



COUNCILLOR/CONSEILLER RILEY BROCKINGTON



Hunt Club Community Association Meeting Councillor Update – September 2019

1026-1054 Hunt Club Road -Claridge Seniors Residence

Claridge Homes has begun construction to redevelop the property as a retirement home/residential care facility at 1026-1054 Hunt Club Road. The retirement home/residential care facility is proposed to be eight storeys in height and contain approximately 145 units.

Taggart Development – Riverside and Hunt Club

Following City Council approval on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 from Taggart Developments for their property at 3930-3960 Riverside Drive at Hunt Club Road, no official site plan application has been received by the City of Ottawa.

At this time, the plan calls for a seniors' residence, hotel, apartment building and car dealership, with service centre. Five of the 20 acres will be retained by the City of Ottawa and held in public trust along the shoreline. A pathway on the city land, starting on the western side of the property will be built and connect to the Quinterra Riverwood pathway. A new parking lot will be added to serve the Uplands-Riverside Park and a new signalized intersection, with median cut, will be built by Taggart to permit full entry/exit.

Hunt Club and Riverside Intersection Safety Review

City Transportation Staff are anticipating beginning a safety review of the Hunt Club and Riverside intersection this month. The review and its details will be shared in subsequent months with the HCCA and local residents, including recommended safety improvements.

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.

Rental Housing Regulatory Review

The City of Ottawa has initiated 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. Please visit my website www.rileybrockington.ca to review the policy options on housing conditions and short term rentals.

O-Train Confederation Line to Launch on September 14

Beginning Saturday, September 14 (2pm), the O-Train Confederation Line will be open for service at all 13 stations along the line, from Tunney's Pasture Station in the west to Blair Station in the east.

The O-Train Confederation Line is a \$2.13 billion transit project that is jointly funded by the Government of Canada, the Government of Ontario and the City of Ottawa. The 12.5-km line includes 13 stations. At peak weekday operation, the system is expected to carry up to 10,700 passengers per hour in each direction.

OC Transpo buses will continue to run parallel with the train service until October 6.

Real-time schedule information is available 24 hours a day by calling 613-560-1000 or texting 560560 plus the four-digit bus stop number. For more details, travel planning assistance and new timetables, customers are encouraged to visit octranspo.com for detailed information.

Learn About Your Commute: Ready for Rail Meeting

In anticipation of the opening of the O-Train Confederation Line, I am co-hosting a Ready For Rail public information session for residents to learn more about their transit commute. Transit experts will be available to help you understand what it means to have a multi-modal commute and how you can Get Ready For Rail. The meeting will take place on Monday, September 9 at 7:00pm in the Elwood Hall at the Jim Durrell Arena, 1265 Walkley Road.

Airport Parkway Pedestrian Bridge Naming

I am pleased to announce a proposal to officially name the Airport Parkway Pedestrian Bridge to the Juno Beach Memorial Bridge, in honour and memory of the 75th anniversary of the D-Day invasion on June 6, 1944. As the bridge is not proposed to be named after a person, the process is different than the commemorative naming process. Therefore, on September 11 and 25, 2019 respectively, I will give advance notice of this proposal at a City Council meeting and this will ultimately be debated at Council. The Juno Beach Association and Canadian Legion are supportive of this proposal. A ceremony will be held during Veterans week.

Paul Landry Park

Issues with the Paul Landry Park gravity swing have been addressed by City staff and the swing was reinstalled several weeks ago.

3225 Uplands Drive

Residents noted an issue with the new driveway entrance width at the Ottawa Community Housing Ashgrove property. The matter is being dealt with by City staff and the OCH contractor to expand the width of the driveway entrance.

Hunt Club Road Paving Project

Hunt Club Road is currently being prepared for paving operations which are expected to commence this week. All works will take place overnight. The paving included a small stretch of Paul Anka from Hunt Club to Boone Crescent.

McCarthy Road Paving

In August, the City of Ottawa completed new paving on a stretch of McCarthy Road between Southmore and Plante. New anti-skid pavement was laid in order to reduce the potential for cars skidding off the road on the bend on McCarthy Road. I am also in discussions with Public Works staff on the timing and feasibility of adding new curbs on the curve, all in order to reduce the number of occasions that vehicles have left the roadway, crossing the sidewalk and ending up in the woods (east side of McCarthy).

Riverside Drive Paving Update

I am aware of the condition of Riverside Drive. I have been working with senior City staff over the last few months to develop a plan to advance the budget source for the resurfacing project. We are tentatively expecting to start resurfacing on Riverside in 2020 and it could potentially be a two season project from Hunt Club to Walkley then Walkley to Brookfield Road. Significant planning, designing, and budgeting has been dedicated in an attempt to advance the timelines for Riverside Drive resurfacing. I will keep the community up-to-date on this initiative.

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 in October.

Older Adult Summit

I will be hosting my annual River Ward Older Adult Summit on Friday, October 4 at 8:30am at the Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Centre, 3320 Paul Anka Drive. Join us for this fun and informative morning to discuss topics relevant to Older Adults. As seating is limited, please RSVP to Andrea.Ward@Ottawa.ca to reserve your spot.