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Dear Neighbours and Residents,

The COVID-19 pandemic is unprecedented in recent memory. Its impact on human-life in countries like China, Italy and Iran has been devastating. Canada has not been spared. Ottawa Public Health is leading the response in Ottawa, with great care and support from the Ottawa Hospital and CHEO as well.

An assessment centre opened on March 13 at the Brewer Arena. At the time this bulletin went to print, it was receiving hundreds of patients a day, and conducting 350 nasal swabs. Whether you have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or not, if you have any symptoms (fever, cough or new/worsening cough), you must self-isolate. That is, stay home.

The State of Emergency was called by the Province to rapidly reduce the amount of people who would normally be socially interacting with one another and increasing the likelihood of transmission. These are trying times, with schools closed along with most

employment centres. All this is so we do our part to “flatten the curve.” Drastic measures were required as our health care professionals in our hospitals do not have the capacity to treat large volumes of people at once and secondly because the mortality rate of those infected in other countries is very high for older adults and/or those with compromised immune systems.

Understandably, these are stressful times. The Ottawa Distress Centre is open and available for people who need to talk. Their number is 613-238-3311.

My website (RileyBrockington.ca) and the Ottawa Public Health website (OttawaPublicHealth.ca) contain updated information on the COVID-19 emergency. My office staff and I remain accessible and continue to reply to email and receive your calls. My team is here to assist you, now and always.

If you need anything in particular, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Riley



On Thursday, March 5, 2020, I hosted the fourth annual River Ward Women's Day Speaker Series at the Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community Centre. My panel included (from left) Krista Kealey, Vice-President, Communications and Public Affairs at the Ottawa International Airport Authority; Councillor Catherine McKenney (Special Co-Host), Council Liaison for Housing and Homelessness; Camille Williams-Taylor, Director of Education at the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board; and Kerry-Leigh Burchill, Director General at the Canada Agriculture and Food Museum.

Open Letter from Shelley VanBuskirk, Director of Housing Services



Councillor Riley Brockington and Shelley VanBuskirk, Director of Housing, Community and Social Services for the City of Ottawa.

Dear River Ward Residents:

Having a safe and affordable home is foundational to people's health and wellbeing. Ottawa is a prosperous City that has a high median income and low unemployment. Many of us enjoy a good standard of living however many of our neighbours, family or friends may live in insecure housing, struggling to pay the rent and bills.

Housing Services is comprised of four different branches. The Social Housing branch is responsible for the administration of 52 social housing providers, the City's rent supplement program and oversees the contract with the Social Housing Registry, who maintains the wait list for people who need subsidized housing.

The Affordable Housing branch works with the not-for profit and private sectors to build new affordable housing and deliver the Ontario Renovates Program, which offers grants and forgivable loans to seniors and people living with a disability for minor home repairs and accessibility modifications. The City owns and operates one family shelter and through the Community and Family Shelters branch contracts with 8

organizations for 10 shelter and transitional housing facilities, in addition to coordinating responses to Rooming House issues. The Homelessness Programs and Residential Services Homes branch allocates funding to not-for profit organizations that offer services such as street outreach, supportive housing, housing loss prevention and Housing First.

Housing Services has been busy updating the City's 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan over 2019. Municipalities in Ontario are required by the Province to have a 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan and our current Plan started in 2014. We must review and update the Plan every five years to ensure that it remains relevant and responsive to the changing housing needs in the city. Over the last year we have had 60 different in-person sessions with community partners, advocacy groups, the public and people with lived experience of homelessness or housing insecurity to find out what's working in the housing system and what needs to change. We also gathered feedback through written submissions, social media polls and had seven different

working groups tackle various parts of the housing system.

We have had success over the first six years of the plan creating over 1,793 new affordable housing options, supporting 20,000 social housing units through operating funding, housing subsidies and funding for repairs, housing 1,167 single people and over 3,300 families exiting the shelter system, in addition to supporting over 45,000 households with direct services and funding to find and keep housing.

The updated Plan was to go to the City's Community and Protective Services Committee on March 27th and City Council on April 8th, 2020 but is delayed due to the Covid-19 Emergency. The Plan lays out a strategic framework that will guide the City's work around improving access to affordable housing, increasing affordability for residents, and reducing homelessness from 2020 to 2030.

The updated Plan has ambitious targets to create between 5,700 to 8,500 new affordable housing options over the next 10 years and to eliminate unsheltered homelessness, chronic and veteran's homelessness and reduce overall homelessness.

The Plan recognizes that we need different solutions for different population groups and that we need to listen and get feedback on addressing the unique needs of the Indigenous community, women, youth, newcomers, people living with disabilities and the LGBTQ2S community.

I have been asked about what the City's recent Declaration of an Affordable Housing and Homelessness Emergency and Crisis means to me. It means that the City cannot solve this problem alone. Housing insecurity and homelessness is a complex social program that requires coordinated efforts, collaboration, innovation, and continually improving programs and services. It's about creating a sense of urgency and calling on all levels of government for the resources needed to improve the lives of

Ottawa residents who rely on us for a safe place to live, with the supports they need to participate in the rich economic, social, cultural and recreational life of the city.

It goes beyond a call for funding and resources. It speaks to what organizations and individuals can do to help people in need. If you are a landlord consider participating in the City's Rent Supplement or Housing First program and offer an affordable unit to someone exiting homelessness or who needs help with affordability. If you are a developer, consider offering some units in your new building that are affordable to people living on social assistance.

We need to show compassion and understanding to those in our community who need our help, reducing stigma and increasing our understanding of those living with mental health illnesses or addictions. No one chooses a life of poverty. Volunteer or contribute to organizations that work with people in need. We need affordable and supportive housing in every ward across this City and for people to welcome these new neighbours into communities.

Many small actions can create big change.

Thank you,
Shelley VanBuskirk
Director, Housing Services

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.

Development and Infrastructure Updates

3071 Riverside Drive - Canoe Bay Development

Construction is expected to begin this Spring. In the weeks leading up to construction, site fencing and construction mobilization will be taking place.

As you may recall, the approved zoning and site plan consists of one and two storey townhomes on the north and east side of the property, a 6-storey apartment building and retirement home in the middle of the property, stacked apartments on the east side of the property (3.5 storey), a new park on the south side of the property, and mixed-use commercial and residential on the west side of the property fronting Riverside Drive.

Riverside Mall Property 729 Ridgewood Ave

Brigil Development is the new owner of the property that is currently occupied by the strip-mall on Ridgewood Avenue across the street from St. Elias Cathedral. Brigil intends to redevelop and modernize the site in the coming years. Part of their redevelopment plan would be to replace the existing, aging, single-use structure with a multi-use development. Their vision could include two to three buildings with commercial retail at-grade to serve the community. The property is approximately 3.25 acres.

I hosted a meeting with Brigil, the Riverside Park Community Association, as well as representatives from the two condos on each side of the property to meet the new owners and discuss the future development. Some of the preliminary items discussed were the continued need for community amenities including a grocery store, walkability and connectivity to the site, and the continued need to provide parking.

At this point in time, they have not established any development plans. I intend to host a preliminary public meeting later this spring to discuss the future development of this site.

770 Brookfield Road Construction

Construction has begun on the property at 770 Brookfield Road. The approved zoning and site plan permits the development of approximately 830 units to be marketed as post-secondary student housing. The proposed buildings will range in height from three to nine storeys. The site will be constructed in two phases with the west side of the property currently under construction. There is a significant setback of a minimum 20m from the nearest residential property lines of the homes along Egan Road and part of Hobson Road at the south end of the proposed development site.

2020 construction timelines consist of soil remediation work thru 2020, foundation construction thru May 2020, and super structure concrete construction from June – December 2020.

Norberry Residences Development Update

The City's Planning Department continues to review the Site Plan Control application for the expansion plans for the Norberry Residences (located at 2660 Norberry Crescent, 740 -790-840 Springland Drive).

As a reminder, the development consists of three new low rise apartment buildings within the current Norberry Residences, all fronting Norberry Crescent, one in the north-east corner and two facing south, which would include the demolition of the current covered parking garage with a complete replacement of a new parking garage. Reconfiguration of surface parking and landscaping, which will include the addition of visitor parking spaces to the semi-circular driveways of existing buildings, is also part of the site plan application.

2826 Springland Drive - Riverside Park Nursery School

The Site Plan application for the property located at 2826 Springland Drive was approved in December 2019. The approval is for the construction of

the new Riverside Park Nursery School daycare facility. The parcel of land is located about 100 metres north of the Springland Drive and Walkley Road intersection. The site is bound by Holy Cross Elementary School to the north, Holy Cross Church to the south, the future Canoe Bay park to the west, and low-rise residential homes on the opposite side of Springland Drive.

I was happy to support this project and am eager to see this much needed facility and service be constructed this year in the Riverside Park community.

1376 Carling Avenue - Travelodge Development

Site Plan and Zoning Bylaw Amendments have been approved for the development at 1354 and 1376 Carling Avenue. The approvals allow for the construction of two, 20-storey towers and one, 22-storey tower fronting onto Carling Avenue as well as two, 8-storey buildings backing onto the existing residential homes on Thames Avenue. The first phase of the development will occur on the east side of the property with construction of one 20-storey building and an 8-storey building with underground parking. The Travelodge Hotel will remain in operation for now and be developed as the second phase of construction. Construction is slated to start this summer.

Farmside Green Development 1132 Fisher Avenue

RND Construction has approval for a housing development on Kingston Avenue at the rear of the Turnbull School property. The development is on an 80m stretch of vacant land (excess of the school property) at the southeast end of Kingston Ave. This land backs onto the Experimental Farm.

The approved plans consist of the construction of nine homes total - three singles and three semi-detached buildings (six dwellings). The proximity of the creek and the engineering of a drainage swale on the east side of the property eliminated one of the single family homes from the development plan. Construction is tentatively starting this spring.

864 Lady Ellen Place

The City of Ottawa approved a Site Plan Control Application at 864 Lady Ellen Place at the end of the cul-de-sac, abutting Highway 417 to the north. JL Richards will be constructing a new 5-storey office building and associated surface parking lot. I am pleased to see the engineering firm investing within the Carlington community.

1295 Summerville Avenue

The City of Ottawa has approved the Site Plan application to permit an infill, 3-storey low-rise apartment building at 1295 Summerville Avenue. The property is located east of the existing apartment building on the property. The new apartment dwelling will contain 18 new apartment units.

1357 Baseline Road

The City of Ottawa's Planning Department has received a Site Plan application for the property at 1357 Baseline Road. This is the vacant land at the northeast corner of Baseline Road and Clyde Avenue in the Laurentian Plaza.

The proposed development is for a mixed-use building of primarily retirement home use, which consists of a single podium and two towers that disconnect from a u-shape after the fifth storey. Both towers will be 15-storeys in height (different measured heights), with the westerly tower intended for independent retirement living, and the easterly tower intended for a retirement lifestyle requiring a higher level of service.

Visit Ottawa.ca/Devapps and enter '1357 Baseline' in the search field to view the documents related to this file.

966 Fisher Avenue

On January 29, City Council approved the Zoning Bylaw Amendment application for the development at 966 Fisher Avenue. The development includes two 3-storey buildings on the

west side of Fisher Avenue north of Shillington Avenue. 38 total units and ground floor parking are proposed in the plan. The height of the building is 9.37m. The next step in the development process will be a Site Plan application, which has yet to be filed with the City.

655-755 Anand Private Development

The City of Ottawa has approved a Site Plan Control Amendment application to revise the previously approved Site Plan for residential apartment buildings at 655 and 755 Anand Private. The approval increased the height of the two towers from 16 storeys to 17 storeys and added a new 6-storey podium connecting the towers. The overall unit count has increased from 250 units to 360. The development is on the southwest corner of the Bank Street and Walkley Road intersection, west of the Shoppers Drug Mart and immediately east of the Walkley Transit Station and future LRT station.

Hog's Back Road Swing Bridge Project Delayed

On February 20, I was notified by the National Capital Commission (NCC) that the work to repair and replace components on the Hog's Back Road Swing Bridge will require an additional three months to complete. The delayed opening has been pushed to August 28, 2020. I have been in contact with the NCC and Parks Canada as well as the City's Traffic Branch to discuss the impact that this extended closure will have on the public. Current detours will remain in effect and additional information will be shared with the public as it becomes available.

The NCC noted two reasons for the delay:

- Several of the NCC's initial tender packages originally went unanswered which set the project back. NCC lost time re-tendering components of the work. This is specialized work with many components that require highly skilled workers. All tenders are now fulfilled and work is ongoing.
- When they took the bridge structure components apart they were in worse condition than originally thought. No components were salvageable. This required full component replacement.

Work is currently ongoing on the fixed bridge structure over the Hog's Back Falls. Parks Canada will not be shifting their work schedule. Their contractor is scheduled to mobilize on May 1, with the structure expecting to be closed for repairs to begin on May 12. Parks Canada advised that shifting any part of their project schedule would put the project into Summer 2021. The entire project is still on track to be completed late December 2020.

There are two key milestones for the fixed bridge contract:

- Steel girders are currently being fabricated and are scheduled for delivery in early August.
- Final asphalt paving needs to occur in November or before the asphalt plants shut down for the season. If the schedule is delayed and the paving does not occur before December 2020, then the project completion will be delayed to Summer 2021 for final paving.

Pedestrian and cyclist access will continue to be maintained during the construction period, and Rideau Canal navigation will not be interrupted. Work will be undertaken Monday to Friday, between 7am and 8pm, and on occasional Saturdays and Sundays.

Claymor Avenue, Falaise Avenue, and Senio Avenue Water and Sewer Infrastructure Renewal

The City of Ottawa will be undertaking a major water, sewer, and road infrastructure renewal project beginning this summer on Claymor Avenue from Meadowlands to Falaise and on Falaise Avenue from Prince of Wales Drive to

Claymor Avenue. In Summer 2021, work will begin on the renewal project on Senio Avenue. The City of Ottawa is investing approximately \$8 million for this infrastructure renewal project.

Larkin Street, Lepage Avenue and Larose Avenue Water and Sewer Infrastructure Project

The City of Ottawa will begin the road, sewer and watermain renewal project on Larkin Street, Lepage Avenue and Larose Avenue this coming spring. The work is needed to replace aged infrastructure which is in poor condition. 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. Total cost of the City's investment is \$6 million.

Riverside Drive Resurfacing This Summer

Resurfacing for Riverside Drive from Hunt Club Road to Walkley Road will begin this summer.

Construction work will take place during the day, at night, and on some weekends to expedite the project timelines. The work will include a full road removal to base granular and road reconstruction, curb repairs and iron works between Walkley and Uplands. The rest of the work from Uplands to Hunt Club will be a shave and pave of the road surface. Construction is expected to be completed in September. There will be minimal disruption to the peak-hour direction of traffic.

City investment for this project is approximately \$7 million. I am hopeful that the portion from Walkley Road to Hog's Back Road will be identified for funding in the 2021 City Budget.

Future Walkley Road Cycling Facilities

In February, I was approached by City staff about the implementation of cycling facilities on Walkley Road from Riverside Drive to Bank Street. This project was identified in the 2013 Ottawa Cycling Plan as a Phase 2 project (2019-2025). City staff will be developing functional design options for residents to review for future implementation within the corridor. Consideration impacts of all design options will be given on all modes of transportation.

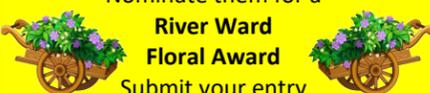
Staff continue to anticipate the implementation of cycling facilities on Walkley Road would occur after 2022; at which time we expect to have an updated Cycling Plan with associated implementation priorities. However, staff would like to initiate the functional design this year to align with four related design projects underway in this segment of Walkley Road and the need to come up with a coordinated design plan.

Work has commenced on design options and I will be sharing this information with the local community association and residents when I receive it.

Airport Parkway /Bronson Paving

The project scope is the Airport Parkway from Brookfield Road, northbound to 215m south of Brewer Way, Bronson southbound lanes & Sunnyside intersection from Brewer Way to Sunnyside, and Bronson northbound from Sunnyside to the Rideau Canal. The project is expected to take approximately 8 weeks to complete. Work will be primarily conducted at night only. The budget is estimated at \$1.6 million.

Do you know of a neighbour with the best garden on the block?
Nominate them for a
**River Ward
Floral Award**
Submit your entry
by July 31 to
Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca



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Walkley Road Lane Reduction Pilot Project

In partnership with the Riverside Park Community Association Board of Directors, the City of Ottawa will be undergoing a two-week lane reduction pilot project on Walkley Road this coming June. The objective of the traffic calming pilot is to measure the impact of removing one vehicular travel lane in each direction on Walkley Road from the Airport Parkway to McCarthy Road, before any permanent changes are implemented as part of the future Airport Parkway widening and Walkley off-ramp project. The pilot would include using construction barrels to remove the right vehicular travel lane in both directions to simulate a similar situation under the off-ramp initiative.

TENTATIVE: I plan on hosting an information session in Riverside Park tentatively scheduled for **Monday, April 27** to provide residents further context and information of the upcoming pilot project.

Letter of Default to RTG

On Monday, March 9, City Council unanimously agreed to issue a Notice of Default to Rideau Transit Group, the company responsible for maintaining the Confederation Line. This escalation of the City's legal rights is in response to Rideau Transit Group's failure to address significant issues with train and station availability, and the multiple failures that have continued across the light-rail transit system since the start of the service. There will be no interruption to rail service, and the City and municipal taxpayers are protected under the Project Agreement. RTG was given a deadline of March 31, 2020 to provide council with a plan and schedule to remedy the issues plaguing the LRT system.

Please check my website at RileyBrockington.ca for further updates.

Review of LRT Phase 2 Procurement

At the City Council meeting on Feb 12, City Council approved a motion for an independent, external review of the Stage 2 LRT procurement process.

The approved motion directs:

1. The City Manager to release the Stage 2 Light Rail Transit Trillium Line Project Procurement documents;
2. That City Council waive its solicitor-client privilege with respect to the October 23, 2018 legal opinion by Norton Rose Fulbright;
3. That an independent consultant be engaged to undertake a 'Lessons Learned' exercise on the procurement;
4. That the scope of work and recommended consultant for the Lessons Learned exercise be brought to the Finance and Economic Development Committee and full Council for their approval by the end of Q2 2020, with the intention that the consultant's report be presented to Committee and Council by November 2020; and
5. That City Council direct staff to incorporate a review of the City's Public-Private Partnership Policy, in addition to the City's Purchasing By-law and the Delegation of Authority By-law.

I voted in favour of this motion.

Update on LRT Phase 2

On February 13, a public information session and open house on the Stage 2 LRT-Trillium Line Extension was held at the Jim Durrell Recreation Centre. With initial construction underway on Stage 2 extensions, the Stage 2 team was available to discuss the project overview, which included a presentation, and to answer questions. The presentation provided information on the design build and commitments, existing station enhancements, new structures construction, construction methodology and mitigation, a mobility impact look-ahead, and the planned O-Train line shutdown and replacement R2 bus service and enhancements.

From the information available, the current O-Train line is scheduled to shutdown in May 2020 until August 2022. R2 replacement bus service will replace current O-Train service including enhanced service during periods of higher peak ridership demand and for fall and winter service.

A new permanent bus-only roadway will be constructed to extend the existing Raven Road within the Carleton University Campus to Bronson Avenue south of Brewer Way, reducing bus travel time within the campus. It is expected that the construction of this new segment will be completed by the end of Summer 2020.

Upon the opening of the Raven Road extension, R2 buses will only service a single stop on Campus in each direction –Northbound R2 will service University Drive, while Southbound R2 will service Campus Avenue.

Para Transpo Interim Web Form Booking System

As part of the Para Transpo Services Implementation Report to the Transit Commission in November 2019, Para Transpo online services will be delivered in two stages. For the first stage, OC Transpo has implemented an interim web form for Para Transpo trip reservations and cancellations as a way to book and cancel Para Transpo trips online until the full suite of online services is made available to customers. This rollout is expected at the end of 2020.



Customers can now make a new reservation or cancellation online at octranspo.com. The new web form allows Para Transpo customers the ability to reserve a next-day or statutory holiday trip, or to cancel a trip online. It allows customers to avoid the phone queue when making reservations and cancellations. OC Transpo recognizes that some customers will continue to use the phone lines based on personal needs and preference. To ensure equitable access to trips for all customers, all requests made on the phone and using the web form will be prioritized and actioned based on time received.

Staff continue to work with the software supplier, Councillor steering committee, and customer working group to develop the full suite of online services for Para Transpo customers. The full suite of online services will be integrated with the Para Transpo operations system, and will provide customers with self-serve options so they can make their bookings online (or with a mobile phone app), and will provide other online services, such as tracking the location of a booked trip.

Rich History of River Ward's Schools

Georges Philias Vanier, Governor General of Canada from 1959-1967

Georges P. Vanier was born in 1888 in Montreal, Quebec. He was appointed on August 1, 1959, as the first French Canadian Governor General of Canada, serving in office from 1959-1967. He succeeded Vincent Massey as Canada's 19th Governor General.



Georges and Pauline Vanier, at Rideau Hall

Prior to entering Rideau Hall, Georges Vanier studied at Loyola College in Montreal receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1906, and a Bachelor of Law degree from the Montreal branch of Université Laval in 1911.

With the outbreak of the First World War, Vanier enlisted in the Canadian Army. He played a prominent role in recruiting others, which led to the organization of the French Canadian 22nd Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, of which he was commissioned as an officer. In 1922, this became the Royal 22nd Regiment. For his efforts, he received the Military Cross in 1916. In 1918, he led an attack at Chéry which resulted in the loss of his right leg. He refused to be evacuated, choosing to remain fighting with his fellow soldiers. For his bravery, he was awarded a second Military Cross, the 1914-1915 Star, and appointed to the Distinguished Service Order.

At the end of the war, Vanier returned to Montreal and married Pauline Archer in 1921. He was appointed Aide-de-Camp to Lord Byng, beginning many years of service to the Office of the Governor General. In 1925, he took over command of the Royal 22nd Régiment at La Citadelle, and the following year was appointed as Honorary Aide-de-Camp to Lord Willingdon and was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in 1924.

In 1928, Vanier began a long career in diplomatic service. In 1942, he was promoted to Major-General, and following the war, was Canada's delegate at the Paris Peace Conference. Before retiring in 1953, he once again served as Canada's representative to the United Nations.

General Vanier Public School, on Harkness Avenue, is named in his honour. The school was completed in 1963, and opened for the 1963-64 school year. The Governor-General and Mrs. Vanier attended the official opening of the school on November 21, 1963. There is a plaque at the entrance of the school building commemorating the event. Vanier College in Montreal is also named after him.

Georges Vanier is remembered for his deep level of concern for Canada and his commitment to public service. The City of Ottawa honoured Pauline Vanier with a park in her name, which abuts GVPS.

Sir Georges Etienne Cartier

Georges Etienne Cartier was a lawyer, prominent Canadian statesman, and Father of Confederation. He was born in 1814 in St-Antoine, then known as Lower Canada, to a prominent family of grain exporters and millers. According to family lore, he was rumoured to be a descendant of French explorer Jacques Cartier.

Cartier fought in the Lower Canada armed rebellion of 1837, one of two rebellions during this period motivated by the desire for political change. For his part in the rebellion, Cartier was exiled and took refuge in Vermont. He was eventually allowed to return to Montreal to resume his law practice. On his return to Lower Canada, Cartier became politically active through his membership in the Saint Jean-Baptiste Society. In 1848, he was elected to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada.

During his time in Parliament, he introduced a bill in 1852 for the creation of the Grand Trunk Railway. This railway system was built to provide a connection between Montreal and Toronto. The railway operated in the provinces of Ontario and Quebec and several American states.

Cartier was appointed to cabinet in 1854, serving alongside John A. MacDonald as co-premier of the united province. Cartier, alongside MacDonald and George Brown, created the Great Coalition (1864) to ease the political instability of the time. The Coalition was one of the first steps toward Confederation. Cartier is credited for gaining French-Canadian support for Canadian unity in the lead up to Confederation. He is also credited with pushing reforms to end the semi-feudal seigneurial system of land ownership in Lower Canada, and for the adoption of the Civil Code of Law within the province.

Cartier died in London, England in 1873, after being treated for an illness.

École élémentaire catholique George-Etienne Cartier, on Thorndale Avenue, is named after him. It opened on September 1, 1969. There are five other schools in Ontario and Quebec that share his name.

St. Pius X

Giuseppe Melchiorre Sarto, who became Pope Pius X, was born at Riese, Trieste Province, Italy, on June 2, 1835. His Papacy began in 1903 and ended with his death in 1914. The Pontificate of Pius X was noted for its conservative ideology and is remembered for its liturgical and canonical reforms. Pope Pius X was a staunch political defender of the Catholic Church.

The reforms Pope Pius X initiated were important, timely and needed. One of his first reforms involved the papal elections themselves. Pius X was also known for his church reforms on the Eucharist which had the greatest impact on the daily lives of Catholics. His decree *Sacra Tridentina Synodus* in 1905 promoted frequent and daily communion. Another decree promoted the acceptance of children into Holy Communion. Pius X also implemented reform plans for seminaries. He was beatified in 1951 and canonized on May 29, 1954.

St. Pius X High School on Fisher Avenue, founded in 1958, is named after him.

Spring and Summer Safety Tips

Bug Safety:

Everyone can protect themselves and family members from mosquito-borne illnesses, such as Dengue Fever and West Nile by following simple preventative measures.

- Use Environmental Protective insect repellent and wear long-sleeve shirts and pants. Read labels when applying.
- Don't leave doors and windows propped open

Heat Safety:

- Stay hydrated and drink plenty of water and avoid outdoor activity when there is a heat warning.

- Wear a hat, loose clothing, sun glasses and wear sunscreen.
- Cool off in air-conditioned areas.

Window Safety:

- With the warmer temperatures arriving, window safety is important for the protection of young children in the home.
- Teach children to play away from windows.
 - Teach children and caregivers that screens keep children in and bugs out.
 - Keep furniture, or anything a child can climb on, away from windows.
 - Remember that loose or looped window covering cords pose a strangulation hazard for children.

A window can also be a lifeline in an emergency. It's prudent to ensure one window in each bedroom can be used for an escape in an emergency such as a fire.

Water Safety:

- Teach children to swim,
- Swim with a buddy,
- Children and non-swimmers require supervision around water at all times,
- Stay within arms' reach of small children,
- Swim in lifeguarded areas,
- Check medications for side effects that may affect endurance or swimming ability, and
- Wear a lifejacket when boating.

Around the COMMUNITY



On Sunday, March 1, the Governor General's Foot Guards (GGFG) provided a performance to residents at the Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community Centre. All seats were filled as we tapped our toes along to the beats. This year marks the 100th year since the GGFG were organized as a two battalion regiment on March 12, 1920.



Kathy Ablett Room Dedication

On Thursday, February 13, friends, family and colleagues of the late Kathy Ablett were on hand at the Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community Centre to honour her legacy with the renaming of the Seniors' Room as the Kathy Ablett Room. Kathy was the local school board trustee for the Ottawa Catholic School Board for 27 years. Mrs. Ablett was also an active member in her community, serving as the President of the Hunt Club Community Association, Vice-Chair of the Ottawa Public Library Board, and President of the Family Practice Nurses Group. Mrs. Ablett passed away in 2018.



On Saturday, January 25, we celebrated the 10th annual Carlington Cup at Alexander Park in Carlington. Thank you to Kevin Waghorn for running this annual tournament for the last ten years and to the Carlington Community Association for their support and effort for the winter carnival.



As part of my role as City Councillor, I enjoy speaking with various school classes about municipal government. Pictured above, I am speaking to the Grades 5 and 6 students at Fielding Drive Public School on February 25 about city services and how to run for office.



As part of my planned outreach in the Carlington and Caldwell communities for 2020, I co-hosted a community brunch on January 18 with the Carlington Chaplaincy in the Bellevue Community Centre. I have also hosted a Coffee and Chat session at the same location on Feb 4.

I hope to host two more drop-in coffee houses on May 5 and June 16, 1-2pm respectively, once physical distancing requirements are lifted. All are welcome to join me for the drop in sessions held at the community centre located at 1475 Caldwell Avenue.



Community Police Officer, Marcus Cibischino assisted me with the official puck drop for the start of the Ridgemont Winter Carnival, hosted by the Ridgemont Community Association on Saturday, February 21, 2020.

Stop the Spread of Germs

To reduce the spread of germs which can cause the flu and COVID-19, Ottawa Public Health recommends that you:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water, or use hand sanitizer
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth unless you have just washed your hands with soap
- Cover your cough and sneeze with a tissue or into your arm, not your hand
- Stay home if you are sick
- Avoid visiting people in hospitals or long-term care centres

For the latest information on this and any other health concerns in Ottawa, please visit: www.ottawapublichealth.ca.

Feeling overwhelmed and anxious?

Call the Distress Centre of Ottawa
613-238-3311

Upcoming River Ward Events:

These dates are tentative based on the evolving Covid-19 emergency

Family Breakfast & Junkyard Symphony Performance

Saturday, April 11, 2020
10am Breakfast, 11am Performance
Alexander Community Centre
960 Silver Street



River Ward Earth Day Celebration

Saturday, April 18, 10am to 4pm
Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community Centre, 3320 Paul Anka Drive
E-waste drop off, trade show, displays, park clean up and more.

TENTATIVE DATE

STRAWBERRY SOCIAL FÊTES DE FRAISES

Friday, June 12, 2020
1:30pm - 3:30pm

Le vendredi 12 juin, 2020
de 13 h 30 à 15 h 30

TENTATIVE DATE

Centre communautaire de Hunt Club - Riverside Park Community Centre
3320, prom. Paul Anka Drive

Please RSVP for this event at 613-580-2486
as seating is limited



Alexander Community Centre Needs Assessment

The future expansion and renovation of the Alexander Community Centre in the Carlington community is one of my top priorities. I have authorized an expenditure of \$60,000 to fund a community-led Needs Assessment. The City of Ottawa is undertaking a Carlington wide community survey that will ask you for your input on the new Centre, particularly, the types of components that are needed. The Ottawa Public Library has agreed to participate in the initial needs assessment as we explore ways to incorporate potential library services.

Please participate in the survey by visiting www.RileyBrockington.ca. If you would like a hard-copy mailed to you directly, please contact me at Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca or by calling 613-580-2486.

After the compilation of survey results, the consultant hired to undertake the needs assessment will put together some preliminary designs for the new centre which will be made available later this calendar year as part of public consultation.

2020 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule

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

All dates are subject to cancellation, due to the evolving health crisis.

Sunday, May 31, 2020
OC Transpo Park and Ride, 1201 Trim Road

Sunday, June 21, 2020
Trail Road Waste Facility, 4475 Trail Road

Sunday, August 9, 2020
Kanata Research Park, 411 Legget Drive

Sunday, August 23, 2020
Waste Connections of Canada
Navan Recycling and Disposal Facility
3354 Navan Road

Sunday, September 13, 2020
Tunney's Pasture

Sunday, September 27, 2020
Conroy Snow Dump, 3100 Conroy Road

Sunday, October 4, 2020
Westbrook Snow Dump, 200 Westbrook Road

Saturday October 24, 2020
Barrhaven Snow Dump
Strandherd at Dealership Drive (Philsar)

What is household hazardous waste?

If it's corrosive, flammable or poisonous it's hazardous waste. These types of products contaminate water and landfills and should never be poured down the drain or put out with your regular garbage. For more information on the City of Ottawa's Hazardous Waste Program, visit Ottawa.ca.



If I can be of assistance, please contact my office.

Si je peux vous aider, n'hésitez pas à communiquer avec mon bureau.



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