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**Riverside Park Community Association Meeting
April 6, 2022**

Dear friends and neighbours of Riverside Park,

With patches of snow here and there if you look closely, we are finally in our first full month of Spring. We also celebrate and observe a number of religious holidays and events this month including Sikh Heritage Month, Ramadan (April 2-May 1), Passover (April 15-23), Good Friday (April 15), Easter (April 17), Earth Day (April 22) and Orthodox Easter (April 24).

On April 23, I will host my annual River Ward Earth Day event, which will include an e-waste depot. See the full slate of activities in this bulletin for more information.

The Ward Office, located within the Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Centre, is open on Tuesdays and Fridays to serve you in-person closer to home. I usually work out of the Ward Office on Fridays and all are welcome.

Have a great month and please reach out any time if the River Ward Team can be of assistance.

Stay safe, stay well.

Sincerely,
Riley

Ramadan Mubarak to all Muslims celebrating Ramadan this month (April 2 to May 2)

Earth Day Celebrations in River Ward – April 23

Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Centre, 3320 Paul Anka Dr

1. E-Waste Depot with Junk That Funk - 10am to 4pm
2. McCarthy Park Clean-Up and Refreshments - 10am to 11.30am
Volunteers Needed, sign up by sending an e-mail to Riley.Brockington@ottawa.ca
3. Worm Bin Composting (Vermiculture) – In Partnership with OSEAN - 10am to 1pm
4. Knife Sharpening – In Partnership with OSEAN - 12pm to 2pm
5. Earthub Collection Point – In Partnership with Earthub

6. **Getting to know Spring Flowers' with Owen Clarkin - 1pm to 2:15pm**

Guided tour of the McCarthy Woods focusing on wild spring flowers with special guide, Owen Clarkin. Meet outside of Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Centre, 3320 Paul Anka Drive at 1PM.

PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

Airport Parkway and Walkley Road Pilot Project

As part of the 2013 Transportation Master Plan (TMP), approved by City Council, the Airport Parkway is slated to be widened as part of a 3-phase project.

Phase 1 includes:

- widening the Parkway from Brookfield Road to Hunt Club with a full median,
- addition of a multi-use pathway on the west side of the Parkway,
- a southbound off-ramp at Walkley Road, including a new roundabout at the off-ramp / Walkley Road intersection,
- road modifications to Walkley Road from the Parkway to McCarthy Road to mitigate excessive speed and provide better active transportation (cycling and pedestrian infrastructure).

In 2015 the City of Ottawa undertook a thorough and detailed, provincially required Environmental Assessment (EA). An environmental assessment process ensures that governments and public bodies consider potential environmental effects before a major infrastructure project begins. The provincial government ultimately received the EA study and gave a green light for the Parkway expansion to proceed.

Funding for the Airport Parkway widening will be sourced from Development Charge (DC) revenue and not the property tax base. Preliminary estimates on DC revenue was not realized in the initial timeline which resulted in the postponement of this project for a number of years.

Final design dollars were allocated in the 2022 and 2023 City budgets. Final design is a detailed process that creates the blueprint to be used for the actual construction of this project and to tender the work to interested contractors. Construction is expected to begin in 2024. A public working group has been formed and local organizations, including the Riverside Park Community Association and Hunt Club Community Association are active participants.

A public information meeting, led by the City of Ottawa and their consultant on this project, Parsons, is slated in September 2022 to share the (draft) final design concepts with you.

I am hosting a community information session, focusing on the Walkley Road pilot project, on April 28, 2022 at 7pm. This session will be virtual and hosted on Zoom.

Please register and sign up for the community information session here:

<http://rileybrockington.ca/events/>

UPDATE – ONTARIO’S REOPENING PLAN

School Immunization Catch-Up Clinics

Ottawa Public Health (OPH) has resumed school immunization catch-up clinics, by appointment only, for youth who attend school in Ottawa who were unable to attend or receive their school-based vaccines (Hepatitis B, HPV, Meningococcal vaccines) at their school clinic in grade 7.

In addition to providing COVID-19 vaccines for residents, the [JH Putman School Community Clinic](#) and [Orleans Ruddy Family YMCA-YWCA Community Clinic](#) will offer the above-referenced publicly funded immunizations for eligible youth who meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Student in grade 7 or 8 who was unable to attend or receive school-based vaccines at their [school clinic](#);
- Student in grades 9 to 12 who has not completed their school-based vaccine series normally administered at school in grade 7 (hepatitis B, human papillomavirus (HPV) and meningococcal conjugate vaccine).

Appointments can be book through OPH’s [online booking website](#) or by calling OPH at 613-580-6744, Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

For more information on the school immunization catch-up clinic services or on immunization for youth and school vaccination, please visit the [Parenting in Ottawa website](#).

Pothole Repairs

Ottawa winters are hard on our infrastructure, and this year in particular, we are anticipating an increased number of potholes. Residents can expect to see pothole crews across the City as the city begins some of the spring road maintenance operations.

For residents wishing to report a pothole, please create a [Service Request](#) online or call 311.

Rain barrels - Fundraising Opportunity for Local Community Groups

Rain Ready Ottawa is a City of Ottawa program that helps residents manage rainwater where it falls – their property. This helps residents keep their basements dry and contributes to the

health of local creeks and the Ottawa River. Rain Ready Ottawa (ottawa.ca/rain) is helping local community groups raise funds while also protecting their local environment. Rainbarrel.ca handles the logistics of rain barrel sales to help groups raise funds quickly and easily. \$10 from each rain barrel sold goes to the fundraisers.

SOLID WASTE MASTER PLAN

The City of Ottawa is developing a new Solid Waste Plan which will provide the overall framework, direction, and goals for solid waste management, including reduction and diversion policies. In 2019, Council approved the Solid Waste Master Plan Roadmap report (ACS2019-PWE-GEN-0007) which recommended a three-phased approach, with each phase based on research, data, best practices and extensive consultations with key stakeholders and the public:

Phase 1 (Where We Are): Overview of waste management in Ottawa and tools available to influence the City's waste management system

Phase 2 (Where We Are Going): Proposed vision statement, guiding principles and goals, and overview of future waste management needs, options to meet those needs, and evaluation methodology

Phase 3 (How We Are Going To Get There): Recommended options and five-year implementation plan and targets for final Waste Plan

Following Council's July 2021 receipt and approval of Phase 2, the technical consulting team began evaluating the long list of options. The presented Council with a technical briefing of 57 options categorized in 27 "option suites" for consideration that will be presented to the public for engagement. They will affect single family households, multi-residential households, City Facilities, and/or parks & public spaces.

Engagement Series 2 has begun! It has a focus on **developing a plan to manage solid waste over the next 30 years.**

<https://engage.ottawa.ca/solid-waste-master-plan>

Save the Date to Engage!

Public Meetings and Discussion Groups:

Want to join a public discussion group or information session to learn more and provide feedback on the Waste Plan options? Registration links to sign up for the sessions will be made available in the next few weeks. All sessions will be facilitated in both English and French.

Waste Plan Options Information Session

April 13, 7-9 pm

This information session will allow participants to receive more information on the Waste Plan options that will be found in the public survey. The session will also feature a Q&A period so residents can better understand the Solid Waste Master Plan prior to completing the public survey or participating in other discussion groups.

Out in public: Bringing change to public spaces, municipal facilities and events

April 7, 7-9 pm

This session will explore options related to how and if the City should prioritize the implementation options related to alternate collection containers, recycling in parks and public spaces, guidelines for waste receptacles at events, and improving City facilities to lead by example.

Options with a Focus on Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions

April 11, 7-9pm

This session will focus on the Waste Plan options that relate to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, such as anaerobic digestion (AD), co-digestion, and zero waste City fleet.

Let's Talk: Multi-Residential Properties and Waste Options

May 3, 7-9 pm

This session focuses on the Waste Plan options related to chute closures, multi-residential building development standards, and increasing participation in the Green Bin program. Multi-residential properties are properties with 6 or more units. This session is open to all residents, tenants, landlords, property managers and staff.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

Hydro One Reconductoring

Hydro One is leading a reconductoring project along the Hydro One corridor between the Merivale and Hawthorne Transmission Stations; That work is now underway. (<https://tinyurl.com/yc4bwffv>) The project involves the replacement of the existing conductor (wire), reinforcement of the existing transmission structures where necessary and the installation of temporary bypass structures to facilitate the construction process between the two Stations. While work is being carried out within the existing transmission corridor and, where possible, access to the transmission structures will continue to be gained using existing roads, transmission corridor and trails. There will be little noticeable difference in this transmission line after the project has been completed and no residential outages are planned. Hydro one has put in place a temporary mitigation plan to address mud deposits on roadways

as their vehicles leave the corridor, until half load season has completed and a gravel roads can be placed where necessary.

770 Brookfield Rd – The Revalie

On March 21, I met with the Senior Project Manager of the Revalie.

Phase 1 is sitting at 60-65% occupancy with a very strong international student interest. Due to the hesitancy of COVID, commercial leasing at the property had stalled. They have since resumed tours of the property and have signed agreements with food and beverage providers, given tours to two grocers, and have received interest from medical professionals. The goal is to have retailers open by September 2022

Phase 2 construction will commence in September 2022 with a completion date target of May 2024. Phase 2 will be a mirror copy of Phase 1.

Confederation Heights – Public Advisory Committee

The Confederation Heights Master Plan – PAC met on March 29 for its first session.

History and Context

Canada Lands Company and Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) are working together to find innovative ways to address underused federal sites such as the Confederation Heights campus.

The site is approximately 464 acres in size.

Confederation Heights includes more than 15 buildings and lands owned by PSPC, the National Capital Commission, Canada Post Corporation, Health Canada, and the City of Ottawa. In the 1950s, Jacques Gréber created the Plan for the National Capital, which proposed to decentralize federal employment in the National Capital Region. The plan resulted in the establishment of a single-use federal office node at Confederation Heights, which was auto-centric and characterized by expansive parking lots and large open spaces. Prior to the construction of these government buildings, Confederation Heights was primarily agricultural lands, with one industrial use formerly located in the northeast corner of the study area.

Since the 1960s, the site has remained essentially unchanged and still exemplifies many of these physical characteristics.

Master Plan

Canada Lands and PSPC are preparing a master plan to guide the development of the Confederation Heights site into a sustainable, transit-oriented, urban mixed-use community that will also serve as a federal employment hub over the next 25 years. The plan is being developed through engagement with Indigenous communities and a wide range of

stakeholders including the National Capital Commission, federal government departments and agencies (Health Canada and Canada Post), the City of Ottawa and residents. The Master Plan will outline future land uses, built form, heritage and commemoration elements, servicing and infrastructure, as well as establish a sustainable framework for urban and architectural design principles, public realm and amenities for the broader community. Canada Lands will be responsible for the development of land that it owns and PSPC will be responsible for the federal employment portions.

Public Advisory Committee Mandate

The goal of the PAC is to engage a group that can provide a forum for sharing perspectives and advice to Canada Lands and PSPC, throughout the process of planning and development Confederation Heights.

The PAC is advisory in nature and recommendations stemming from it are not binding on the federal government.

I am pleased to be a member of the PAC, along with RPCA President Kate Cathrae and several community members, including past RPCA Director and City Councillor, George Brown.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/biens-property/construction/confederation-eng.html>

ARTERIAL ROAD REPAVING SCHEDULE

River Ward Road Repaving:

- Hunt Club Road From Airport Parkway to Paul Anka Dr – May 9 to June 16
 - Westbound Lanes will be completed first
 - Eastbound Lanes will be completed at a later date
- Carling Ave from Merivale Rd to Melrose Ave – May 9 to June 22
- Riverside Dr from Walkley Rd to St Pat's Home – May 31 to July 22
- Fisher Ave from Meadowlands to Prince of Wales – June 28 to August 22

PARKS AND RECREATION

Spring Cleaning the Capital - Important dates 2022

- **March 15, 2022:** Registration opens
- **April 15, 2022 - May 31, 2022:** Spring Cleaning the Capital campaign
- **April 30, 2022:** Registration closes

- **June 15, 2022:** Deadline to submit your online cleanup report.
- Fill out the online registration form or call 3-1-1 to register your project. If you need supplies, remember to request your project starter kit and to select your desired pickup location while registering.

The importance of registering: If you're cleaning up your neighbourhood or favourite green space, please register with us. People are encouraged to register in order to allow Cleaning the Capital organizers to distribute cleaning supplies, track the areas that have been cleaned and recognize volunteer work.

RIVER WARD EVENTS

Mother's Day High Tea – Saturday May 7

You are cordially invited to a River Ward Mother's Day High Tea on Saturday May 7 (3pm) in the Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Centre. Refreshments and entertainment will be provided. Treat Mom to tea at this special event next month. Seats are limited, please RSVP by calling 613-580-2486 or Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca

Special Events and Festivals - 2022

Event Name	Location	Date(s)
Christie Lake for Kids Canoe Race	Mooney's Bay Park	June 4
Ottawa Dragon Boat Festival	Mooney's Bay Park	June 23-26
Ottawa Lebanese Festival	700 Ridgewood Avenue	July 13-17
HOPE Volleyball Festival	Mooney's Bay Park	July 16-17
Capital Ukrainian Festival	952 Green Valley Cres	July 22-24
Ottawa Greek Festival	1315 Prince of Wales Drive	August 14-16 & 21-23
LPGA Canadian Pacific	Ottawa Hunt and Golf Club	August 22-28

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