



COUNCILLOR/CONSEILLER RILEY BROCKINGTON



Riverside Park Community Association December 13, 2023

Dear Members of the Riverside Park Community Association,

As December is now here, let us enjoy the many opportunities this month to gather with friends, family and community. Across Ottawa, festivities related to Hanukkah (December 7 - 13), Christmas (December 25) and Kwanzaa (December 26 - January 1) will be held. From my family to yours, I wish you the very best this month and always. On December 21, I am hosting the River Ward Holiday Dinner at the Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Centre (3320 Paul Anka Drive) starting at 5pm and all are welcome. Please RSVP with my office.

Last month, City Council voted to proceed with the Lansdowne 2.0 project, which includes rebuilding the north-side stands of the football stadium and the arena. It also includes an opportunity for two residential towers to be built on-site. I ultimately voted against this project, as there was no immediate need for Ottawa taxpayers, the owners of the two stadiums, to replace them at this time. Assessments of the facilities concluded no immediate need to do so. When I compared this large expense against the top priorities established by Council, I could not lend my support. I am grateful for the feedback shared with me by River Ward residents during this lengthy process.

I look forward to 2024 and working with you and members of our community to make River Ward the very best place to call home.

Sincerely,

Riley

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 (seating full), **6pm OPEN**

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

Admission: FREE

RSVP until December 15 at Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca

Accepting non-perishables for the Ottawa Food Bank

The demand for this dinner is in one word, 'overwhelming'. We are about to cap the second sitting, taking us to approx. 450 people. We have simply run out of space and funding. Thank-you to the RPCA for your generous financial contribution towards this dinner, many residents from Riverside Park will be attending.

WALKLEY ROAD INFORMATION SESSION

Local residents are invited to receive an in-person update from the City of Ottawa on Walkley Road, as part of the Airport Parkway Widening Project.

The City provided two back-to-back updates last November and December 2022 on this project and I mailed a summer bulletin in 2023 to residents.

As part of the 2023 Budget process, City Council directed staff to fast-track the opening of the southbound Airport Parkway exit ramp at Walkley, including a new roundabout and physical modifications to Walkley to curb vehicular speed and provide safer passage for cyclists.

When: January 8 , 6:30pm

Where: 1265 Walkley Road, Jim Durrell Arena, Ellwood Hall,

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

729 Ridgewood Ave (Brigil Developments)

As previously reported, Brigil Developments obtained their zoning by-law amendment approval from Council earlier this year. They are now finalizing their site plan control application. With the last lease set to expire in the Riverside Mall in May 2024, they will then focus on demolition of the entire site by late spring 2024. Foundation work is expected to commence later in the summer. My office intends to hold a construction mitigation meeting in early 2024, intended with Brigil, their contractor and local residents. The Association will also be invited. Please note that the pharmacist located in the Mall is in the process of taking over the site of the former Chinese restaurant / take-out shop located at 2847 Riverside Drive. On October 31, 2023, the Committee of Adjustment approved a variance to permit the pharmacy to move in (once renovations are complete).

Norberry Residences

Norberry Residences recently completed a minor parking lot expansion at 2660 Norberry Drive. This work was permitted under the zoning bylaw amendment application that was filed and approved a number of years ago as part of their expansion plans. There remains no known timelines associated with the three, low-rise apartment building expansion project.

770 Brookfield Road

The Revalie is at full occupancy for their Phase 1 residential building.

Commercial leases have been signed with 7 companies who will offer: grocery retail, fast food, barber shop and dentist. Phase 2 construction is expected to begin in the winter of 2024. My office will circulate a Heads Up notice to nearby residences, businesses and the high school.

The Docks at Mooney's Bay

My office has encouraged the senior team at The Docks to host a Open House with the Riverside Park community to better inform the community on who the main players are and the vision for the development. In turn, The Docks can meet local neighbours and refine the relationship going forward. The Docks believes this would be a good opportunity but has requested it be held in late winter, early spring 2024.

HUNT CLUB WOODS REMOVED

The Ottawa International Airport Authority (The Authority), under agreement with Transport Canada, has the authority to make decisions with lands abutting the airport, including those along Hunt Club Road. They sanctioned the removal of 10 acres of red pine plantation trees located at 400-440 Hunt Club Road (south-side), between Otto's BMW and Lowe's Martin, in November 2023.

There was great public outcry against the proposal to remove these trees, including a petition of 22,000 names, frequent protests, outreach to elected officials and formal Council motion to discuss the matter between the Mayor, local Councillors and Chair of Planning and Housing, as well as OIAA Board officials. Many Hunt Club residents have been engaged and involved.

I have filed a Notice of Motion with Coun Bradley's support as Seconder, which will be discussed at the January 24 City Council meeting. The motion requests the Authority plant an equivalent number of trees in Ottawa that were cut down.

CITY OF OTTAWA

FALL AND WINTER OPERATIONS – PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Roads and Parking Services

The Roads and Parking Services team is responsible for the City's winter maintenance program. This team is committed to keeping Ottawa's sidewalks, roads and winter cycling network safe and passable for all users while proactively communicating operational updates to Council during winter events. An effective winter maintenance program is essential for the city to function under winter weather conditions.

Guided by the Council-approved Maintenance Quality Standards (MQS), sidewalks and roads are cleared based on their usage volume and priority level. Snow clearing and / or treatment on roads, sidewalk and winter cycling network are shown on the attachment.

The City of Ottawa may declare a Significant Weather Event (SWE) when Environment Canada issues a Winter Weather Hazard alert for occurring or approaching weather that may pose significant danger to the users of

Ottawa's transportation network. Declaring an SWE gives the City the flexibility to prioritize the deployment of its resources, informs the public to exercise caution while travelling and suspends the Council-approved MQS timelines, as restoring the transportation network to its expected condition will take longer than usual.

Enhancements for the 2023-24 Season

Based on feedback and the ongoing review of service delivery, operational enhancements that were implemented during the 2022-23 season will continue in 2023-24. Included in these enhancements are:

- Around-the-clock maintenance of our sidewalks;
- Responding more proactively and aggressively to all types of winter events;
- Alternating starting points on residential beats; and
- Analyzing winter weather events to deploy resources earlier and as required, based on forecasts and local conditions.

OC TRANSPORTE ROUTE REVIEW

In addition to the good news I shared with you on December 1 (e-newsletter update), about OC Transpo walking back their proposed changes to Route 90, that would have left no service on Riverside Drive and Uplands Drive, those changes have been abandoned and Route 90 will remain status quo.

I have more recently been able to come to terms with OC Transpo on Route 92.

The new 'middle ground' outcome for Route 92 is as follows:

- In the AM peak period, from 06:00 to 08:30, the route will operate every 30 mins from Greenboro Station to Hurdman Station, via Uplands and McCarthy (as previously planned)
- In the midday period, from 09:00 to 15:00, the route will operate every hour, in both directions between Greenboro Station and Walkley Station, via Uplands and McCarthy (improvement to proposal)
- In the PM peak period, from 15:30 to 18:00, the route will operate every 30 mins from Hurdman Station to Greenboro Station, via Uplands and McCarthy (as previously planned)
- In the evening period, from 18:00 to 23:00, the route will operate every hour, in both directions between Greenboro Station and Walkley Station, via Uplands and McCarthy (improvement to proposal)

MAYOR SUTCLIFFE VISITS RIVERSIDE PARK

I had the pleasure of hosting Mayor Sutcliffe in River Ward last Friday (Dec 8).

Three local places I took the mayor to were:

- Terry Fox Athletic Facility, to discuss the aging amenities in place and value in hosting local and national track and field events,
- Mooney's Bay Hill, to discuss the need for safe public use of the Hill, 12 months a year,
- Mooney's Bay Pavilion, to discuss the demand and need for a newly built, modern pavilion.

WINTER WEATHER PARKING BANS

From November 15 to April 1, when Environment Canada forecasts significant freezing rain or at least seven centimetres of snow (including ranges such as five to ten), a winter weather parking ban may be called at the discretion of the Director, Roads and Parking Services. Vehicles without valid residential parking permits that remain parked on the road during a ban risk being ticketed.

To help residents prepare, winter weather parking bans are called by set times:

Daytime bans are called by 3:30 pm on the day before the ban is scheduled to go into effect. Street parking is prohibited between 10 am and 7 pm the following day.

Nighttime bans are called by 9 am on the day that the ban is scheduled to go into effect. Street parking is prohibited between 7 pm and 7 am.

Parking bans are called to support winter operations. When there are no vehicles on the road, operators can more effectively clear the roads and catch basins of ice and snow.

When a winter weather parking ban is called, the City issues a special advisory to the local media, posts to ottawa.ca and its Facebook and X (formerly Twitter) accounts. 3-1-1 will update its Interactive Voice Recording (IVR) system, informing anyone calling – without the need of waiting in queue to speak with a live agent – on the status of the winter parking restrictions. Residents may also register for the Winter Parking Ban e-alerts, or stay in the know by downloading the City of Ottawa app on their Android or Apple device.

Where to park during a winter weather parking ban?

Roads and Parking Services has been working closely with our partners in Parks Maintenance and Recreation, Cultural and Facility Services (RCFS) to expand the number of available parking alternatives during a winter weather parking ban for the 2023-24 season. For this season, we will pilot 18 additional parking lots to determine their level of use and success in consideration for permanent implementation for use during winter weather parking bans. This is in addition to the existing park and ride locations and recreation centers, as well as five municipal

parking garages where off-street parking is available for overnight parking during a winter weather parking ban. To support local businesses, parking remains available during a ban on designated commercial main streets.

OPL HOMEBOUND SERVICES

Does the winter weather make it hard to visit the library? OPL offers a monthly delivery service for clients who are unable to make it into their local branch due to age, illness, or disability. Have your picks delivered or let the Homebound Services staff suggest a few new titles.

Please visit bibliottawalibrary.ca/homebound-services for more information and to register.

Riley Brockington

December 13, 2023