS is evolving to be more than simply arresting those who break the law and investigating

Our strategies include educating people, especially young men and boys, about ending violence against women, as well as challenging everyone to speak out and think about their own beliefs, language, and actions on this issue. We are also working to remove barriers to reporting violence against women and continue to consult with community partners to improve our services and support survivors.

## **Guns and Gangs**

An increased number of shootings, many in connection with street gangs and the local drug trade, have become a reality in Ottawa. Gangs present a complex policing issue. The enforcement activities of the Ottawa

Police have been very strong. Between 2015 and 2016 our Guns and Gangs Unit alone arrested almost 100 people charging them with more than 1,000 offences. During the same time period we have seized 85 guns - an unprecedented number.

There is important ongoing and daily work by our Patrol, Neighbourhood, Community and School Resource officers and our investigative units. Our enforcement and prevention efforts will remain strong but we have learned from other communities and successes here in Ottawa that enforcement cannot be our only strategy if we want to succeed. Our City has a gang strategy founded on a broad partnership of community groups. That strategy includes a number of components, such as early identification of at-risk individuals: education; prevention; diversion; suppression; exit strategies; community involvement; dedicated resources; and an increased policing presence in the most affected areas. The issue of gangs affects all races, ethnicities, socio-economic classes and neighbourhoods. We need to keep a continued focus on this issue as a community. Effective anti-gang efforts are founded on strong partnerships among parents, schools, law enforcement, religious institutions, community organizations, businesses and youth.

## Sincerely,

Charles Bordeleau Police Chief

Pour une version en français, s'il vous plaît appelez 613-580-2486



City Councillor Riley Brockington and Police Chief Charles Bordeleau.



# **Development Projects in River Ward**



Artist's rendering of the proposed development at 1110 Fisher Avenue

## 3071 Riverside Drive (former Bayview PS site)

In September 2015, I circulated a community bulletin to 3,000 homes in the Riverside Park North community to provide information and seek feedback on the (deemed surplus) 10-acre parcel of land located at 3071 Riverside Drive, commonly referred to as the former location of Bayview Public School.

In November 2007, Ottawa City Council directed staff to negotiate the acquisition of the site and in October 2008, the City of Ottawa purchased the property from the OCDSB for \$8 million. The intent of the land acquisition by the City was to control the zoning of the property, preserve up to 2 acres of greenspace and sell the remaining 8 acres for redevelopment.

A number of issues and questions from residents and community groups were identified following the circulation of the community bulletin.

It is important to note that the sale of the land is administered under the Ottawa Community Lands and Development Corporation (OCLDC). They are a Council approved, armslength entity, established to implement the sale and development of City-owned land.

In February of 2016, City staff began the process for a Request for Expressions of Interest (REoI). The REoI process provided developers the opportunity to meet with City staff to present ideas on what types of development could be palatable for the community under the parameters set out in the Council approved community development plan. In subsequent meetings with City staff, I became aware that 20 interested parties have expressed interest.

This spring, a Request for Offers (RFO) will be released that will seek purchase offers for the parcel of land. The RFO will be awarded to a developer(s) that satisfy the evaluation criteria that complies with the vision set out in the City Council approved Community Concept Plan. The Agreement between the Ottawa Community Lands **Development Corporation (OCLDC)** and the purchaser/developer will commit the developer to build in accordance with the plan. Under the sales agreement, the OCLDC will seek legal remedies should a purchaser not honour the terms of the agreement. Specific wording is typically included in all OCLDC agreements that prevent a purchaser from rezoning the lands in contravention of the agreement and purchasers have no rights of appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board. The RFO will aim to close by the end of June 2016.

#### 3358 Riverside Drive

HN Homes is the new owner of the property. They have proposed to build four homes on the property fronting Riverside Drive. There will be no required zoning amendments for the site as the zoning allows for this type of development. The developer will require to apply to the committee of adjustment for lot severance.

#### 880 Thorndale Avenue

In 2015, École Élémentaire Catholique Georges-Étienne-Cartier received approval for the construction of a 982 square metre addition. The addition includes a new daycare and five new classrooms. The proposal also includes the construction of a second parking lot to the west of the school where the play structure is currently located. The play structures will be relocated behind the school. Construction is now expected to commence this spring, with a goal of being mostly finished for September 2016.

## 793 Fielding Drive

RND Construction has completed their first home of four at 793 Fielding Drive at the corner of McCarthy Road. The second home is scheduled to begin construction later this year.

## 1110 Fisher Avenue

The Planning Department is currently reviewing a Site Plan Control application. The purpose of the application is to allow for the construction of nine new semidetached and townhouse units, within four separate buildings, as part of a Planned Unit Development. The site will include four blocks, three of which will be occupied by semi-detached dwellings, and the last, located at the rear northwest corner of the property, will be occupied by a three-unit townhouse dwelling. The parking and driveway access will be located in the centre of the site. A six metre rear yard will be provided, and the site will be bound by a retaining wall along the south, west and north property lines. Some of the issues that have been addressed by the City and the applicant include:

- All units will have separate waste collection services meaning there will be no common collection point, thus avoiding a large pile of garbage in one location on site.
- To avoid any light pollution or light spill over to adjacent properties, there will be a requirement for a light impact review to be submitted as part of the package.
- The drainage plan calls for water to be collected through swails on site and be directed back towards Fisher Avenue for proper drainage.

Construction is expected to begin later in 2016.

## 1309 Carling Avenue (Westgate Mall)

The City's Planning Department has received an Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment application for the property at 1309 Carling Avenue, commonly referred to as Westgate Mall. The proposed redevelopment of the site will consist of mixed-use residential towers, as well as underground and surface parking. The full build-out of the site will be phased-in and will result in the phased demolition of the existing retail shopping centre. The site is currently occupied by a one-storey retail shopping centre with a second storey office portion. A stand-alone restaurant pad is located on the southeast corner of the lot. Although the redevelopment falls outside of River Ward, it will have a direct impact on River Ward residents.

I have shared a number of concerns with the Planning Department relayed to me by residents in the Carlington community including the need to incorporate and improve walkability and cycling within the complex, the need to ensure all sidewalks within the general development are not impeded and improved access to public transit. The following issues will mostly need to be addressed through the site plan phase, including the need to retain some level of parking on site during construction activities, the need to retain some free parking for patrons, the need to abate noise and dust during construction, the need to secure valuable community services (i.e. grocery store, restaurants, banks and pharmacy), and to mitigate the potential loss of sunlight due to the height of development.

I will continue to work closely with Councillor Jeff Leiper and our respective communities, as this project moves forward.

## 890 Greenbriar Avenue

On June 16, 2015, I hosted a public meeting at the Carleton Heights Community Centre that provided an overview of the preliminary plans of the RGB Group's intentions to develop the property located at 890 Greenbriar Avenue. The applicant has applied for rezoning of the site to allow for the development of two townhouse blocks comprising of nine total units. The proposal is a mirror image with similar architectural style to the existing townhouse development on Montauk Private, immediately adjacent to the proposed development. Vehicular access will be via the existing Montauk Private. The Planning Committee will be considering this application at the June 14, 2016 committee meeting.

## 660 Hunt Club Road (Otto's BMW)

All approvals are currently being finalized for the Site Plan amendment application for 660 Hunt Club Road, a property occupied by Otto's BMW. The proposal includes the expansion of two separate two-storey additions to the existing building, the development of a parking lot, as well as exit-only on Hunt Club Road on the lands west of the Paul Anka and Hunt Club intersection. The egress will be for large transport trucks to exit the site after dropping off new vehicles. This allows for better traffic flow within site and eliminates some of the concerns noted by residents who live immediately south of the existing facility. Construction is expected to begin later this year. The dealership may temporarily relocate

their operations during the construction period.

#### 948 Hunt Club Road

A zoning amendment and site plan application was approved in 2015 for a development at 948 Hunt Club Road at the intersection of Downpatrick Road. The development will consist of a new three storey, 35 unit apartment building on the site. Construction is currently underway.

#### 3095 Albion Road North

On May 3, 2016 I hosted a public meeting with Councillor Diane Deans for a Zoning By-law Amendment and Site Plan Control application for a proposed mosque, school and community centre at 3095 Albion Road North. The site is a long narrow vacant parcel of land with an area of approximately 1.55 hectares located along the east side of Albion Road North, south of Walkley Road. The application was submitted by the Ahlul-Bayt Centre of Ottawa (ABCO.) The proposed ABCO complex includes a two-storey building (plus basement) with a total gross floor area of 6,860 square metres. The site is currently zoned IL – Light Industrial at the front (west) portion of the site and IH -Heavy Industrial for the east section of the site. The Planning Committee is expected to consider the file on June 14, 2016.

#### 655 and 755 Anand Private

The City's Planning Department is currently reviewing a Site Plan application to construct two 16-storey residential buildings at 655 and 755 Anand Private. The proposal consists of 250 dwelling units. The site is located on the south side of Walkley Road, west of Bank Street and east of the Airport Parkway.

The proposal includes a shared underground parking structure. The file is still pending until the applicant provides a revised application based on ongoing negotiations with the City of Ottawa.



Depot hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday, June 12, 2016 Progressive Waste Landfill 3354 Navan Road

Sunday, June 26, 2016 OC Transpo Park & Ride 3355 Fallowfield Road

Sunday, August 21, 2016 Kanata Research Park 411 Leggett Drive

Sunday, September 18, 2016 Tunney's Pasture 251 Sir Frederick Banting Drive

Saturday, October 1, 2016 Drain-All Ltd 2705 Stevenage Drive

Sunday, October 23, 2016 OC Transpo Park & Ride 3355 Fallowfield Road

For more information on what you can bring to a Household Hazardous Waste Depot, visit Ottawa.ca/HHW

## **Weekly Garbage** Pick-up?

During the 2014 election campaign and again last summer, a number of residents inquired with me regarding the feasibility and likelihood that the City Of Ottawa would resume weekly garbage pick-up. I promised during the campaign to look in to the matter for increased service in the summer and report back to you. The current contract for garbage pick-up expires in May 2019. The additional cost to taxpayers to transition to weekly



garbage pick-up in July and August is \$4 million. The City can not afford this extra amount at this time. There is also a shortage of required garbage collection vehicles as the current contractor only has enough vehicles needed for the frequency as per

the contract. When the garbage collection contract comes up for renewal, there will be public consultation and members of Council will discuss the frequency of garbage

## Communications en français

J'estime important de fournir des services en français aux résidents du quartier Rivière, et toutes les communications qui émanent de moi et de mon bureau sont offertes dans cette langue. Afin d'économiser et d'ajouter du contenu à ce bulletin, j'imprime les numéros séparément, dans leurs versions française et anglaise. J'ai dressé la liste des personnes qui souhaitent recevoir la correspondance en français.

Pour vous faire inscrire sur cette liste, il vous suffit d'appeler mon bureau ou de lui envoyer un courriel, après quoi vous recevrez tous les bulletins dans la langue officielle de votre choix.

collection. In the meantime, I encourage all residents to use their green bin for organics recycling. It is an important part of Ottawa's long term waste strategy. This extends the life of the landfill and ultimately saves taxpayers money. Green bin waste is collected every week. For a handy brochure on what goes in your green bin and how to use and maintain it, please contact my office.

## **River Ward Infrastructure Update**

#### **Walkley Road Overpass Maintenance** and Rehabilitation

In July of 2015, the City of Ottawa began the construction to rehabilitate the Walkley Road bridge over the Southeast Transitway and Walkley Road Sawmill Creek culvert. Work involved the rehabilitation of the Walkley Road bridge, replacement of the access link slabs to each Transitway stair tower, installation of the new concrete columns under the new access link slabs, and rehabilitation of the Sawmill Creek culvert under Walkley Road. Work was supposed to be completed by November 2015. Significant delays by the former contractor resulted in this project missing multiple completion targets. The City terminated its contract with the contractor and ultimately they declared bankruptcy. Remaining work will need to continue this summer, resulting in one lane of traffic closed in both directions. As a result of the delays, I have confirmed that taxpayers have not been stuck with any additional expenses for the work.

### **Meath Street Watermain and Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project**

Water and sewer infrastructure on Meath Street between Carling Avenue and Thames Street will be addressed this summer. This project entails a

watermain and sanitary sewer replacement along with some modifications to the storm sewer. In addition, a new sidewalk will be constructed on the east side of Meath Street. The project will involve the closure of Meath Street with limited access for emergency services and residents who live within the project limits.

#### **Carlington Hill Pumping Station Expansion**

This project consists of the construction of a new drinking water pump station on the same side of the Carlington Hill Reservoir. A new large diameter watermain pipe and valve chambers will be installed within the yard of the station from the east side of the existing reservoir to the new station on the west side. A new hydro feed will be installed from Clyde Avenue to the west to the new Pump Station. The existing station will be demolished.

The original station was constructed in 1963. It draws water directly from the adjacent reservoir and supplies a population of over 250,000. The work will entail one year of design and approximately 18 months of continuous construction. Carlington Park will remain accessible to the public outside of construction areas

No timelines for construction have been received at this time.

A sample of coming events in River Ward that are being hosted by local community associations. Get involved, call today to connect with your local community!

Saturday, May 21, 2016 - The Carleton Heights and Area Residents Association will be holding a Community Yard Sale. 9am-noon, at the community centre, 1665 Apeldoorn Ave.

Monday, May 23, 2016 Victoria Day: **Carlington Community Association is** hosting a Family Fun Day on Monday, May 23 at Alexander Park from 12pm to 4pm. Join us on Victoria Day for an afternoon of games, music, art, and free BBQ. Try the bouncy castle, explore the fire truck, and enjoy the neighbourhood party.

Wednesday, May 25, 2016 - Carlington Community Association Annual General Meeting, 7-9 pm. Alexander Community Centre

Saturday, May 28, 2016 - Ridgemont Community Park Clean-Up and BBQ. Councillor Riley Brockington and local residents will clean up Frank J. Licari Park from 10am-1pm as part of the Spring Clean the Capital Campaign. Everyone welcome! Free BBQ sponsored by Enbridge Gas from 12pm-1pm.

Saturday, June 4, 2016 - Doors Open Ottawa will include Carleton Memorial United Church for tours on Saturday, June 4, 2016 from 10am to 4pm. Doors Open Ottawa is an annual event held in the City of Ottawa that gives the public access to many of the city's unique and historically significant buildings.

Saturday, June 4, 2016 - A Community Yard & Plant Sale will be held in Carlington at Harrold Place Park and the surrounding neighbourhood. Clear out your unused goods and find deals all over the neighbourhood.

Saturday, June 4, 2016 - Ottawa Central Park Annual Garage Sale, from 8am until noon. Donations for Neighbours Helping Neighbours (NHN) and Helping With Furniture (HWF) will be collected after 2pm that same day.

Saturday, June 4, 2016 - 2nd Annual "Hunt Club Cares" Garage Sale. 8am-12pm. Rain or Shine. \$5 registration goes to SEOCHC Summer Camps. Registration includes signage & social media exposure. Call Linda King 613-260 -7897 for information / registration or email huntclubcares@gmail.com.

Saturday, June 18, 2016 19th Annual Alexander Fun Day being hosted by the Alexander Community Centre, with assistance from the Alexander Community Association, at Alexander Park from 10am to 2pm. Games, activities, contests, and a 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament.

Sunday, July 3, 2016—Annual Central Park Family Fun Day from 11am until 3pm. This event may still be cancelled, if we don't get more volunteers from the neighbourhood.

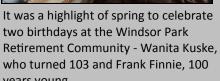
**Ottawa Central Park Community** Association is looking for board members and volunteers to help with community events, like Family Fun Day. Please contact media@centralpark.ottawa.on.ca for details.





I was privileged to present awards to River Ward's many outdoor rink volunteers at the annual appreciation breakfast in February (top left). I also welcomed a new business to River Ward, GameZetera on Dynes Road (top right).







years young.



I was honoured to wear the St. Pius X football jersey and introduce the Glee Club on February 24, as they performed the national anthem at the City Council

## **Slow Down for Us Campaign**



You may have noticed new signs in various Ottawa neighbourhoods warning motorists to slow down for children. The Slow Down for Us campaign is an initiative of the City of Ottawa to help create awareness of speeding on residential streets and give residents an opportunity to be proactive in traffic management on their streets in their neighbourhoods.

Should you wish to get a sign for your property, please contact my office at 613-580-2486 or by email at Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca. The signs are limited in quantity and available first come, first served.

## **River Ward Parks Update**

## **Carlington Hill Park**

At the Carlington Community Association (CCA) meeting on March 23, the Ottawa Mountain Bike Association (OMBA) presented their vision for public mountain bike trails and other infrastructure on a portion of Carlington Hill.

The OMBA's proposal consists of a dedicated area for cyclists providing a variety of off-road features such as a pump-track, jumps, and a skills area with technical features.

The goal of the OMBA is to provide the local community a free, easy-access venue for outdoor recreational activity and provide a venue for local programming (such as camps and lessons) for both kids and adults.

At this point, no decisions have been made or finalized. The CCA will host their AGM Monday, May 25 and a community vote will be held.

## Park Designations for Dogs in River Ward

Dog owners in River Ward love to get outside with their canine friends for walks, runs and play. Many of our local parks are pet friendly and welcome dogs.

In total, there are 34 parks in River Ward managed by the City of Ottawa. Regarding dogs in particular, each park has one of three possible designations: **Dogs Allowed**-Dogs may be on or off leash, but always under the control of their owner, **Dogs on Leash**-Dogs may enter the park only while leashed, and always under the control of their owner and **No Dogs**-No dogs may enter the park whatsoever, with an exception to service dogs and their owners.

For a complete list of parks in River Ward, please contact my office. Dog owners are also kindly reminded to please stoop and scoop and dispose of the contents at home, not in a city park garbage can. Thank-you.



## Alexander Park – New Sens Rink of Dreams

I am proud that the next Sens Rink of Dreams will be built in River Ward, specifically in Alexander Park in Carlington.

I have been working with the City's Parks and Recreation Dept. for close to one year to solidify the deal to bring this amazing community asset to the Carlington community. The Sens Foundation will construct a permanent, concrete pad in Alexander Park, which will include two basketball courts for summer use and a large ice surface in the winter months. There will also be permanent raised boards for the rink. Programming will be led by the Alexander Community Centre which will be free of charge. This is yet another excellent example of various investments that are being made in the Carlington community. Preliminary discussions have already begun to construct a second Sens Rink of Dreams in River Ward.

## New Playground Equipment

Continued investments by the City of Ottawa this summer will see a brand new play structure built as well as new asphalt for the tennis courts in Owl Park in Hunt Club. Last November, I hosted a community consultation forum on the design and components of the new play structure. This is an excellent example of the community leading a local project. Paul Landry Park in Hunt Club will see 1,500 new trees planted this spring. I also secured funds for new playgrounds in both Paul Landry Park and Alexander Park in 2018. It is my goal to start community consultation this autumn for Paul Landry Park. I will hold off on consultation for Alexander Park until the plans to expand and renovate the Alexander Community Centre are better known. I want to avoid constructing a new playground if it has to be removed a few years later due to a Centre expansion.

## **Earth Day Highlights**

Many thanks to Ottawa South MPP John Fraser, Ottawa Centre MP and Minister of the Environment and Climate Change Catherine McKenna, Deputy Mayor Mark Taylor, and Environment Committee Chair David Chernushenko, for attending the River Ward Earth Day Celebration on April 23, 2016.





Local Tree
Enthusiast, Owen
Clarkin, led a tour of
the McCarthy
Woods with
approximately 75
local residents.



#### **Certificates of Appreciation**

It was an honour to recognize the efforts of Springland Drive resident, Winsome Garvey with a Certificate of Appreciation for having one of the most colourful floral gardens in River Ward last year. If you know a neighbour or local resident who proudly works in their garden month after month, contact my office to let me know. I plan to present certificates across River Ward later this year to local green-thumbs who help beautify our community.

## **Ottawa 2017 Community Event Funding**

Community organizations should take note that the deadline for 2017 Special Events funding is **September 15, 2016 at 4pm.** This year, changes were made to the Civic Events Funding process to allow even more opportunities for groups to participate and foster as many local celebrations for Canada 2017. More information can be found at **www.Ottawa2017.ca.** 



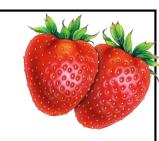
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Community Centre



# Riley Brockington



# River Ward 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!

Wednesday, June 8, 1-3pm

Hunt Club—Riverside Park Community Centre 3320 Paul Anka Drive

Thursday, June 9, 1-3pm

Alexander Community Centre 960 Silver Street

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

