



COUNCILLOR/CONSEILLER RILEY BROCKINGTON



Riverside Park Community Association AGM October 25, 2023

Dear Members of the Riverside Park Community Association,

Wishing you the very best during the month of October.

We are blessed to be surrounded by such natural beauty here in Riverside Park and as the leaves turn this month, we are reminded again and again how beautiful it is.

I wish to extend my sincere appreciation and gratitude to the volunteer Board of Directors, members, volunteers and all others who contribute to making our neighbourhood such a great place to live, work, study and play.

If the River Ward Team can assist with anything please let me know, and remember, the ward office is open in the community center and we would be happy to welcome a visit.

Please reach out any time, my team and I are here to serve you.

Stay safe, Stay well

Riley Brockington

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

729 – 735 Ridgewood Drive – Brigil Developments

The Planning and Housing Committee approved the development application at the September 13 meeting, and subsequently by City Council. My office is working with Brigil to host a construction mitigation meeting in order to minimize the impacts on the surrounding community. A site plan is still outstanding. I do not anticipate construction to begin before the spring of 2024.

2865 Riverside Drive- St. Patrick's Long Term Care Home

St. Patrick's Long Term Care Home is proposing the expansion of its facility with the addition of a seven-storey residential building. The proposal would see a total of 133 units built with a mix of 62 studio, 57 one bedroom and 14 two bedroom units. The proposal includes a number of affordable units, a hub of amenities and tenant spaces, including community outreach services, healthcare and community support services and spaces for tenant

socializations. The City has provided the necessary approvals, the focus for St Pat's at this time is raising the needed capital to finance the project.

3701 Riverside Drive - The Docks at Mooney's Bay (Formerly Canoe Bay)

With Canoe Bay bankrupt, the property was sold to a consortium of companies, eager to get started on the development at this location. The community will see progress in the build-out of the plan starting with perimeter fencing, new advertisement and signage and site servicing. Construction activities are set to begin with removal of soil and de-bris in the spring of 2024. Phase 1 of development is expected to include the construction of the executive townhomes on the north and low-rise residential buildings, with ground floor retail along Riverside Drive. My office will host a pre-construction meeting with local residents prior to the developer starting construction.

26 Townhomes
42 Flats
512 Units in two Six Storey Buildings (Middle of Development)
68 Units in two three storey buildings fronting Riverside
1.5 Acre Park in Southern End
Total – Approx 650 Units

Confederation Heights Master Plan

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

The campus is approximately 188 hectares (465 acres) and located roughly five kilometers south of Ottawa's downtown core and located roughly five kilometers north of the City's international airport, and considered the northern edge of the Riverside Park community.

Canada Lands and PSPC launched a public engagement platform on November 8, 2021, to prepare a master plan for the property. The plan will guide the development of the campus 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 portion.

The Public Advisory Committee plans to meet on November 8. The purpose of the meeting is to review three proposed concept options for Confederation Heights. A public session is expected in the new year.

770 Brookfield Road – The Revalie

La Revalie first opened to students in January 2021 with the completion of phase 1 construction. Retail fit-up of ground floor commercial units is ongoing as new retailers are onboarded. Phase 2 construction timelines are unknown at this time as the site plan for phase two is still being worked on.

Airport Parkway – Letter to Residents (August 2023)

Please see below a copy of the letter I circulated in most, if not all of Riverside Park this summer. I have recently been in conversation with City staff and we are aiming at hosting another TownHall meeting, this one focused on Walkley Road in early December 2023.

Dear Neighbours in Riverside Park,

I trust you have been having an enjoyable summer.

The purpose of this community bulletin is to provide an update on the Airport Parkway widening project, particularly the proposed modifications to Walkley Road.

The most recent public meetings on this matter occurred in 2022. The City of Ottawa hosted a public information session on November 23, 2022 regarding the Airport Parkway, followed by a second information session on December 6, 2022 regarding Walkley Road.

As part of the 2023 Budget process this past winter, City Council endorsed a motion that fast tracks the opening of the Airport Parkway off-ramp and pushed the widening of the Parkway to a later point this decade.

The exact wording of the motion approved at the February 2023 Transportation Committee reads as follows:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the funding in the Draft 2023 Budget and subsequent budgets (as needed) be applied to the Walkley off-ramp, traffic mitigation on Walkley from the off-ramp to McCarthy, a protected intersection at McCarthy, new active transportation measures on the Walkley overpass, and the new multi-use pathway along the west side of the Parkway, and that these project components move

forward for Committee and Council's consideration as currently planned, including the completion of the detailed design for the entire project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funding beyond the 2023 Budget, specifically for the construction of the widening of the Airport Parkway, between Brookfield Road and Hunt Club Road, be deferred until the TMP update is completed, and after the Trillium Line is operational for two years.

The TMP = Transportation Master Plan. The Trillium Line is expected to open in Autumn 2023.

At the March 1, 2023 City Council meeting, I moved the following motion:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff continue to engage with the local community and Ward Councillor on the final design process specifically relating to the Walkley Road project, including solutions on mitigating negative traffic impacts as a result of the off-ramp from the Airport Parkway and proposed modifications to Walkley Road.

Following receipt of additional public comments following the late 2022 public sessions, I met with City staff in the spring and the consultant firm assigned to this project, Parsons, to review both projects, metre by metre, which also included a listing of, and discussion of concerns raised by the public and possible mitigation strategies to incorporate in a revised design.

Due to the motion approved by City Council that would see the off-ramp opened in advance of the Parkway being widened, there was a concern that the volume of traffic using Walkley Road would be higher than estimated as part of the Parkway widening project. New modelling was conducted this past summer and the data indicates that Walkley Road would not be able to accommodate the expected traffic volumes in a smooth and expeditious manner and there will also be significantly more cut through traffic on branch streets that run off Walkley. As such, the City and Parsons must reflect on whether the proposed modifications to Walkley Road are sound and will likely need to make revisions to the plan. When a revised plan for Walkley Road is available for another public session, I will ensure you are made aware of both the plans and date of the meeting.

Finally, I would like to inform you that at the June 28, 2023 City Council meeting, my colleagues endorsed my motion to designate Walkley Road, between the Parkway and Otterson/Springland, a Community Safety Zone. Additional signage will be added along Walkley and fines will now be doubled for speeding and other reckless driving offenses.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

Riley Brockington

Trillium Line Opening Delayed to Spring 2024

At the late September 2023 meeting of the LRT Sub Committee, the General Manager of OC Transpo confirmed the delayed opening of the Trillium Line from Autumn 2023 to Spring 2024.

In a memo to City Council last week, OC Transpo has confirmed that as a result of the Trillium Line opening, no bus routes serving River Ward will be impacted, that is, cancelled or modified.

New Rideau River Bridge Crossing

A new Rideau River Bridge is in place immediately west of the Trillium Line bridge crossing. The actual bridge was lifted in to place in July 2022 and local residents, university students, commuters and park enthusiasts have been waiting for a grand opening. The new pedestrian and cycling bridge will connect the Vincent Massey Park pathway network to Carleton University. A date for the bridge opening has not yet been established.

Hospital Transit Connection Study Has Begun

The Ottawa Hospital Connection Environmental Assessment Study has begun. On October 3, I joined local leaders, community and business groups for the first meeting of the Environmental Assessment that will review options to connect the Dow's Lake Trillium Line Station with the elevated pathway network on the south side of Carling Avenue that will lead to the entrance of the new Civic Hospital.

On underground tunnel and overhead bridge are the likely options being considered. I have consistently maintained that the current station should be relocated to the south side of Carling but that is unlikely to prevail.

CITY OF OTTAWA

Peak Leaf and Yard Waste Season

During the fall, leaf and yard waste pickup is extended until 8 pm. Did you know setting out separate leaf and yard waste saves money because it can be composted at the Barnsdale leaf and yard compost pad at the Trail Waste Facility? Learn more at: ottawa.ca/leafandyard.

\$41.3m in Community Housing Repairs and Retrofits

On September 26, the City's Community Services Committee approved refinancing the mortgages of five Ottawa Community Housing properties, generating \$41.3 million to be reinvested in capital repairs and energy efficiency improvements for community housing.

The mortgages would be renewed through Infrastructure Ontario at fixed, long-term rates of 4.67% for 30 years. Since 2012, the City has refinanced 55 Ottawa Community Housing mortgages through Infrastructure Ontario, generating more than \$168 million in capital funds for repairs to supplement other funding sources and ensure that Ottawa's social housing stock is kept in good repair.

Mooney's Bay Beach Pavilion Replacement Feasibility Study

A Project Progress Update Report was released on October 20, 2023, by the consultant assisting the City on the feasibility study. The consultant is IDEA Inc, located in Ottawa.

(Extracted from their report)

The Mooney's Bay Beach Pavilion is a prominent recreational facility situated in Ottawa. The Pavilion is located within Mooney's Bay Park, which is part of a larger network of parks and green spaces in Ottawa. Mooney's Bay itself, is a 29-hectare park along the Rideau River; a popular destination known for its beach access and surrounding recreational facilities such as the Terry Fox Athletic Facility, Canada 150 playground, Saturn playground, Sue Holloway Fitness Park, beach volleyball courts, and tennis/pickle ball courts. This City-wide beach destination hosts several major events during the summer months including the Tim Hortons Ottawa Dragon Boat Festival and the H.O.P.E Beach Volleyball Summerfest.

The Mooney's Bay Beach Pavilion has served as a well-used corner stone facility to the City of Ottawa since its construction in 1964. The current facility, approximately 8,400 sq. ft in size, acts as hub for beachgoers and park visitors. The current Beach Pavilion includes a canteen/snack bar, male and female washrooms, changerooms and shower facilities, a lifeguard station, lifeguard locker room, lifeguard training room, and an office/locker room for Park Operations staff. The facility also provides storage for a variety of departments and programs including Park Operations, beach lifeguards and the St. Laurent Masters.

The pavilion is operated seasonally, accessible during the summer months from approximately the third week in June until the end of August.

Project Description

As of 2015, Mooney's Bay Pavilion was identified as being at or past end of its 50-year life cycle. The purpose of this Feasibility Study is to visualize a new Beach pavilion; a new strong focal point for Mooney's Bay Park, a city-wide recreational destination. This Feasibility Study will compare two proposed conceptual design options for a new ~15,500 square feet Beach Pavilion; Option 1 providing seasonal usage and Option 2 exploring year round usage. These options will aim to improve the existing urban landscape, address the spatial needs, and propose high quality, yet functional architectural and landscape design strategies.

Project Workplan

IDEA Inc. has developed a responsive work plan that will guide the study from inception to completion. This Feasibility Study is split into five phases that have been adapted from the 'Objectives and Deliverables' section in the Terms of Reference and IDEA proposal.

Final Report Submission

The fifth phase will be the final phase. All documents required as part of the project scope will be submitted to the Client team in a final report in Accessible Format. The target date is April 30, 2024.

I will provide a copy of the 85-page progress report by email on demand. This is a public document and you are welcome to it.

Wildlife Strategy Review

In the autumn of 2022, following an aggressive encounter with a coyote in Riverside Park, City Council approved my motion to create a coyote management strategy in our City, given the high number of reported interactions. The ultimate objective is to better facilitate a co-existence of coyotes and humans. This is their territory, there are no plans for a mass cull. Better public education and communication are very much needed.

As City staff began their work, it became clear to them that the current wildlife management strategy needed to be updated. The focus of the review was then expanded in scope to not just coyotes but all local wildlife.

After two rounds of consultations in 2023, I understand that the first report and recommended immediate steps will be released in the winter of 2024.

Ottawa Public Health

Ottawa Public Health to start offering flu vaccines and the new updated COVID-19 vaccines for eligible residents

Ottawa Public Health expects the 2023/2024 respiratory season to be atypical when compared to pre-pandemic years, with early activity of respiratory viruses such as influenza (flu) and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) circulating simultaneously with COVID-19. OPH recommends that everyone 6 months and older get the annual flu vaccine and the updated XBB 1.5-containing COVID-19 mRNA vaccine. Flu and COVID-19 vaccines are particularly recommended for people at high risk of severe illness from flu and/or COVID-19 as well as health care workers and first responders.

Consistent with the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI), the Ministry of Health recommends that individuals receive a dose of the updated COVID-19 vaccine if it has been 6 months since their last COVID-19 vaccine or known COVID-19 infection. People who have not previously received a COVID-19 vaccine may also

receive the updated COVID-19 vaccine. The updated vaccine is expected to produce a stronger immune response against COVID-19 variants currently circulating in the community.

Ottawa Public Health received the first shipment of the updated COVID-19 vaccine and flu vaccines the week of September 25 and began distributing these to hospitals and long-term care homes. OPH will offer the annual influenza (flu) vaccines and the updated XBB. 1.5-containing COVID-19 mRNA vaccines in its OPH Community Clinics, beginning with high-risk groups as follows:

Effective October 11, 2023, flu vaccines and the updated COVID-19 vaccines will be available for eligible residents, including:

- Health care workers and first responders
- Individuals at high-risk for influenza (flu) and/or COVID-19 related complications or hospitalization including:
 - Residents and staff of congregate living settings (e.g., chronic care facilities, retirement homes)
 - Pregnant individuals
 - Individuals who are 65 years of age or older
 - First Nation, Inuit or Métis people and their household members
 - All children 6 months to under 5 years of age
 - Individuals 6 months of age and older with underlying health conditions per NACI
 - Members of racialized and equity-deserving communities

Effective October 30, 2023, flu vaccines and the updated COVID-19 vaccines will be available for all residents.

In addition to OPH Community Clinics, there are many options for getting your flu and updated COVID-19 vaccine:

- Check with your regular health care provider to see if they offer the vaccines;
- Visit your nearest pharmacy to get your vaccines (pharmacies continue to be a main point of access for flu vaccines); or
- Visit an OPH Neighbourhood Health and Wellness Hub, if you face barriers to access, for vaccines on a walk-in basis.

To book your appointment for the updated COVID-19 vaccine:

COVID-19 vaccine appointments at OPH Community Clinics can be booked through the Ontario COVID-19 vaccination portal or by calling the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre at 1-833-943-3900 (TTY: 1-866-797-0007).

To book your appointment for your annual flu vaccine:

Flu vaccine appointments at OPH Community Clinics can be booked through the Ottawa Public Health website.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pumpkins for the Planet

Ottawa South Eco Action Network (OSEAN) has partnered with the Riverside Park Community Association and Foodsharing Ottawa to host the 5th annual Pumpkins for the Planet (Nov 1 - Nov 5).

Last year, with your help, we rescued more than 400 intact pumpkins that went to 11 local food centres around Ottawa to combat food insecurity and more than 800 carved pumpkins that were enjoyed by farm animals at 10 local farms. Think of what we can accomplish this year with more volunteers! Gather some pumpkins to drop off at a local collection site by Nov 2 or visit "Pumpkin Alley" between Nov 2 and Nov 5 at Ernie Calcutt Park (759 Mooney's Bay Place). This year we are particularly looking for local businesses that can volunteer 2-3 hours to deliver pumpkins to local farms. Visit our website to learn more and to sign up to volunteer (there are lots of ways to help out!). <https://www.osean.org/blog/get-involved-in-pumpkins-for-the-planet-2023>

River Ward E-Waste Depot

Electronic waste accepted: Televisions, Desktop computers / terminals, Monitors, Laptop computers, Desktop printers & Scanners, Copiers and Fax machines, Disk Drives & CD-ROM drives, Telephones and Cellphones, VCR and DVD Players, Keyboards and Mice, Amplifiers, Stereos and Speakers, Receivers, Cameras and Digital Cameras, Pagers, Batteries: AA,AAA, 9V & D and Radios.

When: Saturday November 4 from 10am-4pm

Location: 3310 McCarthy Road (Behind Metro – Enter through Paul Anka Drive entrance where you will be met with Junk That Funk's team for further instructions)

2024 Draft Public Budget Consultation

We invite you to share your feedback with Councillors Riley Brockington, Jessica Bradley, Marty Carr and Shawn Menard about the 2024 Draft Budget . Your feedback will help inform the City's budget priorities and contributes to decisions about investments in services that you want and need.

When: Tuesday, November 14, 6 pm

Where: Jim Durell Arena, 1265 Walkley Rd (Elwood Hall)

Registration: Courtney.McRury@ottawa.ca

River Ward Holiday Dinner

River Ward's Holiday Dinner is back! Please join me in celebration of the holiday season with your friends, family and neighbours for a holiday meal! Please RSVP : Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca . Accepting non-perishable food items for the Ottawa Food Bank

When: December 21 at 5pm

Where: Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Centre, 3320 Paul Anka

Admission: FREE

RSVP at Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca

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October 25, 2023