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Councillor's Report

Hunt Club Community Association AGM November 2, 2020

Thank you to the Hunt Club Community Association Board for your dedication, passion and advocacy for your community. It is through active, engaged associations like HCCA that we are able to effect positive change in the community. It has been a pleasure working with you.

Year in Review

Development and Construction at 1026-1054 Hunt Club Road

Claridge Homes is well underway with construction of their eight-storey seniors residence at 1026-1054 Hunt Club Road on the south side of Hunt Club Road adjacent to the Airport Parkway. The current construction received Site Plan approval in October 2018. The City Council approved development calls for two buildings on site, an eight-storey seniors residence and eight-storey hotel.

In June, I was notified that Claridge has abandoned their plans for a hotel and is prepared to proceed with a 77-unit, 7-storey apartment building. The approved zoning permits an apartment building in lieu of a hotel. The apartment building is one-storey shorter than the original hotel and half the originally approved 145 hotel rooms.

The Phase 2 Site Plan is currently under review by City Planning staff.

Taggart Development – 3360-3390 Riverside Drive

In April 2019, City Council approved the zoning to accommodate the development of the parcel of land at the northwest corner of the Riverside Drive and Hunt Club Road intersection. The approval is for the development of an apartment building, automobile dealership, and hotel and seniors' residence. In addition, the current city park will receive a parking lot, a multi-use pathway connecting the new development with the Quinterra-Riverwood community, a signalized intersection on Riverside Dr, as well as improved pedestrian connectivity along Riverside Drive.

No formal Site Plan application has been received by the City of Ottawa at this time. In order for any construction to proceed, a lengthy site plan application process will need to be initiated.

Riverside Drive Resurfacing

The resurfacing of Riverside Drive between Hunt Club Road and Walkley Road is complete. This was an investment of approximately \$5million. I have requested that the remaining

section from Walkley to Brookfield be prioritized in the 2021 City budget.

Riverside and Hunt Club Intersection Review Document

As a result of a zoning bylaw amendment applied for by Taggart Developments Inc for their property on Riverside Drive at Hunt Club Road, the City of Ottawa agreed to my request and undertook an independent intersection safety review at Riverside & Hunt Club last Fall. A public survey was also available seeking feedback and asking local residents to share their experiences to help inform the intersection review and final report. Community response was heavy, with 1,300 responses provided, this is commendable.

The intent of the review and survey was to identify potential countermeasures that would improve safety and overall operations for all users. The City consultant hired to undertake the review completed their technical report and I have circulated a copy to local interested residents as well as community association for their review.

A meeting was scheduled to present the findings at the monthly meeting of the Hunt Club Community Association (HCCA) on Monday, April 6 however due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the in-person presentation did not happen. The document was shared in April with local residents as well as the President and Vice President. If you would like a copy of the report, please contact my office at Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca.

Matilda Maudlin McEwan Community Garden

It was great to see the community effort that brought together the new Matilda Maudlin McEwan Community Garden on the Emmanuel Apostolic Church grounds on McCarthy Road. Through a partnership between the HCCA, Emmanuel Apostolic Church, Just Foods and the City of Ottawa, this new community garden was established during a pandemic.

The Year Ahead

Budget 2021

The draft budget will be released on November 4 and ultimately approved by City Council on December 9. I will review the various budgets of City Departments in the coming weeks to discover the proposed investments in River Ward.

OC Transpo

With fare revenues plummeting in 2020 and ridership only at 30% of pre-COVID levels, how will the Transit Commission balance its budget? Will service reductions be necessary in 2021 or will provincial and federal bailouts be sufficient?

LRT Phase 2 Expansion

In our community, 2021 will bring us major construction along the Trillium Line corridor, with station upgrades at South Keys, the spur line to the Airport built, and a new pedestrian and cycle bridge built over Hunt Club Road.

Road repaving

My number one road that I advocate for continues to be portions of Hunt Club between Riverside and the Airport Parkway. I believe some resources may be dedicated in the City budget for this purpose. I have also

written to the City Manager with a list of residential (less busy) streets in Hunt Club that need attention.

Ward Boundary Review

City Council will receive and debate the final recommendations in December 2020. It is likely that whatever the outcome, River Ward will be adjusted to amend its southern boundary at Hunt Club Road, with the south side moving in to Gloucester-Southgate Ward.

Parks, Recreation and Library Services

I would like to see a number of improvements including:

- Greater offerings of programs at the HCRPCC, including a targeted youth focus and extended hours
- Engaging the community on expanding amenities in McCarthy Park
- Extending washroom hours in Owl Park
- Renaming 'Uplands Park'
- Eventual renaming of 'Uplands-Riverside Park', lead by the Quinterra-Riverwood community, once the Taggart development proceeds
- On-going dialogue on ways to expand library services in the community

STAY IN TOUCH

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DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATES:

Hydro Ottawa Construction on Hunt Club Road and Uplands Drive

A two week overnight noise by-law exemption application was submitted by Hydro Ottawa for construction noise associated with work to be performed on Hunt Club Road (between Uplands and McCarthy Road) and Uplands Drive (between Downpatrick Road and Hunt Club Road.) These planned construction operations are for the installation of concrete encased ducts and underground cables to accommodate the City of Ottawa's growth and supply demands. The request was denied by Councillor Deans and myself.

This will no longer occur overnight and the contractor, with the blessing of the City's Traffic Management team will attempt to perform the work during daytime hours. Traffic Management will be closely monitoring the impact to traffic that a lane reduction will have on Hunt Club Road. Due to the current lower volumes of traffic, the Traffic Management team was open to allowing a travel lane to be closed between 9am-2pm this week to allow the work to proceed in lieu of an overnight noise exemption.

Noise By-law Exemption Application - South Keys Station

TNext has advised that they need to continue the overnight welding activities at South Keys Station. A noise exemption has been granted until November 30 to complete the work.

Bank Street Redesign Working Group

The new date for the Bank Street redesign working group has been set for the evening of November 26. A formal invitation will be forthcoming to the association president from the project manager.

The meeting will be hosted online and will allow respective community associations to discuss topics such as the road geometry, intersections, streetscaping, utility work, road safety and construction staging.

Future construction of this project is still at minimum 2-3 years away. I will keep the community updated as this infrastructure project moves forward.

Walkley Station Connectivity

I'd like to share that the various partners involved in the connectivity enhancements around the future Walkley Station met this month and discussed the timing of their projects, including representatives from, Infrastructure Services, Transportation Planning, and the Rail Construction Program. As a summary of the discussion

City Staff were able to confirm the timing and interconnection of the following projects:

- In 2021, Infrastructure Services will be completing the Walkley Bridge rehabilitation project;
- TransitNEXT will be completing the Stage 2 Walkley Station, plaza, MUPs to Anand Private and the proposed PPUDO (variation process is underway) in 2022;
- A MUP from Anand Private to Bank Street will be built in 2023 by private developers;
- As funding has yet to be identified the active transportation facilities along Walkley Road (separate sidewalk and cycle facilities) won't be built until at least after 2022; and,
- Cycle tracks will be added along Bank Street in 2024/2025.



We will continue to track the progress of these works in order to coordinate as required with Stage 2 activities.

Walkley Station Work—MUP closure

Also part of the South Extension project, construction is ready to begin at Walkley station, which requires the temporary closure of the Walkley MUP adjacent to the Trillium Rail Line. A detour will be in

place to maintain uninterrupted access for pedestrians and cyclists and provide the crews space needed to perform the foundation work for the future Walkley Station. This detour is anticipated to be in place until September 2021.



Trillium Line - Brookfield Multi-Use Pathway (MUP) Detour

As part of the Stage 2 O-Train Trillium Line South Extension project, the next stage of work between Mooney's Bay Station and Walkley Station is ready to proceed, which will require the installation of a MUP detour to route pedestrians and cyclists around the work zone near Sawmill Creek. The existing segment of the Brookfield MUP is now closed and a temporary detour is in place to maintain access between Brookfield Road and the pathway.

Library Lockers Re-Open at Hunt Club - Riverside Park Community Centre

The holds lockers at the Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community Centre re-opened today with modified hours.

- Monday - Friday: 11:00am– 3pm; 4:30pm – 8pm
- Saturday & Sunday, 8:30am-5pm

Residents will be able to pick up holds, as well as return items, at the Centre during these hours (no appointment needed). Please note that the library materials dispensers (vending machines) will not be available for use.

As a result of the kiosk lockers re-opening, the Bookmobile will resume its regular schedule for the Hunt Club stop (the additional temporary Monday Hunt Club stop will end after Monday, November 9).

Hunt Club—Riverside Park Community Centre

At this time, the Community Centre is open for bookings and library locker access only, Monday-Friday, 11am-3pm and 4:30pm – 8pm, Saturdays & Sundays 8:30am-5pm. Pre-booked singles games of pickle ball and badminton are offered as a drop in activity during the current phase of restrictions on the City of Ottawa. You can sign up for a court time online at <https://reservation.frontdesksuite.ca/rcfs/huntclubCC>.

When restrictions open up and the drop in fitness classes and weight room access is reinstated, you can use the same web link to make your bookings.

TRANSPORTATION UPDATES

Winter Road Maintenance and Repairs

With the upcoming winter upon us, I would like to remind residents that if you see any roads or potholes that require maintenance or repair, please contact 3-1-1 and then my office who will assist with arranging for additional maintenance and repairs with City Supervisors. If a City snow plow has caused any damage to your front grass, please let me know and we will arrange for grass repair which typically occurs in the spring. I continue to push for budget allocation for road repair and renewal.

Public Works Transitioning Maintenance Activities

In the coming weeks, Public Works will transition from summer activities like sidewalk repairs, ironworks, rural ditching and mowing to winter operations of snow clearing and removal. Roads and Parking Services team transitions over a two-week period in November to ensure they are ready for an early snowfall. You may see snow plows and snow clearing equipment out on the road ahead of the first snowfall as operators complete their annual training ahead of the winter season.

Clearing Catch Basins – Residents are asked to assist the City clear their local catch basin of leaves and debris. A clear catch basin allows water to drain off the road, making it safer for resident travel. As temperatures drop, water that is left on the road may freeze causing dangerous conditions. Small steps taken now to keep catch basins clear will help prevent water pooling on our roads.

OPS Traffic Enforcement Update

As many of you are aware, I work closely with the Ottawa Police Service (OPS) on road safety enforcement initiatives. On October 9, the OPS released their statistics on two major campaigns that they undertook this spring and summer. Operation Overwatch was launched in late April targeting speedsters, stunt drivers and street racers across the City and resulted in over 5,000 speeding tickets issued and an average of 10 Stunt drivers stopped each week. Operation NoiseMaker was launched in mid-June. It resulted in 2,300 tickets issued including 1,400 for speeding. The NoiseMaker campaign was in response to enforcement requests specific to Street Racing and excessive/unnecessary noise generated primarily from aftermarket modifications to vehicle muffler and exhaust systems. Many tickets were issued in River Ward and I thank the Ottawa Police Service for these two campaigns.

Speed Enforcement Technology

Speed limits are not suggestions. They are the law. And they exist to keep vulnerable road users, like school children and older adults, pedestrians and cyclists, with a degree of safety.

Since July 2020, the City of Ottawa has four speed cameras in use, rotating through seven identified school zones. Regrettably, this technology is limited to school and safety zones only. I have always taken a strong stand that restrictions on locations should be few and municipalities be given broad authority in installing the technology where warranted. The safety of all road users, particularly in residential communities continues to be a major priority for me as your Councillor. You may find more information on the current program at <https://>

ottawa.ca/en/news/follow-sign-avoid-photo-get-picture.

Reminder - Winter Weather Parking Ban

The Winter Weather Parking Ban is beneficial to the City's winter operations team as it greatly assists in ensuring the City's roadways are free of vehicles when



operations staff are clearing during a snow event. This results in more efficiencies and significant savings for City operations. The ban also allows City crews to clear roads sooner, clear roads closer to the curbs, and help to prevent ice build-up experienced in previous years. Having to return to local residential streets due to the presence of parked cars is a significant cost to the City and can result in poor maintenance over time.

Residents are reminded that City staff have the ability to put the winter parking ban into effect any time snow is forecasted at 7cm (Example 5-10cm predicted) or more during the day or overnight.

As soon as a Winter Weather Parking Ban is deemed necessary, the City will use various forms of communications to let residents know when to expect the Ban. This includes social media, Ottawa.ca, the City's App, TV and radio notifications. I encourage all residents to sign up to receive an email letting them know about the Winter Weather Parking Ban. I will also share overnight park ban information via Twitter (@RiverWardRiley.)

I would also encourage residents who tend to park on the street to please consider alternative options when a snow event is forecasted including discussing with neighbours if an extra parking spot is available at a neighbouring home, temporarily parking in a City designated Park and Ride location and/or access to a Municipal Parking Garage overnight.

The City of Ottawa also offers residents the ability to ban parking on one or both sides of a residential street through a community-led petition process. Seasonal parking restrictions (December 1 – March 31) can be implemented on residential streets to improve winter maintenance if the required support (66%) is achieved through a local petition. If this is something that you wish to take on, please contact my office. Please note any requests moving forward would be for Winter 2021-2022.

Proposed Names for Two Stations on O-Train Line 2

OC Transpo has launched a public consultation to get feedback on two station names for O-Train Line 2, part of the Stage 2 expansion and improvements.

The consultation will run from October 29 to November 12. We would love to hear what you think of the proposed

names and welcome suggestions for alternatives.

You can have your say on these two names:

- Corso Italia (new station at Gladstone Avenue)
- Dow's Lake / Lac Dow (currently Carling Station)

Corso Italia

The previously suggested name, Gladstone, references the nearest street to the station. Gladstone Avenue is named for the former U.K. Prime Minister William Ewart Gladstone (1809-1898), who opposed the emancipation of enslaved people early in his political career. In recognition of this, Corso Italia is proposed as a more appropriate name and it will meet wayfinding needs into the future. Corso means main street or boulevard in Italian, and Corso Italia is the ceremonial name for nearby Preston Street, which runs through Little Italy.

Dow's Lake

The name ties in with the adjacent neighbourhood, and an important landmark and destination for customers. Stretching from Centretown all the way to Kanata, Carling is a very long street. It is also the closest cross-street to another station – Lincoln Fields – which could be confusing for customers.

The recommended names were also chosen based on established criteria and transit industry best practices, including:

- Meaningful geographic reference
- Easy to understand in French and English
- Easy to pronounce
- Easy to write
- Unique from other stations and city locations
- Established Transitway station names

CITY UPDATES

Draft Budget 2021 to be Tabled on November 4

The City's draft budget for 2021 will be tabled at a special City Council meeting on Wednesday, November 4.

The draft budget will include a 3% increase to the municipal tax rate, which would see the average urban homeowner pay an additional \$115 per year.

2021 Budget Meeting Schedule Committee / Boards / Commissions	
Environmental Protection, Water & Waste Management Committee	Nov 17
Transit Commission	Nov 18
Community & Protective Services Committee	Nov 19
Police Services Board	Nov 23
Audit Committee	Nov 24
Planning Committee	Nov 26
IT Sub-Committee	Nov 30
Ottawa Board of Health	Nov 30
Finance & Economic Development Committee	Dec 1
Ottawa Public Library Board	Dec 1
Transportation Committee	Dec 4
Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee	Dec 3

COVID-19 has put financial pressure on the City, with staff projecting a \$59.6-million deficit this year. Council received a report the second-quarter status of [this year's budget](#), along with a year-end budget forecast. Although the City is currently in a good position with cash flow, a resurgence of COVID-19 could worsen cash flow and the projected deficit.

New Official Plan – Transect Presentation Invitation

The City started to develop the new Official Plan around the 5 Big Moves of: growth, mobility, urban design, resilience and economic development in 2019. Community engagement occurred across the city to discuss these key concepts. You may have seen our team at one of over 70 events across the City. This feedback was incorporated into the Preliminary Policy Directions presented to Council in December 2019.

One of the key cornerstones of the New Official Plan is the Transect approach, which means the City will plan by context.

The City is changing from a previous approach to plan by land-use in order to recognize the specific needs of neighbourhoods in different parts of the City. The Transect approach will focus on “form and function” by planning for the appropriate shape of new buildings, their relationship with public space, and how they function to be informed based on which Transect you live in.

The City is proposing 6 different Transect areas across the city: Downtown, Inner Urban, Outer Urban, Suburban, Greenbelt and Rural. Five public presentations will help residents learn what this new planning approach will propose for their neighbourhood.

Find out when your Transect presentation will take place by checking out the [New Official Plan website](#).

Clothing Donation Boxes - Public Survey



As part of the City's By-law Review Workplan, City staff are currently conducting a review of the Clothing Donation Box By-Law.

This review will examine the current regulations with respect to the operation of clothing donation boxes within the City of Ottawa. City staff

will use the feedback from the public survey to help shape any future amendments to those regulations. The review will also examine best practices employed by other municipalities within Ontario and across the country.

You can participate in the survey [HERE](#).

COVID-19 UPDATES

COVID-19 Testing Centres

On October 19, a new COVID 19 testing centre was opened in Orleans, to help provide additional testing locations and options for residents in the east end.

In Ottawa, your testing centres are:

- Brewer Arena Assessment Centre, 151 Brewer Way., 8:30 -7:30pm daily
- CHEO Assessment Centre (2months-17yrs old), 151 Brewer Way, 8:30-7:30pm daily
- Moodie COVID Care Clinic, 595 Moodie Dr. 8-3:30pm, Monday to Friday. 6 months and older welcome.
- Heron COVID Care Clinic, 1485 Heron Rd, 8-3:30pm, Monday to Friday. 6 months and older welcome.
- Coventry Rd Drive-Thru Assessment Centre, 300 Coventry Rd, 10am-6pm daily (14 yrs +)
- COVID-19 Assessment and Care Clinic at the Ray Friel Rec Centre (1585 Tenth Line) in Orleans, 8-3:30pm, Mon-Fri. 6 months and older welcome.
- Select Pharmacies across the City

For the most current information and links to book your appointment, visit [OttawaPublicHealth.ca](#) or call 613-580-6744.

Links to the individual appointment websites can also be found on my website at <http://rileybrockington.ca/ottawa-covid19-testing-update/>

Mental Health

While we continue learning to live with COVID-19. OPH is aware that many members of our community are feeling stressed, hopeless, and discouraged. We have been through so much together these last eight months. I encourage you to remain hopeful. Don't hesitate to think ahead to the time when the pandemic will end. One lesson from the past: health crises do pass. And it's up to each of us to do our part while we wait.

Ottawa Public Health and The Royal Mental Health Centre have collaborated to produce the “Protecting Your Mental Health” series to help protect and promote mental health in our community.

Please review the resources located [here](#), and share widely within your communities. The resources are intended to help you make choices to protect you and your families' mental health, as well as information about how and where to access mental health supports.

CHEO Offering New Drive-up Mental Health Vitals Clinic

To safely meet the needs of children and youth who are accessing CHEO mental health services during the COVID-19 pandemic, CHEO has transformed its Montreal Road location

into a drive-up clinic for monitoring vital signs — a necessary in-person service needed to provide the best care possible. It supplements their ongoing virtual care and is designed to keep everyone as safe as possible with masking, physical distancing and limited time indoors.

The new drive-up clinic complements CHEO's outpatient mental health visits currently being done virtually. Regular vital-sign check-ups are an essential part of caring for children and youth with mental health needs, especially those who are taking medications.

Pre-pandemic this would have been done during a full, in-person visit. These check-ups assess height, weight, heart rate and blood pressure, and allow the care team to see how a child or youth is adjusting to a new medication, monitor for any negative side-effects, order bloodwork if necessary, and detect potential problems early.

Influenza (flu)

The goal of OPH's influenza vaccination campaign is simple: surpass our previous years percentage of the population who get immunized. OPH hopes to reach individuals who typically don't present for the flu shot in a regular year.

Immunization against seasonal influenza is shown to reduce hospitalizations and deaths. The flu vaccine will not protect against COVID-19, but will help reduce an individual's risk of getting the flu and [COVID-19](#) at the same time. Having both illnesses together could put individuals at a higher risk for severe illness. Anyone aged six months and older who lives, works or attends school in Ontario is eligible to receive the publicly funded flu vaccine.

Residents can get their flu shot at the following locations:

- Health Care Providers
- Ottawa Public Health Community Clinics
- Participating Pharmacies
- Targeted outreach to congregate care settings and using a mobile RV and van to address specific areas with outstanding needs

When more people get their flu vaccine, the odds of the flu virus spreading goes down. This protects those who are most vulnerable. More information regarding participating pharmacies and Ottawa Public Health's Community Clinics can be found at ottawapublichealth.ca/flu/.

COVID-19 Response Site – Champlain Community Support Network

Seniors and adults with disabilities can access support services during the COVID-19 pandemic through the [Champlain's COVID-19 Response Website](#).

Information on the following resources can be found on the website:

- Meals on Wheels
- Transportation to medical appointments
- Telephone Safety Checks
- Access to social programs by phone or online
- Help with food and grocery delivery
- Caregiver Support
- Dementia Support
- A Friendly Voice – telephone visiting line for seniors who may be feeling lonely or isolated

Coming Events

On **November 14th at 7pm the Ottawa South Eco Action Network (OSEAN)** is hosting an online discussion. Whether you are interested in recycling, climate action, community gardens, sustainable transit or simply wanting to learn more about them, all community members are invited to their forum.

To register, for this zoom meeting please email OSEAN.info@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page. You can also visit ottawasouthecoactionnetwork.ca to learn more .

Food Bank at Hunt Club—Riverside Park Community Centre—The RCCG Overcomers' Chapel will be hosting a food bank at the community centre this **Saturday, November 7 from 12-2pm**. The church volunteers will be using the outside doors of the Kathy Ablett Room to distribute food to those in need. If successful, they hope to make this a monthly outreach event.

Holiday Fun Day - December 19—My office is coordinating a Holiday Fun Day on Saturday, December 19 to celebrate the end of the year and the start of the Christmas Holiday Season. Details are still being developed as current restrictions would prevent an in-person event from occurring. Should the current restrictions be loosened for Ottawa, we hope to have a controlled, family-friendly event on that date. Please watch for my December e-Newsletter for more information. Sign up at Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca to receive updates on this event.