



Community Bulletin / Bulletin Communautaire

Proudly Serving All Residents of River Ward | 613-580-2486 | Riley.Brockington@ottawa.ca | rileybrockington.ca RiverWardRiley **Spring 2025**

I trust you are well and enjoying spring, what a great season of rebirth and sunny days.

This coming spring-summer-autumn period will see substantial infrastructure renewal in our ward, tens of millions of dollars is being invested to fix our water pipes, redesign roads, rebuild the Carlington Heights reservoir and host consultations on the final design of the Alexander Community Centre and Mooney's Bay Pavilion. Many of these projects have been top of my priority list because they are top of your list. I am pleased to have advocated successfully for our ward and secured big money to renew our infrastructure. Details about the major projects are listed in this bulletin.

Two major reviews at the City level will impact River Ward with the Transportation Master Plan (Phase 5) list of capital projects and the Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw Review also proposing significant zoning changes that will impact every neighbourhood and street in River Ward. I am hosting a very important public session on zoning changes Saturday May 31 in the morning, at the Jim Durrell Recreation Centre on Walkley Road. It is very important to attend.

I continue to work with the major festivals and special events that call River Ward

home, making a number of refinements to off-site parking, road safety, waste containment and removal as well as noise abatement and mitigation. The Festival season offers a bevy of choices in River Ward and across our great City, enjoy them this year. A special notice will be mailed to Riverside Park residents, north of Walkley Road, (similar to what is done every year) informing them of seasonal parking restrictions that go in place from June to September in the vicinity of Mooney's Bay Park.

At the April Transit Committee meeting, my colleagues unanimously supported a motion I moved, requesting that the OC Transpo General Manager produce a roadmap on how on-time bus performance (reliability) will achieve the 85% desirability target. Every month when I review performance metrics, I don't see any positive improvements. I want to see a plan and I want to see results. You identify this as your top transit priority and I am committed to advocating for you, demanding results and ensuring management is held to account.

I look forward to seeing you in the ward at various events this year. Plan to get outside as well, enjoy our parks, Rideau River corridor, bike paths and trails. The natural beauty in our ward is nothing short of amazing – enjoy it, respect it, love it.



On February 5, 2025, Mayor Mark Sutcliffe and I hosted a special announcement before a packed gymnasium of local children, residents and community leaders in the Alexander Community Centre.

As part of the 2025 City Budget, \$11.8 million has been secured to expand and renovate the Centre.

This fulfills a promise and commitment I made to Carlington and Central Park residents to modernize and expand our 60 year old community centre.

This will truly become the local hub of the community. Final design consultations are expected this spring and summer.

Update from Tammy Rose, General Manager, Infrastructure and Water Services

Hello River Ward residents!

My name is Tammy Rose, and I am the General Manager of the Infrastructure and Water Services department at the City of Ottawa. I started working for the City part-time while studying engineering at the University of Ottawa and have worked in municipal government for most of my career before becoming the General Manager of Infrastructure and Water Services in January 2022.



Infrastructure and Water Services is the hub for City infrastructure lifecycle renewal and replacement, oversight and construction, and water services including drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater management. Our mission is to deliver safe and sustainable municipal infrastructure and vital water services. I am grateful to work in a role that connects with my values and passion for protecting public health, safety and the environment, and for the opportunity to serve residents and positively impact your daily lives! Here are just a few of the services our dedicated, passionate, hardworking, and creative experts are responsible for:

Safe Drinking Water

- The drinking water team works to produce and deliver 295 million litres of some of the

world's safest and highest quality drinking water each day to 994,000 customers.

- Operators maintain over 3,000 kilometres of water mains, 48,000 valves and more than 23,000 fire hydrants to ensure safe drinking water and reliable supply for firefighting.
- A team of more than 163 licensed water operators work around the clock to monitor, treat, and distribute water.

Wastewater collection, treatment and environmental protection

- Staff at the Robert O. Pickard Environmental Centre (ROPEC) treat over 390 million litres of water every day and remove 200 tonnes of pollutants before it is returned to the Ottawa River.
- Operators maintain Ottawa's wastewater collection system which includes over 2,800 km of sanitary sewers, 100 km of combined sewers and 67 wastewater pumping stations that collect and bring the city's wastewater to ROPEC to be treated.
- A team of more than 157 licensed wastewater operators work around the clock to collect and treat wastewater.

Stormwater management and flood prevention

- The stormwater management team looks after a wide variety of infrastructure such as ponds, underground storage tanks and drain systems that filter run off, protect local waterways and prevent flooding.
- City engineers work in partnership with Conservation Authorities to update flood-

plain maps for improved flooding and emergency response.

Infrastructure Services

- Infrastructure Services manages the design and construction of new and existing municipal infrastructure, including recreation facilities, parks, playgrounds, roads, cycling facilities, sidewalks and pathways, water, sewer and stormwater systems, bridges, culverts, and landmark projects such as Lansdowne 2.0 and Adisoke, the new Ottawa Public Library – Library and Archives Canada joint facility!
- Our dedicated professionals provide overall quality management on infrastructure projects while ensuring all industry standards and guidelines are met furthering our commitment to public safety.

Asset Management

- Asset management planning is a key tool for ensuring the City's infrastructure evolves in step with Ottawa's growth, service expectations, and emerging standards, all within a financially sustainable framework.
- The team works with many stakeholders to connect infrastructure investments to current and future City services.
- Asset Management staff also lead water resource master planning, source water protection and capital program definition, and manage the Comprehensive Asset Management Program.

In addition to providing these important services that residents rely on and enjoy

every day, our department is working closely with Councillor Brockington on some exciting projects in River Ward!

Our team would like to thank you for your patience during times of construction and want to express our deepest appreciation for your understanding. We know construction can be disruptive and your support is critical to each project's success.

As well, we'd like to thank Councillor Brockington for his ongoing support in advancing the City's priorities and projects. It is our sincere pleasure to serve Ottawa's communities as the City's trusted experts in water services and sustainable municipal infrastructure so future generations can thrive!

River Ward Zoning By-law Workshop

Major changes are coming! Join us for a hands-on workshop to learn all about the zoning by-law review and how this will impact River Ward!

Saturday, May 31, 9 – 11 am

Jim Durrell Recreation Centre,
1265 Walkley Road

RSVP required

Email: Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca
Call our Office: 613-580-2486

or RSVP on Eventbrite:
www.eventbrite.com/e/river-ward-zoning-by-law-workshop-tickets-1342773935989

Residential Development Files in River Ward

Central Park

130-136 Central Park Drive

With Ashcroft’s bankruptcy proceedings, the fate of the final touches on the new Astoria development are unknown at this time.

All of the property owned by Ashcroft on Merivale Road is also up for sale.

1357 Baseline Road (Laurentian Plaza)

Smart Centres has taken over this residential development project and a revised site plan has been submitted to the City.

The intent is to amend the buildings use from retirement residence, to general apartment buildings, with minor amendments to unit numbers and design.

Should the current site plan process be successful, construction is likely to recommence later this year to complete the project.

Riverside Park

3071 Riverside Drive – The Docks at Mooney’s Bay

The Docks – Phase 1 will offer 136 homes, including 26 three-bedroom townhomes and 110 condominium units. Progress has been made on the Westside Condo buildings. Roofing is now complete on both Westside 1 and Westside 2, and work is underway on exterior finishes as well as interior framing, mechanical, and electrical installations.

Development is on track to break ground on the townhome portion of the community in April/May. By the end of 2025, we expect to see significant progress across the site. Residents can anticipate the completion of both Westside condo buildings and the beginnings of the townhome block.

729-735 Ridgewood Avenue – Brigil

Demolition of the former Riverside Mall is complete. Site plan approval was obtained for four residential buildings, with ground floor commercial space, ranging from 4 to 20 storeys (443 units). Mass excavation could begin as soon as June 2025.

770 Brookfield Road – The Revalie

Construction of Phase 2 is progressing as planned. Construction will continue throughout 2025 and into the summer of 2026. Completion is expected by August 2026. This summer, we anticipate the final retail space, part of the Phase 1 development, will be ready to open. Phase 2 retail space will open in 2026.

2660 Norberry Crescent – Norberry Residences

In late March, residents of the Norberry Residences with parking garage privileges, notified my office that they had received a notice of demolition of the parking garage structure. The property manager is working with residents to determine alternate parking solutions, and they intend to demolish the parking garage and allow for uncovered, surface parking. Demolition is expected by year-end.

2865 Riverside Drive – St. Patrick’s Home of Ottawa

St. Patrick’s Home of Ottawa intends to expand their offerings by constructing a 7-storey apartment building containing 133 units. St. Patrick’s Home expects

to have their building permit approved. A construction schedule is expected to be available in late April/ early May 2025. Expect construction to start this year.

Hunt Club

3930-3960 Riverside Drive (at Hunt Club) – St. Mary’s

This is a residential only development, comprising townhomes and four residential towers. City staff continue to finalize the plan of subdivision draft approval before the Zoning By-law Amendment goes to the Planning and Housing Committee. City staff are targeting June 2025 for this stage of the process to commence.

3950 N Bowesville Road – Blu Legacy Convention Centre

Blu Legacy Convention Centre, formerly Tudor Hall, will continue to operate as a banquet and events centre for the remainder of 2025. The (approved) development consists of two, fourteen storey residential high-rise towers connected via a single storey podium along the western edge of the site, containing a total of 365 dwelling units. There are no known timelines to build at this time.

1 Finch Private – OCH Shearwater Community

Ottawa Community Housing (OCH) is moving forward with the Shearwater Court Project, which involves the demolition of nine existing townhouses in the Shearwater subdivision. These homes have reached the end of their life cycle and are no longer viable to repair. In their place, OCH will construct a six-storey, 45-unit apartment building on a parcel of land located at the rear of the subdivision. Construction is expected to commence this Spring.

Ridgemont

1824 Bank Street at Walkley - Walkley Plaza

The proposal for the Walkley Plaza includes the demolition of the current plaza and development of 4 residential towers (1300 units), with the intention of delivering a mixture of market-rate and affordable housing. The developers, BentallGreenOak (BGO), have submitted their formal application. Retail leases of tenants are in place until at least December 2026, so no construction is expected for a few years.

Carlington

1309 Carling Avenue – Westgate Mall Redevelopment

The first residential tower on the Westgate property (Carling at Merivale) was completed a couple years ago, and RioCan, the property owner is now re-assessing its vision for Phase 2 and the entire project. My office has encouraged RioCan to come back to the community for a session on their revised plans and I will host it as soon as they are ready.

1145 Carling Avenue – The Royal Ottawa Hospital: Matthew Perry Foundation

The Royal Ottawa Hospital – Matthew Perry Foundation intends to build three, low-rise apartment buildings on the north side of the Hospital, with heights of 3, 4 and 5 storeys.

Each floor of the buildings will be equipped with smaller communal spaces that include kitchens and gathering areas, promoting social interaction. The majority of the units will be bachelor-style, with a selection of larger units designed for families.

A daycare facility will be available for the children of both residents and staff, enhancing the community’s family-friendly atmosphere. The staffing, programming, and resident plans are currently being developed and will be thoughtfully addressed throughout the three-year construction period, ensuring that the final development meets the needs of the community it will serve.

Along with the Matthew Perry Foundation key partners include The Royal Ottawa Hospital, Salus Ottawa, Ottawa Community Housing (OCH), Rideauwood and CAPSA.

1058, 1062 and 1066 Silver Street (at Summerville)

The applicant plans to build a four-story apartment building with 46 units at the corner of Silver St and Summerville Ave. The existing buildings at 1305, 1295, and 1291 Summerville will remain in place.

864 Lady Ellen – Access Self Storage Inc

Two new storage warehouses are planned to be built:

Building A: This will be a four-story building for self-storage units.

Building B: This will be a single-story building containing storage units.

970 & 974 Silver Street and 1271 & 1275 Shillington Avenue

Four houses currently make up this L-shaped property, the future home of an apartment building. There are no timelines for construction at this time.

Carleton Heights

780 Baseline Road (Lone Star Plaza)

In the winter of 2024, City Council approved the final piece of this three-tower project. This development will feature approximately 1,100 residential units along with ground floor retail and medical spaces, reaching heights of up to 32 storeys.

In February 2025, Councillor Devine and I organized a pre-construction meeting with local residents, the developer, and his contractor to discuss the timelines of the project and address concerns. The construction of the southernmost tower will commence first, with plans to start this Spring.

The southern tower will be U-shaped, reaching 24 storeys, accommodating 300 residential units along with underground parking facilities. Happy Goat Coffee plans to open a location in the lobby, adding to the vibrancy of the area.

The entire project is expected to unfold over the next three years, with some units anticipated to be ready for occupancy by August 2027. Construction will kick off in May with site security, followed by excavation work from June to December of this year.

There will be no blasting involved. The commercial plaza will remain open and in use for at least three more years.

222 Baseline Road

The development proposal intends to build a low-rise, 4-storey apartment building, consisting of 18 units. The existing building on this property was recently demolished and the owner and City continue to engage on the site plan application. Construction is not expected for many months.



Volunteer with the Friends of Carlington Woods

Submitted by: Sharon Boddy, Director, Friends of Carlington Woods.

Spring is one of the best smelling, best looking seasons but it’s also a time when a lot of damage can be done to new plants, shrubs, and trees. When new trails in the Carlington Woods are made, either for recreational purposes or to avoid puddles, new vegetation is easily damaged. Protect the Woods by staying on the trails, following posted dog leash laws, and picking up trash.

At home, you can protect the critters in your yard by waiting until the daytime temperature is a consistent 12C-15C before raking. The old leaves nourish your soil, and there are many snoozing insects down there just waiting to pollinate your plants or be a meal for the birds.

Learn more about your natural environment by volunteering with the Friends of Carlington Woods. We have lots volunteer opportunities, for all ages and abilities, including:

- Invasive removal
- Native plantings
- Photography and on-site monitoring
- Building projects, e.g., protective natural fencing for new trees
- Growing new shrubs/trees from cuttings
- Periodic weeding and watering of two pollinator gardens

For more, email CarlingtonHampton@gmail.com, or check out our latest newsletter and some of our projects on our YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/@friendsofcarlingtonhampton/videos.

Infrastructure Renewal Projects

Wendy Stewart Sawmill Creek Stormwater Ponds

As part of the broader rehabilitation of watermains, sanitation and storm sewers, the rehabilitation of the Sawmill Creek culvert will take place. In late 2024, sediment was removed from the bottom of the forebay and the upstream plunge pool. The excavated material was placed in the designated storage area on the west side of the pond for dewatering. Once dewatered in late spring/early summer 2025, the sediment will be hauled to the Carp Waste Management landfill for disposal. The site will then be restored to existing or better condition. This work will take place throughout summer 2025.

Alexander Community Centre

On February 5, the Carlington community joined Mayor Mark Sutcliffe and Councillor Riley Brockington to celebrate the \$11.8-million investment for the expansion and renovation of the 59-year old Alexander Community Centre.

The Budget 2025 investment will provide a modern look and feel to our community centre, making it a true hub for local residents. It will provide more space for recreation and culture programming and activities, community events and meetings.

The expansion plans for the centre include:

- A modern, full-size gymnasium
- A family changeroom
- Multipurpose program room and lounges for community use, including spaces for teens.

In addition, the current interior space will be renovated with a new front entry and customer service desk, and the kitchen facility will also be relocated and modernized.

More information regarding the timelines for the construction and renovations will be announced soon. A final design consultation is expected soon.

Mooney’s Bay Pavilion Update

The Mooney’s Bay Pavilion Feasibility Study (final design) has been receiving public feedback. The final design will be available for public comment on Engage Ottawa until late May. Residents are encouraged to ask questions and provide feedback at their convenience. An in-person open house took place on May 8.

Water Infrastructure Renewal Projects

Bank Street Water Infrastructure Renewal

The Bank Street Renewal Project (River-side Drive to Ledbury Avenue) will move southbound towards River Ward in 2025. The purpose of the project is to complete much needed water infrastructure renewal, which includes a total road redesign of a complete arterial main street, balancing road use by vehicles, transit, cyclists, and pedestrians. As part of this work, residents will see a 12-week closure of Heron Road (eastbound at Bank Street) starting in June. An official detour via Walkley Road, east of Bank will be in place, and local streets in Alta Vista Ward and Ellwood-Ridgemont in River Ward will be beneficiaries of traffic calming measures that will be in place for the duration of the summer detour.

Anna Avenue and Crown Crescent

The City of Ottawa has commenced the design and tender process for renewing sewers, watermains, and road infrastructure on Anna Avenue (from Carling Avenue to General Avenue North) and Crown Crescent.

The existing sanitary sewers and watermains, built in the 1930s and 1940s, will be replaced, while most storm sewers will be preserved, except for a small segment on Crown Crescent. The project includes extending the watermain on Anna Avenue by 50 meters on Carling Avenue to enhance the water distribution system. Full road reconstruction will include curbs, sidewalks, and water and sewer services to property lines. Additionally, traffic calming measures such as speed humps and road narrowing will be added for safety, with a focus on preserving front yard landscaping and mature trees.

Construction is planned to start in spring 2026 and be completed by summer 2027

Prince of Wales Drive (north of Baseline Road)

The watermain renewal project is now complete. The project replaced the existing 200mm diameter watermain on Prince of Wales Drive due to the condition resulting in frequent breaks. The work also included the replacement of all water services to the property line and new fire hydrants.

Landscaping and road repaving will take place this spring.

Fisher Avenue & Fisher Avenue/ Meadowlands Drive intersection

The project entails installing a 1350mm diameter overflow storm sewer on Fisher Avenue, linking the storm sewer from Meadowlands Drive to Dynes Road. Additionally, the watermain will be replaced along the same stretch. The project will also involve complete road reconstruction, featuring sidewalks, dedicated bike lanes on Fisher Avenue, and a fully protected intersection at Fisher Avenue and Meadowlands Drive.

Construction is planned to start late spring 2025 and be completed by 2026

Viscount Avenue, Harrold Place and Veteran Avenue

The project aims to replace old storm sewers, sanitary sewers, and watermains on Viscount Avenue, Harrold Place, and Veteran Avenue because they are in poor condition. It also includes sewer replacements on Merivale Road between Viscount Avenue and Carling Avenue. Additionally, the project will reconstruct the roadway on Viscount Avenue, Harrold Place, and Veteran Avenue, featuring new asphalt, curbs, catch basins, sidewalks, and traffic calming measures.

The project limits include:

- **Viscount Avenue** from Merivale Road to Carling Avenue
- **Harrold Place** from dead-end to dead-end
- **Veteran Avenue** from Crerar Avenue to Viscount Avenue
- **Merivale Road** from Viscount Avenue to Carling Avenue

Construction is planned to start in spring 2025, with substantial completion in fall of 2026 and final completion in the summer of 2027.

Arnhem Street and Apeldoorn Ave.

The objective of this project is to complete the design and construction for the renewal of the aging sanitary sewers, watermains and storm sewers (specifically the CSP sewers) on Arnhem Street and Apeldoorn Avenue. The project will include full road reconstruction including the addition of traffic calming features.

The project limits include:

- **Arnhem Street**, from Greenbriar Avenue to Normandy Crescent
- **Apeldoorn Avenue**, from Meadowlands Drive to Falaise Road

Construction is planned to start late spring 2025 and be completed by Autumn 2026

Churchill, Carling and Kirkwood

The City of Ottawa is undertaking the preliminary and detailed design for the renewal of Carling Avenue, Churchill Avenue North and Kirkwood Avenue. The existing watermain, sewers and road infrastructure have reached the end of their useful life and are in need of upgrading to provide the required level of service to the neighbourhood. Sidewalk renewal and cycling facilities will also be updated as part of the work.

The project limits include:

- **Churchill Avenue North:** Carling Avenue to Highway 417
- **Carling Avenue:** Churchill Avenue North to Kirkwood Avenue
- **Kirkwood Avenue:** Carling Avenue to Highway 417

Construction is planned to start this summer. With a projected completion date of Winter 2026

Morisset Avenue Pump Station

The City of Ottawa will begin constructing the new Morisset Avenue Drinking Water Pumping Station to replace the 70+ year-old Carlington Heights Pumping Station, located about 50 meters south. The Carlington Heights Pumping Station will be demolished once the new station is operational.

Tree removals will occur on the site for construction and hydro supply, with new trees planted once the project is complete. Improvements are necessary to enhance station capacity and ensure safe, reliable drinking water for 250,000 residents of Ottawa.

Construction will start this year and is expected to finish by late 2028. The construction area will be fenced for safety, but access to the north side of the park will remain open. Traffic along Caldwell Avenue and Merivale Road will be managed with no impact on vehicle, pedestrian, and cyclist movement. Temporary traffic calming measures will be implemented along Caldwell Avenue in Spring 2025

While the contractor aims to minimize disruptions, there may be noise, dust, and vibrations from heavy equipment. Public areas outside the construction zone will remain accessible, but pedestrian access from the NCC pathway will be restricted for safety. Pedestrians will need to follow a designated path for access.

Environmental Programs and Initiatives

Rain Ready Ottawa Program

Rain Ready Ottawa encourages and supports residents to reduce the impacts of rainwater runoff on their property. Through simple actions, residents can manage rain with simple, do-it-yourself yard improvement projects like downspout redirection, permeable pavement, soak away pits, rain gardens and rain barrels. This program provides residents with eLearning courses to support the implementation of rainwater management projects.

Most residents in Riverside Park, Hunt Club and Ridgemont neighbourhoods are

within the Priority Stormwater Retrofit Area. For residents within the priority area, Rain Ready Ottawa offers rebates up to \$5,000 to help you install rainwater management projects. Residents of River Ward located in the Secondary Stormwater Retrofit Area can access self-guided eLearning courses to support your projects.

Check your eligibility and learn more here: <https://ottawa.ca/en/living-ottawa/environment-conservation-and-climate/protecting-ottawas-waterways/rain-ready-ottawa#>

Trees in Trust

The Trees in Trust program is open to residents with street frontage looking to assist with tree planting and/or maintenance on the City right-of-way land. There is no cost for this service. The city will plant one tree (or two trees per corner lot) to increase the urban canopy of trees in neighbourhoods.

Get started by submitting a service request or by calling 3-1-1. Questions?

Contact forestry@ottawa.ca

As a Commissioner of Oaths, Councillor Riley Brockington can assist with:

Administering oaths and affirmations

Witnessing signatures on official documents

Taking affidavits and statutory declarations

Certifying documents for city, legal, or government use



This service is offered free of charge to residents. Contact the office to book an appointment!



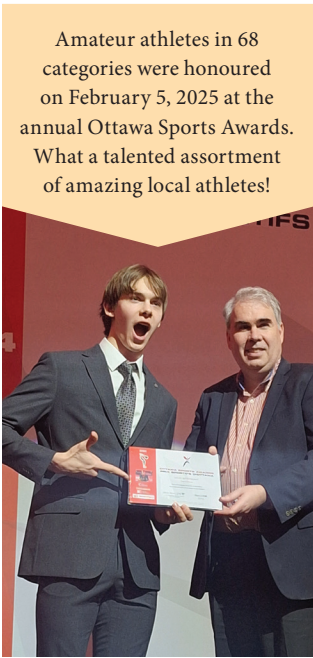
The ribbon was cut on the brand new Walkley Station, as part of the Trillium Line (Line 2) service. On January 25, 2025, Coun Marty Carr, Coun Jeff Leiper and Ottawa South MPP John Fraser joined local residents and community leaders to officially open our new station.



Bumping into Coun Jeff Leiper on the Trillium Line (Line 2) was a surprise!



On February 23, 2025, I participated in and spoke from the podium at the Third Anniversary of the Invasion of Ukraine Rally on Parliament Hill. The City of Ottawa stands in solidarity with our Ukrainian brothers and sisters.



Amateur athletes in 68 categories were honoured on February 5, 2025 at the annual Ottawa Sports Awards. What a talented assortment of amazing local athletes!

On January 16, 2025, I joined Joanne Reid, Executive Vice-President (Chief Planning & Development Officer) of the Ottawa Hospital and Graham Bird (CEO, GBA Group) on top of the under-construction parking garage of the new Ottawa Hospital to view first-hand the scope and size of this Phase 1 project and the progress to date.



On February 1, 2025, I hosted the annual River Ward Appreciation Breakfast, geared towards our ward's community association Presidents and Vice-Presidents. It is meant to honour and thank community members who serve on our local associations, investing significant time and effort to make our communities great places to live, work and play.



During the holy month of Ramadan, I attended an Iftar dinner, hosted by the Dawoodi Bohra community of Ottawa, at their Riverside Drive location. It was a pleasure to be joined by Ottawa Centre MP Yasir Naqvi and Ottawa South MPP, John Fraser.

On March 27, 2025, Her Honour, Edith Dumont, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, paid a visit to City Hall. It was a pleasure meeting her and chatting about municipal issues.

I joined my friends in Caldwell for a community dinner on March 15, 2025. A great day to come together and share a meal and fellowship.



On February 28, 2025, eleven departments joined me at Pius X HS for an excellent trade fair as well.



Every year I host a City of Ottawa trade fair in River Ward's high schools. On February 5, nine departments from the City set up at Brookfield HS to connect with students, share information, and discuss summer job and career opportunities – it was a great event.



On March 1, 2025, I attended the annual Rink Operator Appreciation Breakfast, an opportunity for rink operators across the City to come together and be celebrated for their fantastic efforts in providing outdoor rinks in our local parks. Riverside Park resident William Lister, pictured with Mayor Sutcliffe and I, has been a dedicated rink operator in Pauline Vanier Park for over 30 years, his ice is flawless!

Protect your Home from Basement Flooding

The City's Residential Protective Plumbing program has had an upgrade. Through the updated program, eligible homeowners can apply for rebates to install new protective plumbing devices. These devices can prevent sewage or stormwater from entering homes when the sewer's capacity is exceeded during an extreme weather event.

The updated program now offers larger rebate amounts and a simplified application process. Available rebates include:

- 100 per cent of the building permit fee for protective plumbing work
- \$1,000 for interior backwater valves
- \$2,500 for an exterior storm backwater valve
- \$1,500 for a sump pump in an existing sump pit
- \$3,000 for a sump pump in a new sump pit

By making it simple and more affordable for households to install protective plumbing, the City is improving Ottawa's overall preparedness for extreme weather and reducing the negative impacts of basement flooding. Learn more about the Residential Protective Plumbing program and how to apply at ottawa.ca/rppp.

Tenants and homeowners who have been affected by basement flooding due to sewer surcharging may also be eligible for the Compassionate Grant program. Learn more about the Compassionate Grant program and how to apply at ottawa.ca/cg.

Along with my Council colleagues who serve rural wards, Coun Clarke Kelly, Coun Catherine Kitts, Coun David Brown and former Councillor, now MPP George Darouze, we attended the annual Rural Ontario Municipalities Association conference in January to learn from other municipalities, their challenges, and success stories.



Spring at the Canada Agriculture and Food Museum

As spring gives way to summer, the Canada Agriculture and Food Museum (Experimental Farm grounds) is excited to offer a full schedule of activities and exhibitions for all to enjoy.

Celebrate the Canadian Tulip Festival 2025

We're thrilled to continue our partnership with the Canadian Tulip Festival, taking place from May 9 – 19, 2025! Planning to attend? Consider visiting the museum, parking in the museum's main parking lot located off Prince of Wales Drive, (regular parking fees apply) and then following the Tulip Walking Path to Commissioners Park.

COMING SOON! Memories Are Made in the Kitchen exhibition

We are so excited about our upcoming exhibition, Memories Are Made in the Kitchen, opening this summer! This exhibition will celebrate the stories, technologies, and cherished recipes found in diverse kitchens throughout Canada, and we're adding a much bigger, more immersive play kitchen area in time in time for Canada Day!

Ingenium Membership

Discover, play, and explore all year long with an Ingenium membership! Enjoy unlimited access to three amazing museums, including the Canada Agriculture and Food Museum, the Canada Aviation and Space Museum, and the Canada Science and Technology Museum. Join exclusive events and receive special discounts—perfect for curious minds of all ages. Join today and make learning a family adventure.

Daily Interpretation and the Demonstration Kitchen

This spring, join us for daily demonstrations, including the "Meet the lambs and kids" where you'll discover what lambs eat and how they grow. Or meet Chaska, our newly arrived Newfoundland Pony. Chaska is a Radical Changer—a rare trait in just 10% of his breed. His coat shifts with the seasons: dark in winter, white in spring, and roan in summer.

In the Demonstration Kitchen, we're cooking with eggs and maple syrup—sweet and savoury delights await! Stop by for a delicious sample (while supplies last).