



Councillor's Report

Hunt Club Community Association

March 1, 2021

RIVER WARD PARKS

McCarthy Park Basketball Court

I have had recent meetings with Parks and Recreation staff on two types of designs for the new McCarthy Park basketball court.

The court will be erected where the current boarded skating rink is and will not impact winter skating.

Two design options:

1. Would permit two small, east-west courts, cost \$175,000
2. Would permit one north-south regulation court, with removable posts, cost \$180,000

Both options include LED lighting upgrades, however, a photometric study will be conducted and may demonstrate the LED upgrades are insufficient for basketball lighting, as such, additional funding would be required to replace the light poles and fixtures.

There is no infrastructure in place for the existing court, this would remain unlit.

Parks and Recreation recommend Option 2. I am seeking input from the HCCA.

In addition to the basketball court, I will be meeting at the end of this month with several Hunt Club residents to discuss amenities in McCarthy Park and brainstorm gardening and beautification opportunities, as well as community survey options.

Uplands Park Naming Working Group (WG)

On February 23, I met with members of the Uplands Park Renaming Working Group. Our discussions continue and another meeting will take place at the end of March to consider an additional round of potential names. There is interest in naming the park after a woman with a local connection. We also discussed the value of placing an information plaque in the park to share the story behind the Uplands name in order to preserve its local and historical significance.

The Working Group also acknowledged the multiple contributions to the local community by John Sankey and

believes a commemorative naming in his honour is warranted. I will discuss options with the Chair and Vice Chair.

LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Telus Fibre Optics Status

Telus contractors are nearing completion on Uplands Drive, from Riverside Drive to Hunt Club Road, where they have been installing conduit and manholes, and pulling fibre to service the Telus mobility tower on the roof of 3360 Paul Anka for the 5G technology rollout. Work began Jan. 18 and they are now 80 percent complete. There is approximately 400 metres left to build and the project supervisor is hoping that will be done by the end of this week. Crews would then return the following week to pull the fibre through the new conduits. I have been assured there will be no construction during this stage.

Bell Fibre Project Coming

Bell Canada has applied for City permit approvals to install fibre to residential homes in Hunt Club. Fibre is said to be much faster and more reliable than copper services. The work will include directional boring, open trench work when required, and the placement of new Bell pedestals, conduit and wire along Hunt Club Place, Hunt Club Road, Boone Crescent, Lilloic Street, Erin Crescent, Lilloic Drive, Uplands Drive, Bennett Street, Sample Road, Paul Anka Drive and Royal Hunt Crescent.

The project would include placing service drops using a 10-inch trench line for minimal damage to provide fibre services to homes. I have been assured that I will be updated by the construction manager weeks before any work begins. City approvals have not yet been granted.

Hydro One Transmission Project

Hydro One's transmission line upgrade is planned to begin in early 2022. This is the line that runs East-West just north of the train tracks across McCarthy Road. They anticipate securing approval of the project from the Ontario Energy Board in the second quarter of 2021. I also want to host a

community meeting, either virtually or in person depending on public health guidelines, at the end of 2021 before construction begins. I will keep you informed about that engagement session. I have shared an information flyer of this work with your President, Vice-President and Corporate Secretary and will provide a copy to anyone on request.

Hydro One Vegetation Maintenance

Hydro One has completed the vegetation maintenance work it needed to do in 2021 along the hydro corridor from Riverside Drive towards Hunt Club Road. The work involved removing or trimming trees and other vegetation in the corridor that were identified as posing a risk to the electrical infrastructure now and in the future. Crews are scheduled to return to remove two tree stumps along Lilloco Drive this year when ground conditions improve. The exact timeline for this has not been determined.

Rideau River Multi Use Pathway Detour

I had a constructive meeting last week with LRT Phase 2 Senior staff & Councillor Shawn Menard regarding the planned MUP detour along the Rideau River where the new pedestrian/cyclist bridge is to be built. We reviewed other options that will provide greater safety and will reconvene this week to continue the discussion. I have heard the concerns from the pathway users and am working with staff on finding a solution.

CITY UPDATES & CONSULTATIONS

Bylaw Enforcement

I recently met with the head of Ottawa's Bylaw and Regulatory Services to discuss enforcement in school zones. There have been significant traffic issues in school zones across the city with more parents and guardians driving their children to and from school. The department's parking operations unit is facing record demand, especially when coupled with their previous redeployment for COVID enforcement. As well, they are fielding higher call volumes related to school zones where there has been an upswing in traffic. Still, school zones are a focus area for bylaw officers. The director assures me that tickets are being issued as there is zero tolerance for school zone infractions.

Interim Tax Bill

The interim property tax bills will be mailed out to residents between February 22 and February 26, with taxes due on March 18, 2021. The interim tax bill is the first tax installment for the year and represents 50% of the previous year's taxes. Residents and businesses financially affected by the pandemic can find support available to them from the provincial and federal governments on [Ottawa.ca/taxes](https://ottawa.ca/taxes).

Engage Ottawa Consultations

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

Survey on Residential Vacant Unit Tax

On December 9, 2020, City Council approved a motion that directed staff to study the authority to impose a tax on vacant residential units and report back by the end of Q2 2021 on the feasibility of such a tax.

The City has created a survey on the [Engage Ottawa public engagement website](https://engage.ottawa.ca/public-engagement-website) to gather residents' feedback on a potential vacant unit tax. Residents will have from February 22 until the survey closes on March 31 to provide feedback.

OTTAWA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Ottawa Public Library Branches are Now Open

On February 22, the Ottawa Public Library welcomed customers back inside branches across the City. The Bookmobile has also resumed offering a small collection for browsing at all its stops, as well as contactless returns and holds pick up.

I recently received confirmation that the Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community Centre will not be reopening to the public in the short term, which means the library kiosk service will not yet reopen. Library kiosk customers are encouraged to redirect their holds to other branches or the recently resumed Bookmobile stops. The Bookmobile offers holds pickup and return services and is equipped with WiFi. And depending on which vehicle arrives at each stop, there can be 3,500 to 5,000 items of newer material in every format available for your browsing pleasure.

The two Bookmobile weekly stops that are within walking distance of your community centre are:

- Metro Plaza at 3310 McCarthy Road, Wednesdays 3:30 to 5 p.m.
- Bayview Public School at 185 Owl Drive, Wednesdays 6:15 to 8 p.m.

To confirm the hours of your nearest branch, visit <https://bibliooottawalibrary.ca/en>

Cooking Classes with the OPL

March is Nutrition Month, and OPL has called on a few engaging chefs to help to pull you out of your routine with some of their favourite recipes.

- Wednesday, March 3, at 7 pm, take a [cooking class with chef Bruce Wood](#) and learn the ins and outs of

pasta carbonara.

- Wednesday, March 10, at 7 pm, fans of vegetarian cuisine can take a [cooking class with Tara Porter](#) to level up their skills and learn how to make a plant-based warm winter salad bowl.
- Wednesday, March 17, at 7 pm, join us for a [one-of-a-kind experience with chef Simon Bell](#) and learn how to make an African peanut stew.

These latest classes in OPL's Comfort Food series highlight nutrition, taste, affordability, and availability of ingredients, all wrapped up in a fun and welcoming virtual event for all. For more information or to sign up for a class, visit [BiblioOttawaLibrary.ca](#).

OTTAWA PUBLIC HEALTH COVID-19 UPDATES

Bookings available now for eligible residents to receive the COVID-19 vaccine

Bookings are now available for COVID-19 vaccinations for some Ottawa residents.

Residents who were born in or before 1941, or who are adult recipients of chronic home care, and who live in the following communities are eligible to receive their vaccine starting Friday, March 5:

- Emerald Woods
- Heatherington
- Ledbury
- Heron Gate
- Ridgemont

- Riverview
- Sawmill Creek

To confirm that you are eligible for vaccination, please visit Ottawa Public Health's [COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility Screening Tool](#).

If you are eligible, please call 613-691-5505 to book your appointment. Service providers can take your call between 7:30 am and 6 pm, Monday to Friday, and 8:30 am to 4 pm Saturday and Sunday. Service is available in multiple languages.

Walk-ins will not be accepted, so please call in advance to book your appointment.

We are asking residents who are not eligible for this week's vaccine pop-up clinics not to call this booking phone line, as it is only for eligible residents. Please help us keep phone lines open for those who are eligible to receive a vaccine.

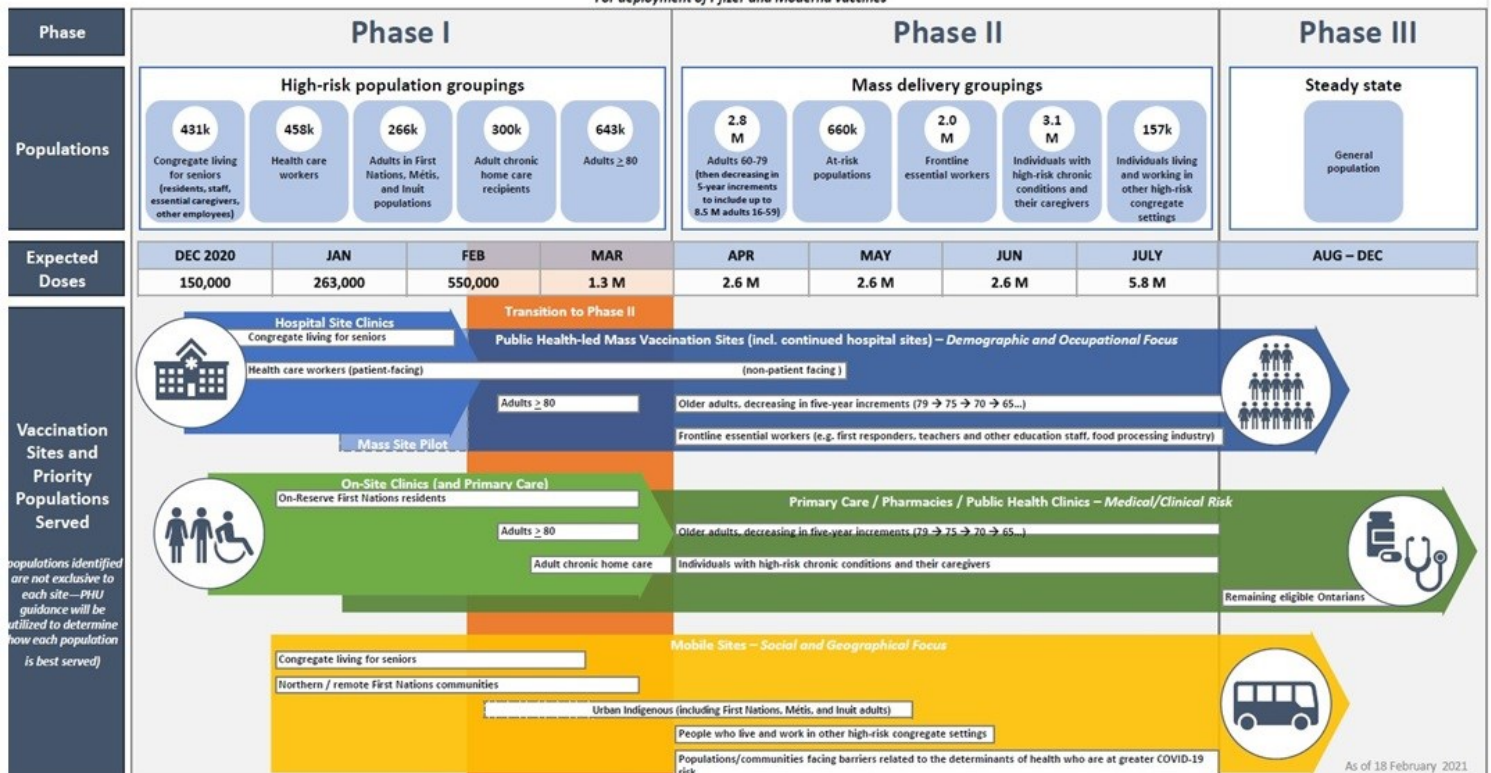
Pop-up clinics will be operating in these locations. Dates and times will be confirmed when you make your appointment.

- Albion Heatherington Community Centre, 1560 Heatherington Road
- Sawmill Creek Pool and Community Centre, 3380 D'Aoust Avenue
- Assunnah Muslims Association Community Centre, 1216 Hunt Club Road

Accommodations will be made for residents who need

COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Plan

For deployment of Pfizer and Moderna vaccines



help with accessibility and all sites are accessible. If you are a Para Transpo user, you can book your ride to the pop-up clinic like you would normally do. If a transportation option is not available to you, you can request a ride to and from the clinic when you book your vaccine appointment.

If you were born in or before 1941 or are an adult recipient of chronic home care and do not live in these neighbourhoods, you are not eligible for a vaccine at these pop-up clinics. This is due to the limited supply of vaccines. Additional pop-up clinics in more neighbourhoods will be announced next week.

Community clinics are also expected to open later in March for all other Ottawa residents who were born in or before 1941, or who are recipients of chronic home care, pending vaccine delivery. Booking for these appointments will begin in mid-March. More information will be available in the coming weeks on how to book these appointments. Please do not call the booking phone line regarding these appointments at this time.

Background

Due to the current limited supply of vaccine, those who are at the highest risk are being vaccinated first. Rates of COVID-19 in the neighbourhoods where residents are at highest risk of the virus are on average five times higher than in the rest of Ottawa. In some cases, they are 16 times higher. Risks for hospitalization and death are also higher. Limiting hospitalizations will help the whole community and protect our health care system.

Pending vaccine availability, vaccinations will be rolled out in the coming weeks to more neighbourhoods where residents are at the greatest risk of COVID-19.

Residents of all ages who are not yet eligible for the vaccine are encouraged to follow announcements on the City of Ottawa and OPH websites and social media channels, and from your local news media to learn when they can receive their vaccine.

The Ontario government has identified adults aged 80 and older and adult recipients of chronic home care as priority groups to receive COVID-19 vaccinations during Phase 1 of the vaccine distribution plan. Please refer to [Ontario.ca](https://www.ontario.ca) for details on other priority groups within Phase 1 of the plan. Caregivers, partners or roommates who were born after 1941 are not eligible at this time.

Visit ottawa.ca for more information on the

[City's vaccination distribution plan.](#)

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.

River Ward Coming Events

Women's Day Speaker Series - March 10

Don't forget to sign up for the River Ward Women's Day Speaker Series on March 10. Guest speakers include the Australian High Commissioner to Canada, Her Excellency Natasha Smith, Suzanne Obiorah, the City's new Director of Gender and Race Equity, and Kathleen Wynne, the former Premier of Ontario and current MPP for Don Valley West. [Register ONLINE](#) or by calling 613-580-2486.

Earth Day Electronic Waste Depot - April 24

Please hold the date for an electronic waste collection depot at the Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community Centre parking lot (3320 Paul Anka Dr.) The event will be held with Junk That Funk from 10am-4pm following public health guidelines.

Community Events

Food Bank—March 6

The Overcomers Chapel's next Food Bank is on Saturday, March 6 from noon-2pm at the Hunt Club - Riverside Park Community Centre (3320 Paul Anka). No appointment necessary. Please bring reusable grocery bags.

Income Tax Clinics

South-East Ottawa Community Health Centre will again be offering Free Tax Clinics to residents of low income with simple tax situations in their catchment area. To book an appointment please call 613-737-7195 ext. 6009. <http://www.seochc.on.ca/>

Ottawa ACORN Tenants Rights Info Session

Ottawa ACORN is hosting bi-weekly tenants' rights information sessions to inform tenants about their rights during COVID-19. They will cover details around rights/protections related to rent, evictions, maintenance/repairs, and Bill 184. There will be time for questions and discussion after each section.

Upcoming sessions:

- Tuesday, March 2, 6pm,
- Tuesday, March 16, 6pm
- Tuesday, March 30, 6pm.

Those who are interested can RSVP here: <https://bit.ly/3bStYTp> or by calling Ottawa ACORN at 613-746-5999 ext. 2.

Council on Aging of Ottawa - Upcoming Online Workshops

The Council on Aging is offering new workshops in March. Older adults are invited to attend as many as they like, courses run from 10am to noon on the dates listed.

- Connecting at a Distance - March 3
- Exploring Online Shopping and Banking - March 10
- Taking Care of Your Emergency Preparedness - March 22
- Understanding the Recipe for Healthy Eating - March 24
- Smart Aging Core Program - currently full. Get on the waiting list [HERE](#).

If you need access to technology to be able to participate in these programs, please contact Stephanie Cadieux at 613-789-3577 x.4 or s.cadieux@coaottawa.ca.

Register at <https://coaottawa.ca/cat/coa-events/>

Seed and Seedlings Zoom

Get Growing Hunt Club is hosting a Seed and Seedlings Zoom webinar for all aspiring green thumbs on March 16 from 1-2 p.m. Renée-Claude Goulet, a science advisor at the Canada Agriculture Food Museum, will be sharing her expertise on 'starting seeds indoors with science.' Everyone is welcome. Register at hunt-club.ca/event/start-seeds-with-science.

April Break Camp eGuides (Formerly March Break Camps)

March Break has been rescheduled to April, so the city has moved its popular in-person camps as well. They have also added virtual activities that you can mix and match while participating from home.

Check out the April Break Camps eGuides at ottawa.ca/recreation and get ready to register on **Thursday, March 4** at 9 pm. For more info, visit RileyBrockington.ca.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Summer Student Job Opportunities

Ottawa Community Housing has posted numerous summer student job positions on their [website](#). The postings close on March 14.

Statistics Canada Hiring for Canadian Census

Statistics Canada is currently hiring approximately 32,000 people for census enumerator and crew leader positions across Canada.

For more information on the jobs available for the 2021 Census and the hiring process, please visit <https://census.gc.ca/jobs-emploi-eng.htm>

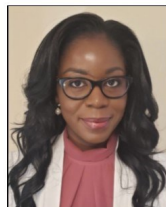
City Councillor Riley Brockington invites you to be his guest at his annual

Women's Day Speaker Series

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

6:30pm On **Zoom**

Guest Speakers:



Suzanne Obiorah
Director of Gender and Race Equality, Inclusion, Indigenous Relations, and Social Development Services
City of Ottawa



Her Excellency Natasha Smith
High Commissioner to Canada
Australian High Commission



Kathleen Wynne
Ontario Provincial Parliament, Don Valley West
Former Premier of Ontario



City Councillor Theresa Kavanagh, the Council Liaison for Women and Gender Equity, will co-host the event with Councillor Riley Brockington.

All are welcome! Please join us on Wednesday, March 10
RSVP at tinyurl.com/RiverWardWomensDay or by calling 613-580-2486

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