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# Carlington Community Association

## Carlington Community Association Update Sept 24, 2019

### Carlington Community Safety Night

I am hosting a Community Safety Meeting on **Tuesday, October 15** from 7:00pm—8:30pm at the Alexander Community Centre, 960 Silver Street. The topics of discussion for the evening include the new Neighbourhood Police Model, rat mitigation in residential communities, naloxone training and the Opioid Crisis in Ottawa. Please attend to learn more on these important topics to make our community a safer place for all.

### Road, Sewer and Watermain Infrastructure Project - Larkin Street, Lepage Avenue and Larose Avenue

I am hosting a Public Information Session for the road, sewer and watermain reconstruction project on Larkin Street, Lepage Avenue and Larose Avenue. Drawings will be on display and City staff will provide an overview of the infrastructure project. The meeting will take place on Monday, September 30 at 7:30pm at the Alexander Community Centre, 960 Silver Street.

The following aged infrastructure is in poor condition and will be renewed

- Sanitary sewers in Larkin Street, Lepage Avenue and Larose Avenue
- Storm sewers in Lepage Avenue and Larose Avenue
- Watermains in Lepage Avenue and in Larose Avenue

The limits of the project are: Larkin Street between Lepage Avenue and Laperriere Avenue, Lepage Avenue between Cavan Street and Larkin Street, and Larose Avenue between McBride Street and Larkin Street.

Construction is tentatively planned to begin in spring of 2020 with completion by the end of 2020.

### Eastbound Carling Onramp Update From MTO

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) provided the following update on the 417 widening project and, in particular, the anticipated reopening of the Eastbound Carling Avenue on-ramp which has been closed since early August.

Work is progressing at the Merivale Road Bridge. The MTO has run into some unforeseen issues with the repairs to the bridge. Some elements of the bridge were in worse condition than anticipated therefore increasing the duration of the work in each stage. As a result, there will be additional time required to repair the bridge, which will result in a delay in opening the Carling Avenue Eastbound on-ramp. The ministry is looking at every avenue possible to expedite the work, but at this time they are anticipating opening the ramp by November 4, 2019. On a more positive note, they have nearly completed the rehabilitation of the north side of the bridge and are implementing a new staging configuration next weekend, which will facilitate repairs to the south end of the bridge.

### Site Plan Application – Phase 1 – Westgate Mall Redevelopment

The City of Ottawa's Planning Department continues to review the Site Planning control application for Phase 1 of the development at Westgate Mall. Phase 1 of the redevelopment retains the Westgate Shopping Centre and demolishes the stand-alone restaurant (Monkey Joe's) to construct a 24-storey mixed-use building on the southeast corner of the lot with a 2-storey underground parking garage.

Councillor Leiper and I hosted a very well attended public meeting to discuss the site plan application with local residents on January 22, 2019.

### Site Plan Application – 1305 Summerville Avenue

The City of Ottawa Planning Department is reviewing a Site Plan application to permit an infill, three storey low-rise apartment building, at 1305 Summerville Avenue, located east of the existing apartment building on the property. The building is proposed to contain approximately 18 new apartment units.

As part of the development, the applicant is proposing a 5-space surface parking lot, landscaped and communal areas in the front and rear yard and a 1.5 metre wide walkway to access a barrier-free suite, bicycle parking and garbage storage. The parking provided does meet the requirement of the zoning bylaw. The applicant has confirmed that there are parking spots available on both neighboring properties to

accommodate surplus parking requests they may have for the proposed building.

If you would like to view the plans and reports associated with the site plan application, please visit [www.ottawa.ca/devapps](http://www.ottawa.ca/devapps) and insert 1305 Summerville into the file search tool.

### **Merivale Road Beautification Project**

The City of Ottawa is moving forward with the implementation of the Merivale Road beautification project this Fall. The project is currently out for tender.

The final plans were created with input from local resident and the Carlington Community Association. The final plans for the three areas along Merivale Road: Merivale and Carling traffic triangle; Merivale Circle; and Merivale and Kirkwood will use similar elements such as benches, armour stones and landscaping features to create a connection along the street. Some of the main highlights and key design elements of the renewed areas include a pedestrian crossing, new pathway, new pedestrian crossing, armour stone walls, benches, tree and foliage plantings, landscaping, drought resistant plants, and a small inviting plaza at the Merivale and Kirkwood node.

Construction is expected to be completed before the end of 2019 to meet the funding requirements.

### **2020 City of Ottawa Budget Consultations**

Save the date: I am cohosting a City of Ottawa Budget Consultation on **Tuesday, October 22** from 6:00pm-8:00pm in the Elwood Hall at the Jim Durrell Arena, 1265 Walkley Road. I will be joined by my colleagues Carol Anne Meehan, Jean Cloutier, and Shawn Menard. Please attend if you are available to share your feedback on items that you may want to see in the City Budget. If you are unable to attend but would like to share your feedback regarding budget priorities, please send an email to [Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca](mailto:Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca).

### **Rental Housing Regulatory Review**

Over the last several months, the City of Ottawa has been undertaking the Rental Housing Regulatory Review. The goal of the study is to conduct a review of regulations governing private sector rental properties to address public health and safety, consumer protection, community nuisances and other areas of municipal concern. This review includes a review of policy options to address housing conditions, student housing, rooming houses and shared accommodations.

The consultant reports from Maclaren Municipal Consulting are currently being finalized, and will include their recommendations along with a summary of the consultations conducted to date. The consultant report is expected to be published online for review in the coming two weeks.

A special Community and Protective Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for **November 15, 2019** at 9:30am at Ottawa City Hall to consider the staff report which will be released to City Council on November 4. The City staff report will include recommended policy frameworks for the regulation of rental housing and short-term rental accommodations as well as recommendations concerning additional hotel, motel, and bed and breakfast regulation.

In advance of the special committee meeting, one final round of consultations lead by City staff will occur prior to the release of the staff report. This will include an online survey, available on [ottawa.ca](http://ottawa.ca) from October 4 to October 18 and two public meetings:

**Rental Housing:** Ben Franklin Place, October 22, 6-8 pm

**Short-Term Rental Accommodations (Air BnB):** Nepean Sportsplex, October 23, 6-8 pm

I invite all residents to participate.

### **O-Train Confederation Line opened to customers on September 14**

As you are certainly aware, the O-Train Confederation Line was launched on Saturday, September 14 and is now fully open for service at all 13 stations along the line, from Tunney's Pasture Station in the west to Blair Station in the east. I invite you to try out the line and share your feedback on what you like and may dislike about the new operation.

On October 6, OC Transpo will be launching it's largest route system change in history with changes to routes across the city as the system completes it's integration with the Confederation line. Locally, one of the most significant changes is the adjustments coming to route 14. The current route will cease on Oct 6 and will be replaced with the following routes:

- New Route 14 will operate between St. Laurent and Tunney's Pasture via Gladstone, Parkdale and Scott/Spencer
- New Route 53 will provide service between Carlington and Tunney's Pasture
- New Route 114 will provide limited service between Carlington and the Rideau Centre along the current route 14 path, with two buses to Rideau in the morning and two buses returning in the early afternoon

Please see the specific handout for details on the routes that I will provide at tonight's meeting.

### **966-974 Fisher Avenue**

The proposed development application for the properties at 966-974 Fisher Avenue continues to be reviewed by City Planning staff. An updated submission package was recently received by the City and City Planning staff are currently reviewing the details. The height of the building has been lowered to 9.37m (3 storeys). You may recall

the original proposal which sought the development of two, four-storey apartment buildings on the property, consisting of 25 units per building. The developer agreed to eliminate one floor from the proposal, dropping the height from four-storeys to three-storeys in each of the two buildings. The unit range was also decreased to approximately 19 units per building. This file is expected to be considered by the City's Planning Committee in November or December, no firm date has been established at this time.

### **1110 Fisher Avenue**

In May 2019, I received notification from the owner of the property at 1110 Fisher Avenue that they plan to submit a zoning amendment proposal for a potential 9-storey apartment building for the site with 62 units and 3 levels of underground parking. The property is located on the west side of Fisher south of Trent Street. I hosted a community meeting with the developer on July 25 where a number of residents attended to voice their concerns with the development application including the access and egress, height, massing, and setbacks, to name a few. City Planning staff continue to review the development proposal which was officially submitted for review on July 3, 2019.

In early mid-August I personally met with the owner of the property to request that the proposal be scaled back. At this time, there is no intention for the proposal to be reduced in height or size, the owner is content with the proposal. I have no further information to share at this time, but I am hopeful of receiving an update from Planning staff in the coming weeks.

### **Merivale Road Transit Priority Lane Implementation**

Thank-you to those who have raised questions with me directly and indirectly regarding the recent implementation of the Merivale Road Transit Priority Lanes.

For background purposes, in the 2013 Transportation Master Plan, City Council identified and approved the need for the provision of peak period bus lanes along Merivale Road between Carling Avenue and Baseline Road. This is planned to be achieved through the reallocation of existing traffic lanes to reduce bus travel time and improve reliability of transit service in the future. Bus service along Merivale Road operates in mixed traffic, resulting in some delays that impact service reliability. To improve transit service, timing, and reliability along this 2.5-kilometre segment designated as a 'Traditional and Arterial Mainstreet', the City's Transportation Master Plan identifies this corridor for future bus rapid transit.

Senior City Staff were asked to review the project implementation and its impacts in further detail and agreed that the installation of the transit-only lanes were premature at this point in time and have agreed to

remove them for the foreseeable future. The corridor is protected and the project is still identified in the Transportation Master Plan. The timing of its reimplementation will be reviewed and coordinated with the delivery of other nearby transit projects, mainly when both the Baseline Bus Rapid Corridor and Carling Ave bus lanes are implemented.

Within the last couple of years, there were multiple rounds of public community consultation including open houses, public meetings, and presentations in conjunction with the Merivale Road Community Design Plan.

### **Alexander Park Play Equipment**

The City of Ottawa is currently undertaking the installation of new play equipment at Alexander Park. I am pleased with the City's investment in new play equipment for local children. I would like to thank all residents who participated in the public consultations for the new play features. To confirm, the following playground and park components will be added new play structure, benches, climber, and bike racks closer to the entrance of the Alexander Community Centre. Work should be completed in mid-late October.

### **Travelodge Construction Management Meeting for Thames Street Residents**

There will be a construction management meeting for residents who live on Thames Street, Archibald Street, and Meath Street on **Thursday, October 3 at 7pm** at JA Dulude Arena. The intent of the meeting is for the Travelodge construction team to provide a presentation and overview of their upcoming construction plans, the site layout and staging, and some of the expected construction timelines for residents who live adjacent to the property.

### **City Offering Rebate for Homeowners to Replace Lead Water Pipes**

The City of Ottawa approved a rebate to the Lead Pipe Replacement Program. Homeowners whose homes were built before 1955 could potentially have lead water pipes that connect to non-lead City pipes and could be eligible for a new rebate of up to \$1,000, about 20 per cent of the total replacement cost. The City would continue to offer loans for properties where both the private and City portions of the water pipes are made of lead. As a stop-gap measure, homeowners with confirmed lead levels that exceed Health Canada's recently updated guideline, or who are awaiting pipe replacement under the program, could get a year's worth of free water filters to remove lead from their tap water.

To have your water tested for lead, call 3-1-1 to make an appointment.

### **New Chief of Police**

On Monday, August 26, the Ottawa Police Services Board announced that it has selected Peter Sloly as the new Chief of Police for the Ottawa Police Service (OPS). Mr. Sloly is a

former Deputy Chief from the Toronto Police Service and he is slated to begin his new role as Chief of Police on October 28, 2019.

### **Engage Ottawa - 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan Refresh**

The City of Ottawa released the Ten Year Plan: A Home for Everyone 2014-2024 in 2014. The City is now updating the plan, in consultation with Ottawa residents, as part of a required provincial mid-point review. This review allows cities to revise their plans so that they remain responsive to the changing needs of residents and the housing environment.

The Engage Ottawa website for the 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan review has been launched. Engage Ottawa provides an opportunity for residents to give feedback on housing initiatives and keeps them informed as the City updates the plan. We encourage residents to register for the site to stay updated on the progress of the 10-Year Plan review and to answer specific questions that will help the

City decide on new strategies and initiatives to help increase the supply of affordable and supportive housing, create more affordability for residents, and help the City achieve our goal of ending chronic homelessness.

For more information on the 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan please visit <https://engage.ottawa.ca/>.

### **Official Plan Review**

On August 22, the City's Planning Committee, in a joint session with the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, received a staff report outlining preliminary policy directions for the new Official Plan.

City Staff presented the policy directions, which would address the challenges our maturing, mid-sized city will face over the next 25 years. The high-level direction touches on five key themes:

**Growth** – The City would encourage more growth through intensification, in areas that are already built up, than through expansion into new or undeveloped areas.

**Mobility** – The City would aim for more than half of all trips to be made by sustainable transportation, including public transit, carpooling, walking and cycling.

**Neighbourhoods** – The City would improve community planning and design, with a focus on

neighbourhoods, expanding the total area where residents could function without a car.

**Natural Systems** – The City would better integrate public health, energy and environmental resiliency considerations in planning matters.

**Economic Development** – The City would look to embed economic development considerations in planning matters.

The City is in the process of developing a completely new Official Plan to ensure Ottawa continues to adapt to current and emerging needs, opportunities and challenges. Staff are working to produce a final draft of a new Official Plan by the end of 2021. Staff aim to start public consultations in the coming months, to ask residents about this high-level policy direction.

### **"Paint the Town Orange" – Liberation 75 Campaign**

Ottawa residents are invited to participate in the Liberation75 Campaign by purchasing and planting special tulips commemorating the 75th anniversary liberation of the Netherlands by Canadian-led troops in the Second World War.

The goal of the Liberation75 planting initiative is to see 1.1 million brilliant orange, exclusively named Liberation75 tulips blooming across Canada next spring. The 1.1 million figure represents one bloom for each Canadian who served in the Second World War. In May of 2020, the world will mark the 75th anniversary of the Netherlands Liberation Day, which took place on May 5, 1945.

If you are interested in participating, please visit [www.liberation75.ca](http://www.liberation75.ca).

### **COMING EVENTS**

#### **Older Adult Summit**

On Friday, Oct 4, I am hosting my annual Older Adult Summit at the Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community Centre, located at 3320 Paul Anka Drive. The morning consists of a continental breakfast, interesting presentations on topics such as Brain Health, Downsizing and Fitness to Drive as We Age, followed by a light lunch. The event runs from 8:30am to 1pm and is free to attend. Please RSVP to reserve your seat by calling my office at 613-580-2486.

#### **Carlington Bike Park Opening**

The Carlington Bike Park opening is this Saturday, September 28 from 11:00am-3:00pm at Carlington Park, 937 Clyde Avenue. Easiest access to the bike park is from Morisset Avenue. All residents are invited to attend the opening. A ribbon cutting followed by a BBQ and riding demos, bike repair clinic, cycle education, helmet safety and more will be available.

#### **Christmas Social**

I am hosting my annual Christmas Social on Monday, December 9 at 7:00pm at the Carleton Heights Community Centre, 1665 Apeldoorn Avenue. All are welcome.