



**COUNCILLOR/CONSEILLER
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**Riverside Park Community Association Meeting
January 5, 2022**

Dear friends and neighbours of Riverside Park,

Happy New Year!

I hope 2022 is a blessing for you, your family and our friends and neighbours across Ottawa. It has been my pleasure to serve the people of Riverside Park in 2021 and I look forward to hopefully meeting you in person at various community events in 2022.

Stay safe, stay well.

Sincerely,
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COVID AND OTTAWA PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES

Return to Stage 2 – Provincial Roadmap to Reopen

Whether you require your first, second or third COVID Vaccine dose, please book an appointment today, if you have not already done so, by calling 1-833-943-3900 or online at: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine/>

To further support the vaccination of individuals in the higher risk 60+ age cohort a clinic located at the Nepean Sportsplex, Halls A and B, will operate from January 4-9, 2022. Individuals aged 60+ can call OPH vaccine booking line (613-691-5505) to book their appointment.

As of January 5, 2021 at 12:01 for a period of 21 days, and In response to the rapid increase of OMICRON variant of the COVID -19 virus, the Provincial Government has temporarily returned the province to stage 2 in the “Roadmap to Reopening”, with some modifications to take into account the province’s successful vaccination rates. As a result of the Restrictions, the Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Centre will **Temporarily** close and halt all recreation activities. They will be providing continued healthcare services under the Healthcare Services Exemption:

Vaccine Clinic:

Tuesday’s 1-7 pm

Thursday’s 1-7 pm

Foot Care Clinic (By Appointment Only)

Tuesdays 9-3pm

Fridays 9-3pm

Library Kiosk

Tuesdays 9am-8pm

Thursdays 12-8pm

Fridays 9am-3pm

LIST OF RESTRICTIONS

Gatherings and Events

Social gatherings are permitted under the following conditions:

- indoor gatherings limited to five people or fewer
- outdoor gatherings limited to 10 people or fewer

Organized public events are permitted under the following conditions:

- indoor events limited to five people or fewer
- outdoor events have no limits on number of attendees, but face coverings and/or masks must be worn when distancing (two metres or more) cannot be maintained

Weddings, funerals, religious services, rites and ceremonies are permitted under the following conditions:

- indoor services are limited to 50 per cent the capacity of the room
- outdoor services are limited to the number of people who can maintain two metres distance
- drive-in (motor vehicle) services permitted
- social gatherings associated with these services must adhere to the social gathering limits

Retirement homes

Retirement homes are **exempt** from organized public event and social gathering restrictions if the home is in compliance with the policies or guidance, if any, issued by the [Retirement Homes Regulatory Authority](#).

Work from home

Businesses and organizations must make sure that all work is conducted remotely, unless the nature of the work requires workers to be on-site at the workplace.

Retail

All retail must operate under the following conditions:

- 50 per cent capacity
- active screening at photography studios and services
- safety measures for vehicle test drives sales, such as a maximum of 10 minutes for a test drive, a maximum of two people in a vehicle, including one sales representative, windows must be rolled down, active screening, masking, etc.
- safety measures for shopping malls, including capacity limits, no loitering, distancing in line ups, food courts closed and active screening.

Camps

Day and overnight camps are closed.

Meeting and events spaces, and food and drink establishments

Restaurants, bars and other food or drink establishments, including those with dance floors (such as nightclubs) and strip clubs must operate under the following conditions:

- indoor service closed
- take out, drive through and delivery allowed
- outdoor areas open with restrictions including, but not limited to:
 - no more than 10 people per table
 - patrons must remain seated
 - no dancing or singing
 - active screening
 - limited hours for the sale, service and consumption of liquor

Meeting and event spaces, including conference centres and convention centres must operate under the following conditions:

- indoor areas closed with exceptions, such as child care, court and government services, social services, health services, collective bargaining and mental health/addiction services up to 10 people, in-person exams for limited fields/occupations up to 50 people
- outdoor areas open with restrictions including, but not limited to:
 - no more than 10 people per table
 - patrons must remain seated
 - no dancing or singing
 - active screening
 - limited hours for the sale, service and consumption of liquor

Sports and recreational fitness activities

Indoor areas of facilities used for sports and recreational fitness activities, including gyms, sporting events and personal training must operate under the following conditions:

- indoor closed with limited exceptions and conditions (such as athletes training for Olympics and Paralympics, select professional and elite amateur sport leagues who will operate via an approved framework from the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health and persons with disabilities for physical therapy)
- outdoor open with spectators limited to 50 per cent capacity and other restrictions
- proof of vaccination required for facilities with a usual capacity of 20,000 or more people

Recreational amenities

Recreational amenities must operate under the following conditions:

- indoor recreational amenities closed
- outdoor recreational amenities open

Entertainment

Concert venues, theatres, cinemas, museums, galleries, zoos, science centres , landmarks, historic sites, botanical gardens and similar attractions, amusement parks, waterparks, tour and guide services including boat tours, fairs, rural exhibitions and festivals must operate under the following conditions:

- outdoor open with restrictions (such as masking on rides)
- spectators at seated events at 50 per cent capacity
- outdoor tours and boat tours at 50 per cent capacity
- drive-in and drive through events permitted with restrictions, such as distancing between cars, only permitted to leave a vehicle in limited circumstances, etc.
- indoor areas of concert venues, theatres and cinemas closed except for rehearsing or performing a recorded or broadcasted performance, artistic event or performance, with restrictions

Commercial film and television production

- studio audiences not permitted

- Restrictions, including performers must be distanced unless necessary

Casinos and racing venues

Casinos, bingo halls and other gaming establishments will be closed.

Horse and car racing tracks and similar venues must operate under the following conditions:

- indoor areas closed
- outdoor areas open with restrictions, including mandatory reservations, spectators limited to 50 per cent of usual seating capacity and others
- proof of vaccination required for facilities with a usual capacity of 20,000 or more people.

Personal care services

Saunas, steam rooms and oxygen bars will be closed.

Personal care services such as barbers, hair salons, tattoo parlours must operate under the following conditions:

- 50 per cent capacity
- no services where face coverings need to be removed
- by appointment only
- active screening
- music played is not above a decibel level where normal conversation is possible

Short-term accommodation

Hotels, motels and similar establishments must operate under the following conditions:

- open except for any area required to be closed, such as indoor gyms, pools, steam rooms/saunas
- restaurants within the hotel or motel may offer takeout or delivery only

Short-term rentals must operate under the following conditions:

- only open to those in need of housing (does not apply to hotels, motels, lodges, resorts and other shared rental accommodation, including student residences.)

- ice fishing huts permitted with restrictions

Other service providers

Liquor sales and service are permitted under the following conditions:

- sale of alcohol must end at 10 p.m. and no consumption of alcohol on-premise in businesses or settings after 11 p.m., with the exception of delivery and takeout services, grocery and convenience stores and other liquor retail stores

Real estate agencies must operate under the following conditions:

- property viewings by appointment only
- no open houses

Businesses that provide in-person teaching or instruction (such as cooking classes, music classes) must operate under the following conditions:

- indoor areas closed, except for organizations that provide health and safety training (with conditions)
- outdoor areas open with restrictions in place, such as physical distancing

Driving instruction must be conducted under the following conditions:

- limited to in-person instruction for drivers of commercial motor vehicles only.

Libraries and community centres must operate under the following conditions:

- open with 50 per cent capacity, with limited exceptions, such as child care, social services

MOONEY'S BAY TOBOGGAN HILL

On December 27, 2021, an 11-year old girl , tobogganing with her family at Mooney's Bay Hill, lost her life in an accident when the toboggan she was on, collided with a set of posts that were in place along the paved north-south pathway. She has gone down the west-facing side of the hill.

Mooney's Bay Hill has been an unsanctioned hill by the City of Ottawa since 2017. Signage has been in place at the summit of the hill warning tobogganers of the risk of tobogganing and also stating the hill is not a sanctioned site.

In addition to signage, the City built a berm along the northern edge of the slope, abutting the Terry Fox Athletic Centre fence line, to slow in-coming tobogganers, trees are wrapped in protective padding and some hay bales are used.

I met with Parks and Recreation staff on January 4 for the first time to discuss the accident, what the City did right away to address safety issues and the plan forward.

I do not believe it is realistic for the City of Ottawa to close the hill permanently. People have come to the Hill for decades and will continue to come. (The day after the accident, Ottawa Bylaw turned away 70 families)

The parking lot will reopen on Monday January 10 and Bylaw's presence will also be complete.

I have asked Parks and Rec to hire a professional company that can do an independent assessment of the Hill, and offer recommendations on how to mitigate risk and make it safer. If the City does not agree to take this path, I will bring a motion to City Council.

We have a second meeting set for January 13 to discuss next steps. I have asked for additional signage to be installed in the park to remind visitors of the risk of tobogganing, including the on-going use of the large solar powered sign at the entrance to the parking lot.

The condition of the hill, ie icy, was a factor in this accident. I have asked staff to consider issuing a public service announcement and even a coloured flag system, to indicate to the public when weather conditions contribute to elevated the risk to tobogganers. Coloured flags are used to inform the public of the condition of the Rideau Canal Skateway and water issues during beach season.

Input from the Riverside Park Community Association is always welcome and if recommendations are made to make physical changes to the hill, I will call upon the RPCA for feedback as well.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT – A LOOK AHEAD

Brigil Developments Inc - 729-739 Ridgewood Ave

Brigil Developments submitted their development application in late June 2021 to the City for 729-739 Ridgewood Avenue.

The proposal includes a 5 building mixed-use complex totaling 424 units. The developer, the condo associations and our office completed a walkabout on December 16, 2021. Brigil may make amendments to their development to alleviate community concerns, however there is still much work to be done before this application appears before the Planning Committee, likely in the Spring 2022.

The Revalie – 770 Brookfield Road

Phase 1 of The Revalie opened to post-secondary students on September 1, 2021 and currently sits at 50% occupancy, which will jump to 90% in January 2022 upon the arrival of international students. Construction of Phase 2 is expected to start in May-June 2022.

Retail outlets are expected to start opening in the Spring of 2022. With new retailers and new members of our community, this brings much needed revitalization to the area, and provides existing residents within walking distance to a number of new retailers

Canoe Bay – 3071 Riverside Drive

Canoe Bay continues to struggle to secure new financing to get this project in to the ground. The original concept remains, an age-in-place campus with houses, low rise apartment buildings, two medium rise apartment buildings, a new park and a scaled back number of professional services offices. There are no timelines at this point for construction to begin.

Norberry Residences

The revised site plan continues to be reviewed by the City of Ottawa and ownership group, to add a second parking garage.

Norberry intends to build 3 new low-rise apartment buildings on site, tear down the current parking garage, rebuild it and add another, as well as build additional parking within the existing buildings' front entrance loops.

Mooney's Bay ChildCare Centre

Slowly but surely, the Mooney's Bay ChildCare Centre is coming along.

As exterior and interior work continues, a date for an official opening has not yet been established

Taggart Developments 3930 – 3960 Riverside Dr

Taggart Developments will likely resubmit a new development plan in 2022. Their revised proposal will remove all commercial use elements from their 2018 plan and focus on creating a residential community. The current vision includes 78 townhomes and detached single family homes, 1 low-rise apartment building and 4 mid – and high rise apartment buildings of 6,9 and 12 storeys with a total of approximately 450 rental units.

Approximately 5 acres will remain as environmentally protected lands. A multi-use pathway is still proposed to run through the property, connecting to the Kimberwick Stormwater Facility.

TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN

Ottawa has grown into a city of one million residents. Over the next 25 years, that number is expected to grow to more than 1.4 million. With that kind of growth, how goods, people and vehicles move through our city, will set the course for the future.

As we set the vision for our updated Transportation Master Plan, we have important decisions to make as individuals and as a city. While some might be easy, others will require more thought. We need to have thoughtful and meaningful discussions to ensure Ottawa becomes the most liveable mid-sized city in North America.

Transportation decisions affect all of Ottawa's residents and businesses. No matter if you walk, drive, cycle, bus, take the light rail transit or scoot, whether you ship products or have them delivered, or whether you own or share a car, how people and goods move through the city affects you. All the choices we make moving forward will require some give and take. That's why we want to hear from you! Tell us what's important to you, what makes you tick, how you get around and how our transportation system can move us in the right direction for decades to come.

There are 70 draft policies that the city is including in the Master Plan. They focus primarily on:

- building a clean and sustainable transportation system;
- creating a more equitable transportation system;
- using transportation to support the city we want to build;
- maximizing walkability;
- developing a great cycling city;
- expanding and improve transit city-wide;
- providing safe, multimodal streets;
- managing the curb, parking, and the movement of goods; and,
- advancing transportation demand manage.

Stay Involved! There are a series of Survey's designed to engage communities help form our draft policies and guide our city into the future! Click <https://engage.ottawa.ca/transportation-master-plan>

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS – 2022 OUTLOOK

Walkley Road Modifications

I will host a public information session with Riverside Park residents on the proposed redesign of Walkley Road and the intended pilot project that will likely occur in the late Spring, by the late winter.

Budget 2022 – Additional Investments in River Ward

\$6 million to repave River Ward roads, including:

- McCarthy Road from Hunt Club Road to Paul Anka Drive
- Riverside Drive between Walkley Road and St Pat's Home

- \$1.3 million to improve the intersection of Hunt Club Road and Riverside Drive.

Roads not completed in 2021 take priority. This is an ambitious list and likely not all will get done in 2022.

\$1.5 million for bridge repairs and culvert

- Rehabilitate the bridge underpass on the Canadian Northern Rail line at the Airport Parkway south of Walkley Road
- Rehabilitate the overpass on Walkley Road above the Airport Parkway
- Design the Airport Parkway underpass south of Heron Road
- Rehabilitate Confederation Heights Bridge north of Walkley Road
- Renew the Prince of Wales Drive culvert north of Baseline Road

Walkley Road Transitway Station

- \$560,000 to repair concrete stairs

Parks and Facilities

- \$500,000 for upgrades to the Terry Fox Athletic Facility at Mooney's Bay Park

PARKS AND RECREATION

Arnott Park

Tennis court resurfacing

McCarthy Park

Completion of new outdoor, regulation size basketball court with lighting.

Recycling in Parks Pilot Program

The introduction and rollout of new waste stream receptacles in Mooney's Bay Park in 2021 as part of the City's expanded Recycling in Parks pilot program, went smoothly.

There are now 59 locations in Mooney's Bay Park with garbage, recycling and organic receptacles and these will be back next summer.

HELP SHAPE THE CITY'S FIRST ANTI RACISM STRATEGY

This year, the City of Ottawa will develop its first Anti-Racism Strategy, which will include strategic actions, key performance indicators and expected outcomes to confront systemic racism in Ottawa's systems and structures.

To help inform the strategy, the Anti-Racism Secretariat is holding virtual resident town halls on Saturday, January 15 and Thursday, January 20. These will complete a series of public engagement sessions the Anti-Racism Secretariat launched last year.

The townhalls will give residents and community stakeholders the opportunity to respond to the What We Heard report, which summarizes the recommendations and feedback received during the sessions about how the City can address systemic racism within the six priority areas previously identified by the community (employment equity, governance, housing, economic development, health outcomes and youth development). Participants can also provide further feedback and highlight any gaps that should be considered in the Anti-Racism Strategy.

To register for one of the following virtual town halls and to read the full [What We Heard report](#), please visit the Anti-Racism Secretariat's [Engage Ottawa page](#):

- Bilingual Indigenous and racialized resident town hall – Saturday, January 15, 10 am to noon
- Bilingual all resident town hall – Thursday, January 20, 5:30 to 7:30 pm

The Anti-Racism Secretariat will incorporate town hall feedback into the Anti-Racism Strategy and present it to Council later this year.

I condemn all forms of racism. Municipal governments play a leading role in identifying and challenging systemic racism. Led by its Anti-Racism Secretariat, the City is committed to advancing a more inclusive and responsive municipal government, to ensure all people are served fairly and free of discrimination.

Riley Brockington
January 5, 2022