



COUNCILLOR/CONSEILLER  
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# Councillor's Report

## Hunt Club Community Association February 1, 2021

### RIVER WARD PARKS

#### Mooney's Bay Toboggan Hill

On January 22, the City of Ottawa publicly banned the use of the Mooney's Bay hill for tobogganing. While the decision was made based on the high numbers of attendees during the current lock down restrictions, it also brought to light the need to find a way to make this hill a recognized tobogganing hill once again for the City of Ottawa.

In recent years, after many injuries and close calls, the City made the decision to post signs to ban the use of this hill for tobogganing purposes. On January 27, I gave Notice of a Motion that I will bring to City Council next week, directing the General Manager of Parks and Recreation to find a solution to allow the return of tobogganing to this hill.

#### McCarthy Park Basketball Court

I have formally requested that the City of Ottawa commence the required planning to expand and illuminate the McCarthy Park basketball courts. As previously stated, one of the main requests I receive from local youth is to provide more space for basketball and to add lighting. I plan to do just that. Mentioned at previous HCCA meetings, the Board has been receptive to this initiative.

The draft plan presented to me by Parks and Recreation is to build an asphalt surface where the current outdoor rink is, which will include new basketball poles and upgrades to the existing rink lighting. It will be repurposed to illuminate both courts.

This will not impact the rink and the ice pad will continue.

The estimated cost to add a new basketball court and refurbished lighting is \$175,000. This will be paid for out of the River Ward Cash-in-Lieu fund. The balance is currently \$1.3 million.

#### Uplands Park Naming Working Group (WG)

The first meeting of the Uplands Park Naming WG will be on Tuesday, February 2.

Seven community members will join me on the WG. They

are: Karyn Cornfield, Peter Foulger, Shakir Ishak, Dianne Nahal, Zane Oueja, John Sankey, and Ijeoma Udechukwu. The Committee will be staffed by Erin McCracken.

The Committee may be in the position to recommend a new name to the Association at the March meeting.

### LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE

#### Fibre Optics Installations in Hunt Club

Telecon has been contracted to install fibre optic lines, including related infrastructure in the Hunt Club community. This is related to the 5G technology rollout and will connect to the mobility cellular tower on the roof of 3360 Paul Anka. The installation is taking place along Uplands Drive between Riverside Drive and Hunt Club Road.

Stantec is doing the construction management and inspection services.

The project began January 18 and will be completed by mid-February. Work is scheduled to take place from 7am to 5pm. Street restoration will be done as the workers go along.

In addition to the current work on Uplands, my office has received advance notification that Bell Canada will be doing utility work later this year on McCarthy Road, Pigeon Terrace, Cahill Drive, Owl Drive, and Hawk Crescent. Work is to be completed by the Summer/Fall 2021 and includes civil, cable, BWS Installation, and restoration. The work will be conducted exclusively during the day and includes a combination of hydro-vac, directional drilling, mini-excavating, and/or micro trenching on site. The noise will not affect the public.

All affected homeowners will receive notifications before work starts.

If you have any concerns, please contact my office at 613-580-2486 or by email at Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca.

#### Hydro One Transmission Line Upgrade Project

My office has been notified by Hydro One of an application to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) for permission to reconductor approximately 11.9km of a high-transmission line which includes the corridor that runs east to west across

River Ward just north of McCarthy Woods and south of Southmore Drive.

They have advised that the work includes changing the line configuration of the circuits from a single circuit to a double circuit. They do not expect to build any new transmission structures and most of the work would be carried out within the existing transmission corridor. Where possible, access to the transmission structures will be gained using existing roads, transmission corridors, and trails. Temporary by-pass poles will be installed at two electricity junctions just outside the ward. Once the project is completed there will be little noticeable difference in this transmission line.

I will continue to share information on this project as it is received. At this time, there are no dates for the work to be completed as Hydro One is just at the application stage with the OEB.

### **Hydro One Corridor Maintenance**

Over the coming weeks, you may see Hydro One crews in the north-south hydro corridor that crosses through both the Riverside Park and Hunt Club communities from just south of Quesnel Drive and Riverside Drive and goes across Uplands Drive, Paul Anka Drive, Bennet Street, and Lillico Drive. They are doing annual maintenance to control fast-growing trees and shrubs in order to maintain clear access to the hydro corridor. There are a number of trees directly under the power lines that will be trimmed, but some may have to be removed. They have committed to keeping removals to a minimum. If you have any questions, please contact my office.

### **Mandatory masks around City rinks**

To help reduce the spread of COVID-19, masks are now mandatory within 15 metres (50 feet) of the ice edge around all City owned or operated on behalf of the City, public outdoor rinks. Masks are not mandatory when skating, but highly recommended. For those enjoying the beautiful outdoor rinks Ottawa has to offer, please keep a two-metre distance from anyone not in your household. 25-person limit on all City rinks and sledding hills.

Please note that the maximum number of people on ice surfaces and sledding hills is now set to 25. This is to ensure physical distancing to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. This will be on a first come first serve basis for community rinks and sledding hills, so please be considerate of others wishing to take part in this winter activity.

**Need more information?** Have questions about exercising outdoors, social visits, enforcement, making complaints, and more during the Ontario Government's stay-at-home order? Learn more about City and Provincial rules here: <https://ottawa.ca/en/news/what-can-i-do-during-stay-home-order>

## **LRT STAGE 2**

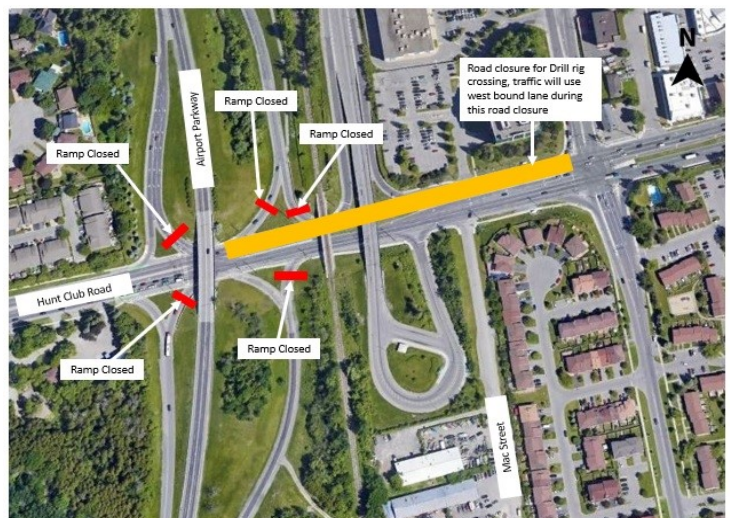
### **Notice of Night Work - Hunt Club Rail Bridge**

As part of the Stage 2 O-Train Trillium Line South Extension Project, construction of the Hunt Club Rail-over-Road Bridge is ready to proceed. The bridge is a major part of the infrastructure advancement project for the Trillium Line south expansion and once complete, it will not only serve as the improved rail link to communities in South Keys and surrounding neighbourhoods, but will also provide a new north/south, Multi-Use Pathway connection for residents. Overnight construction work to drill caissons, which will form the sub-structure of the rail-over-road bridge, followed by pouring the columns that will support the structure, is set to begin.

To facilitate the ongoing bridge construction, a portion of the structural work is required to be completed overnight. Work is being conducted at night to reduce impacts to vehicular traffic, including emergency vehicles. To maintain safety, cycle lanes on both sides of Hunt Club Road through the work zone will remain closed for the duration of this work due to increased truck traffic and the presence of heavy construction equipment. Cyclists and pedestrians will be required to adhere to signage.

With construction taking place near residents, mitigation strategies are being implemented to help reduce impacts to local residents including reducing the need to reverse (avoiding backup beeps) and the installation of sound monitoring equipment. Should noise become excessive during overnight construction, please notify me.

The overnight caisson work started on January 27 and is planned to be complete by February 16. Work will be conducted every night pending inclement weather and schedule changes. As part of the overnight work, there will be ramp closures to the north and southbound onramps of the Airport Parkway (primarily on weekends) as well as lane closures on Hunt Club Road. See map below for clarification of affected ramps and lanes.



### The tentative schedule is as follows:

- **Caisson construction:** January 26th – March 9th (an existing noise exemption permit was filed for Jan 26th through Feb 12th)
- **Pour Columns:** March 29th
- **Pour Pier Cap:** April 27th
- **Erect Girders:** May 10th – May 12th
- **Precast Panels:** May 15th – May 31st
- **Deck Overhang Platform:** June 1st – June 7th
- **Deck Pour:** July 27th
- **Strip Overhang Platforms:** September 16th – September 29th
- **Reinstate Median and Original Traffic Configuration:** September 30th – October 26th

For the full notice circulated by Stage 2, click [HERE](#). To sign up for their email notifications, visit [Stage 2 LRT Newsletters](#)

### **South Keys Multi-Use Pathway (MUP) Detour**

As part of the Stage 2 O-Train Trillium Line South Extension project, the next stage of work on South Keys Station is proceeding which will require the installation of a MUP detour to route pedestrians and cyclists around the work. As a result, an existing segment of the MUP will be closed and a temporary detour will be put in place to maintain access to South Keys Station. The temporary detour was implemented on January 13 and will finish on February 15. Pedestrians and cyclists are advised to watch for signage and travel carefully through the construction zone.

## **CITY UPDATES & CONSULTATIONS**

Engage Ottawa is Ottawa's one-stop for all community consultations in the city. Bookmark the page at [Engage.Ottawa.ca](#) and visit often to see what is being discussed. Here are a few current consultations that are underway:

### **Community Safety and Well-Being Plan Consultation**

Jump in on the conversation from Jan 18 -Feb 28 for the **Community Safety & Well-Being Plan** consultations. Everyone has a role to play in the safety and well-being of our city and this is your opportunity to share your thoughts. Visit <https://engage.ottawa.ca/Community-Safety-Well-Being-Plan> to learn more.

### **Winter Road Maintenance—Your feedback is needed!**

Everyone has an opinion about how the City of Ottawa maintains its roads in the winter, and residents have an opportunity to share that opinion with the City right now.

The City of Ottawa is reviewing its Winter Maintenance Quality Standards (WMQS). The standards determine when and where snow clearing, sanding and salting take place, how often and for how long.

Residents can visit [engage.ottawa.ca/wmq](https://engage.ottawa.ca/wmq) and contribute

to the review in three ways:

- Complete a survey, available until February 19
- Share an idea or ask a question in the discussion forum

If you need to complete the survey by phone or require other accessibility related accommodations, please call 613-282-2685 for assistance.

### **Parks and Recreation Master Plan Consultation**

What type of park/recreation facilities do you and your family use or are interested in seeing added?

The City is looking for your feedback on the first Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan. The plan will provide a framework to help the City determine what municipal parks and recreation facilities we will need in the next ten years to serve the needs of residents. This master plan will be part of the City's New Official Plan, which will be adopted in October. Learn more and participate at [Engage.Ottawa.ca](#).

### **Addressing Systemic Racism in Ottawa**

How can Ottawa's Anti-Racism Secretariat address systemic racism in Ottawa? How would you like to engage and collaborate with the City to ensure a safe and equitable city for everyone? Participate in the [online survey](#) or join one of the [virtual public engagement sessions](#). Take a stand against racism in Ottawa.

## **OTTAWA PUBLIC HEALTH COVID-19 UPDATES**

The current situation around COVID-19 is constantly evolving and changes to guidance will be made based on the status of the situation in Ottawa with guidance and authority from the Government of Ontario. Please continue to visit [ottawapublichealth.ca/coronavirus](https://ottawapublichealth.ca/coronavirus) and [OttawaPublicHealth.ca/WorkplaceCOVID19](https://OttawaPublicHealth.ca/WorkplaceCOVID19) for the most up-to-date information.

- [Business Reopening Toolkit](#)
- [Economic support and recovery](#)
- [Mental Health and COVID-19](#)
- [Ottawa Public Health](#)

### **Vaccination Update**

OPH has launched a COVID-19 Vaccine page at [OttawaPublicHealth.ca/COVID19Vaccine](https://OttawaPublicHealth.ca/COVID19Vaccine) with information on the Ottawa context, how the vaccine works, as well as precautions and considerations for residents to be aware of.

The City's Emergency Operations Centre (EOC), in collaboration with Ottawa Public Health (OPH), the Ottawa Hospital (TOH), and other health care partners are working together to vaccinate eligible residents against COVID-19, as quickly as possible, in accordance with the



Provincial framework.

Since the week of December 14, 2020, TOH has received a fairly small supply of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine. To date, Ottawa has not received any of the Moderna vaccine. According to data from the Ottawa Hospital, 25,350 doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine have been received and 23,883 doses have been administered to date.

By January 15, all workers, residents, and essential caregivers at the city's 28 long-term care homes had received their first dose of the vaccine. A great accomplishment.

I know that there is a lot of anxiety and questions around when the vaccine will be made available to seniors living in their own homes and the general public. The City of Ottawa Task Force is following the sequence of vaccinations by demographic as established by the Province of Ontario and the Canadian Government. I have posted the answers to some of the frequently asked questions on my website at [RileyBrockington.ca](http://RileyBrockington.ca).

### Mental Health

It's so important to check in with ourselves and our loved ones to see how things are going and to make sure we are using good coping skills to support our mental health.

For some, this can mean getting back to good habits like getting enough sleep, being more active and eating well, or developing new habits such as mindfulness to add to your coping tool kit. For others, this can mean checking in with some of the many local [supports and professionals](#) to talk about our mental health and ways to manage through these challenges.

I would like to remind everyone that there are resources available to help.

- The [Walk-in Counselling Clinic](#) at (613) 755-2277 offers free in person sessions as well as video or phone counselling sessions in English, French, Arabic, Somali, Spanish, Mandarin, and Cantonese at a variety of locations.
- The [Counselling Connect](#) service in Ottawa offers free access to a same-day or next-day phone or video counselling session.
- If you need immediate help, call the [Distress Centre Ottawa and Region](#)

24/7 at (613) 238-3311 in English or [Tel-Aide Outaouais](#) at (613) 741-6433 in French.

### Be a Snow Mole!

The Council on Aging of Ottawa is looking for volunteers to be Snow Moles in their communities. A Snow Mole is a volunteer who reports on what it is like to walk outside on a winter day in Ottawa. They are looking for all types of walkers, including seniors, children, and residents using mobility aids, to participate in this project. The results from the winter's reporting will be submitted to the City of Ottawa as part of the Winter Maintenance Quality Standards Review. You can learn more about this program at <https://coaottawa.ca/snowmoles/>.

### Coming Events

#### Women's Day—March 10, 2021

Mark your calendars for the annual River Ward Women's Day Speaker Series on Wednesday, March 10 at 7pm. It will be online this year due to the pandemic and will feature a panel of successful female role models. Watch my monthly e-newsletter for the registration link or send me a note at [Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca](mailto:Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca) to be put on the RSVP list.

#### River Ward Office is still open!

During the last 10 months, my office has continued to work and I have been in the office each and every day to assist residents with their concerns. Please reach out if you need my assistance. You can call 613-580-2486 or email me at [Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca](mailto:Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca).

### **Did you receive my monthly e-newsletter?**

Sign up to receive it directly to your inbox by sending me an email at [Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca](mailto:Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca). My newsletter contains updates on city decisions, planning files, community initiatives and more.

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### COVID-19 Vaccine Sequencing: Timeline

Province of Ontario vaccination plan (pending supply)

