



COUNCILLOR/CONSEILLER  
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# Hunt Club Community Association

## Councillor's Report Hunt Club Community Association AGM November 4, 2019

Another year, another great group of community minded volunteers to work with to make Hunt Club such a great neighbourhood to live, work and play in. Thank-you to all Directors of the HCCA and all volunteers for everything you do.

### 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 was approved by City Council on September 25. The Juno Beach Association and Canadian Legion are supportive of this initiative. A ceremony will be held this Friday, November 8, as part of Veterans Week.

### 2020 Budget

The 2020 City of Ottawa Budget will be tabled on Wednesday, November 6 at a special City Council meeting. The components of the budget will then be debated at the various committee meetings during the course of the month with the final budget being solidified on December 11. I encourage you to visit the city website at: [www.Ottawa.ca/budget](http://www.Ottawa.ca/budget) to review the budget documents. Please email me your comments and suggestions on where the city should focus its spending in the coming year.

If you would like to speak to one of the city's committees regarding the 2020 budget, the following is the schedule of the respective budget review meeting dates:

- November 19** - Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management Committee
  - November 20** - Transit Commission
  - November 21** - Community and Protective Services Committee
  - November 25** - Police Service Board
  - November 28** - Planning Committee
  - December 3** - Finance and Economic Development Committee
  - December 3** - Ottawa Public Library
  - December 4** - Transportation Committee
  - December 9** - Ottawa Board of Health
  - December 11** - Adoption of Budget at Ottawa City Council
- You can confirm the meeting times and locations online at <https://engage.ottawa.ca/draft-budget-2020>.

### Hunt Club Road and Riverside Drive Intersection Review

The City of Ottawa will be undertaking an intersection review at Hunt Club Road and Riverside Drive. Local residents will receive a hand delivered notice once the online review and survey is live and posted to my website at [www.RileyBrockington.ca](http://www.RileyBrockington.ca). I would invite residents to take part in the survey to share their experiences and help inform the intersection review. The intent of the review and survey is to identify potential countermeasures that would improve safety and operations for all users. The City consultant hired to undertake the review will prepare a technical report documenting data review and field investigation, public feedback, countermeasure evaluation, and any short-term and long-term recommendations. A copy of the report will be available for public review in Q1 2020.

### O-Train Confederation Line

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.

Since the launch of the largest route system change in OC Transpo history, there has been numerous and continuous issues with bus and train reliability. As a member of the Transit Commission, I intend to hold OC Transpo officials accountable and request their continued updates on improvements being implemented to deal with not just the continuing growing pains but also with historical issues with reliable bus and Para Transpo service.

### 3930-3960 Riverside Drive

On April 10, 2019 City Council approved the zoning bylaw amendment application from Taggart Developments for their property at 3930-3960 Riverside Drive at Hunt Club Road. The vote was 17-5, with myself one of the five dissenters.

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.

Council approved an amendment that "Council approve the extension of the southbound right hand turning lane on Riverside Drive, between the new signalized entrance and Hunt Club Road, be considered as a priority project to be funded from the Development Charge Account related to Network Modifications".

A detailed site plan application which will outline all the detailed elements and uses in the development has not yet been submitted for review.

#### **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.

#### **Start of Negotiations to Acquire the Beachburg and Walkley Rail Corridors**

The City of Ottawa has communicated its interest to negotiate with CN Railway for the potential acquisition of the Beachburg and Walkley railway corridors. This includes the corridor through the McCarthy Woods. These corridors will become available for purchase as soon as the rail company issues a formal notice of discontinuance. CN is obligated to first offer these corridors to commercial rail service operators. If they are uninterested, CN can extend the offer to federal, provincial, and municipal organizations.

The Beachburg (8.5 km) and Walkley (5.8 km) corridors include existing rail infrastructure such as railway tracks, switches, signals, culverts and bridges. The corridors are being discontinued because the rail traffic volumes have fallen below levels needed for CN to support ongoing investments. Staff have been working on appraisals and acquisition options for these corridors since CN advised the City of their plans for potential discontinuance last year. Whether the City chooses to acquire the corridors will depend on the appraised value and negotiations with CN. Should the negotiations break down, the City has the option to seek assistance from the Canadian Transportation Authority to determine the net salvage value of the corridor.

The corridors are not currently identified for use as City transportation facilities in the Transportation Master Plan. However, these linear (and long) corridors crossing the urban

area and the Greenbelt, with a limited number of connections, could be very beneficial for longer-term transportation infrastructure needs. The City's Official Plan includes a policy to purchase surplus railway corridors as they become available for protection for future use, subject to budgeting and affordability.

#### **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 was sworn in as Chief of Police on October 28. I look forward to working with him on River Ward priorities.

#### **Bank Street Functional Design**

The new functional design for the future Bank Street renewal project is now available for review on my website [www.RileyBrockington.ca](http://www.RileyBrockington.ca). I would invite all residents to review the functional design from the most recent public open house on October 17 and share their feedback on the proposal via email at [Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca](mailto:Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca).

In July 2017, the City of Ottawa selected the preferred design of a new and improved segment of Bank Street from Riverside Drive to Ledbury Avenue. The preferred design is aligned with the complete streets components that the City is shifting towards. The new design through the corridor will feature new sidewalks, a landscaped boulevard, a cycle track, and a buffer area between the roadway on both sides of Bank Street. Two motor vehicle lanes will be kept in each direction with a new depressed median along most of the roadway, removing the two-way turn lane design that is currently on Bank Street. Raised medians will be located closer to the intersections.

#### **Increased Focus for Sidewalk Clearing This Winter**

The City of Ottawa is increasing its focus on 24/7 snow clearing on sidewalk beats this upcoming winter. Conditions of sidewalks were not acceptable last winter and I voiced my frustration with City staff who have been working on improved service strategy over the last several months. New ice-breaking equipment has also been purchased to assist with clearing the ice off of sidewalks after freeze-thaw cycles.

#### **Overnight Parking Bans This Winter Season**

The City of Ottawa's winter overnight parking regulations are in effect between November 15 and April 1st. Parking is not permitted on city streets between the hours of 1 a.m. and 7 a.m. when 7 cm of snow or more is forecast by Environment Canada in the Ottawa area and the City has enacted a parking ban.

Vehicles that remain parked on the street when an overnight parking ban is in effect are subject to being ticketed and towed. The City of Ottawa will be strictly enforcing the bans this winter. Your co-operation in finding alternate parking will help city crews clear the streets quickly and efficiently, which benefits all of us.

You can stay informed about overnight parking bans by signing up for an e-alert or by following the City's official social media channels. The local media is also advised in the event overnight parking restrictions are in effect. Enforcement of winter overnight parking restrictions will continue each evening until snow clearing is completed and the City issues a special advisory indicating that the overnight parking restriction has been lifted.

#### **Send Feedback on Traffic Calming Requests**

Over the next few months I will be reviewing additional locations across River Ward to add temporary traffic calming on local neighbourhood streets. If you have a location that you would like reviewed for local traffic calming, please share them with me via email [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 now available for public review on [Ottawa.ca](http://Ottawa.ca) and include their recommendations along with a summary of the consultations conducted to date. City Staff will consider these recommendations and supporting arguments as they prepare final recommendations for the staff report. The staff report will be considered at a Special Meeting of the Community and Protective Services Committee on November 15, 2019 and City Council on November 27, 2019. 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.

I would like to thank all residents who have been very engaged on this city-wide policy review. I would invite you to share your feedback with me prior to the City Council vote on November 27 for the final recommendations.

#### **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/>.

#### **Mooney's Bay Pavilion Update**

Parks and Recreation staff continue to work on the business case for the replacement of the Mooney's Bay Pavilion. This work is being done in-house and consists of preparing concept functional plans of the new building and site, based on the results of the online community consultation and input from program and operational staff. A preliminary cost estimate of the concept functional plans will also feed into the business case.



The 2019 10-year capital budget forecasts funding for the replacement of the Mooney's Bay Pavilion beginning in 2021 and totaling \$4.8 M over four years. Until this funding is available to retain design consultants to begin detailed design and community consultations, City Parks and Recreation staff are unable to proceed further than the in-house work currently underway. Once design consultants are on board, a formal application will need to be submitted to the NCC for review and approval concurrently with the detailed design process. Assuming capital funding is approved in the 2021 budget, the City would commence community consultations in winter 2021. Completion of detailed design would take approximately 9 months, followed by tender and construction, which could potentially get underway in 2022.

I plan to seek assistance from the two other levels of government to move this project forward.

#### **Kathy Ablett Commemoration**

Following Council approval in September, the Seniors' Room in the Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community Centre will be named 'The Kathy Ablett Room.'

This commemoration is in recognition of the late Kathy Ablett's dedication to promoting and advocating for Catholic education in the Ottawa community. Kathy Ablett served as a Catholic School Board Trustee for 27 years, working tirelessly to provide educational opportunities for young children. Kathy was Trustee for Zone 9, which encompasses River and Capital Wards, and includes St. Pius X High School, Immaculata High School, Holy Cross School, Holy Family

School, St. Augustine School, Corpus Christi School, and St. Elizabeth School. She was honoured with the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association Award of Merit in 2009 for her exceptional service. Kathy also served her community as a past Board Member of the Hunt Club Community Association.

Kathy worked as registered nurse in a former family practice office on Ridgewood Avenue, where she provided caring and compassionate care to patients.

A public ceremony is being organized.

#### **Ottawa Public Library—Community Events**

The Ottawa Public Library (OPL) is hosting an information session at the Hunt Club - Riverside Park Community Centre on **November 12** at 2:30-4pm called "**Pantry Hacks: More with Less**" in conjunction with Pure Kitchen. The event will be part demonstration, part lecture with samples to enjoy. It is limited to a maximum of 20 participants on a drop in basis.

This session is the second to be held at the Community Centre following my push to OPL to offer more services in the Hunt Club community. Earlier in October they held a well-attended session on Library Services for Older Adults. If you have any suggestions of topics you would like to see presented at the community centre, send me a note at [Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca](mailto:Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca).

#### **Father Ghattas Retirement**

Reverend Father Ghattas Hajal (St. Elias) is officially retiring on December 1, 2019. There will be a Gala Dinner in his honour on Saturday, November 30.



The poster features a central wreath of green pine branches with gold and red ornaments and a red bow. The text is arranged around and over the wreath. At the top, 'RIVER WARD' is written in large, bold, red capital letters. Below it, 'Christmas PARTY' is written in a white cursive font for 'Christmas' and bold white capital letters for 'PARTY'. At the bottom of the wreath, 'QUARTIER RIVIÈRE' and 'FÊTE DE NOËL' are written in red capital letters.

City Councillor Riley Brockington invites you to attend his annual <b>River Ward Christmas Party</b> on <b>Monday, December 9, 2019</b> <b>6:30pm - 8:30pm</b> <b>Carleton Heights Community Centre</b> 1665 Apeldoorn Ave. <i>All residents are welcome to attend!</i>	Le conseiller municipal Riley Brockington vous invite à <b>la fête de Noël annuelle du quartier Rivière</b> <b>Lundi 9 décembre 2019</b> <b>18 h 30 à 20 h 30</b> <b>Centre communautaire Carleton Heights,</b> 1665, avenue Apeldoorn <i>Bienvenue à tous les résidents!</i>
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