



COUNCILLOR/CONSEILLER RILEY BROCKINGTON



Riverside Park Community Association June 11, 2025

Dear Members of the Riverside Park Community Association,

Summer arrives this month and will bring longer days, warmer nights, and plenty of reasons to celebrate. Whether you're traveling, relaxing, or staying productive, I hope the warm weather encourages you to get out and enjoy all that Riverside Park has to offer.

LOCAL RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS

CONFEDERATION HEIGHTS

The Draft Master Plan for Confederation Heights is ready for review and the Public Advisory Committee will meet on June 12 (tomorrow) to review the plan and discuss land use and density, heritage, parks and open spaces, and sustainability. Members of the public will be invited to view the plan and provide comments on June 24. The meeting on June 24 allows residents to provide comment on the Draft Master Plan as well as provide City staff with feedback required to development of the Draft Secondary Plan, which will be available for public consultation in Winter 2026.

Confederation Heights Public Meeting

June 24, 2025

Time TBD

Hellenic Event Centre, 1315 Prince of Wales Drive

THE DOCKS AT MOONEY'S BAY

Progress has been made on the Westside Condo buildings fronting Riverside. Excavation took place on the Northside of the property in April which impacted some abutting private trees. A tree assessment was complete, and my office is working with The Docks and residents to resolve any future concerns.

729 RIDGEWOOD AVENUE – BRIGIL

Brigil hopes to re-start work on site in the Fall. No activity is expected this summer.

2660 NORBERRY CRESCENT – NORBERRY RESIDENCES

On June 3, Norberry Residences sought a revision to their approved Site Plan Control application for the purpose of adding a single storey, equivalent to 0.5 m and 0.6 m in height, to buildings A, B, and C of the site plan. This would bring the total height of buildings to 18.5 m and 18.6 m from the previously approved 18 m.

Notice will be sent to residents impacted by demolition to ensure those with accessibility needs are accommodated.

ST. PATRICK'S HOME OF OTTAWA

Next week, I will be meeting with representatives from St. Patrick's to discuss a number of concerns. At this time, we do not anticipate shovels in the ground until September. St. Patrick's hope to have approved Terms and Conditions from the CMHC in July.

AROUND RIVERSIDE PARK

BROOKFIELD FOOD CUPBOARD TURNS 1!

After a year of success, the Brookfield Food Cupboard hosted a community BBQ party on May 28. My office is proud to support the work of the Food Cupboard. Congratulations to all the volunteers who support our community every week.

SUMMER PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Residents of Riverside Park North of Walkley Road will receive a bulletin in the mail indicating the on-street parking restrictions for Summer 2025 as well as a list

of local festivals. Parking restrictions will be in place from mid-June to late-July and mid-June to Labour Day.

RIVERSIDE PARK TRAFFIC CALMING

Residents in Riverside Park will start to see new traffic calming installed on their streets. New stop-sign flex stakes will be installed at the following locations:

- Springland – at Mooney’s Bay Place
- Springland – at Ridgewood

Riverside Drive, between Quesnel Dr and Old River Rd, will have a new speed display board installed. The Board was ordered May 30, 2025.

BANK STREET RENEWAL

The Bank Street Renewal project will move closer to River Ward in 2025. The purpose of the project is to complete much needed water infrastructure renewal. The project will also involve the construction 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 that started June 1 lasting until August 31.

Residents attended a session on April 16 at Jim Durrell Recreation Centre. Phase 2 preliminary design drawings were on display and staff were present to answer any questions and receive comments.

To learn more about the project, visit <https://ottawa.ca/en/city-hall/public-engagement/public-engagement-project-search/bank-street-renewal-riverside-drive-westbound-ledbury-avenue>

MOONEY’S BAY PAVILION UPDATE

The Mooney’s Bay Pavilion Feasibility Study completed public engagement on June 6. The designs were available for public comment on Engage Ottawa from April 17 to June 6 and the City hosted an open house on May 8 to showcase the design options for the pavilion, as well as the new tennis and basketball courts. If you are interested in learning more about the project, I encourage you to check out Engage Ottawa: https://engage.ottawa.ca/mooneys_pavilion

AIRPORT PARKWAY WIDENING

In 2013, City Council prioritized the widening of the Airport Parkway as part of the Transportation Master Plan (TMP). As part of the current review of the TMP, the Airport Parkway is part of Phase 1 of the new proposed Transportation Master Plan (TMP). Competing projects have moved the widening of the Airport Parkway down the list, indicating that it will occur sometime within the next decade.

Council will debate and approve prioritization of the TMP in July which will set the priorities for projects. In 2023, City Council advanced the Walkley Road offramp project, which is now separate from the widening project. This project is in final decision with construction expected to start in 2026.

Learn more about the Transportation Master Plan (TMP) here: <https://engage.ottawa.ca/transportation-master-plan>

PARKS

BEACHES

Beaches are supervised Monday to Sunday, noon – 7 pm, from June 21 to August 24. Beach Pavilion washrooms will be open from May 17 to September 1 at Mooney’s Bay, Monday to Thursday, 10:30 am – 9 pm, Friday to Sunday, 10:30 am – 7 pm.

The 2025 beach operating budget includes funding to extend beach lifeguard supervision until Monday, September 1 if sufficient staff can be retained. Efforts are underway to implement this direction and to extend it to as many beaches as possible. Any extensions will be communicated later in the summer.

PUBLIC HEALTH - WATER QUALITY TESTING

Ottawa Public Health is replacing daily beach water sampling with weekly sampling this summer. Water samples will be collected weekly to test for the presence of E. coli bacteria, meeting the requirement of Provincial standards, and aligning with the approach taken by most public health units in Ontario and the National Capital Commission. Elevated levels of E. coli indicate the potential presence of other

disease-causing organisms, which can result in skin, ear, throat or gastrointestinal illnesses.

For information on water quality at beach locations, contact Public Health: 613-580-2424 ext.13219.

CITY OF OTTAWA

DRAFT BUDGET 2026

Launched May 26: Residents are invited to share their budget priorities by completing the Engage Ottawa Draft Budget 2026 questionnaire:
engage.ottawa.ca/budget2026

SECOND DRAFT OF COMPREHENSIVE ZONING BY-LAW

Thank you to those who attended my Zoning By-law Workshop on Saturday, May 31. We had an opportunity to have high level discussions about the changes coming to River Ward. Residents will have until June 30, 2025, to share their feedback online at engage.ottawa.ca/zoning or via email at NewZoning@Ottawa.ca.

NEW GUIDELINES FOR GARDENS NEARS A ROAD OR SIDEWALK

Council recently made changes to rules impacting the boulevard, a portion of the public right of way.

What's new in 2025?

- Residents can plant food in their boulevard
- Raised garden beds and containers are allowed in some areas
- In all areas of the boulevard abutting residential property, owners and tenants can replace turf grass with a suitable alternative groundcover

Other things to keep in mind:

- There is a list of not permitted plants.
- The maximum plant height (including raised garden bed or container height) is 1.0 metre and 0.75 metre for corner lots.
- Materials such as river rock, stones, concrete, brick and pavers are not allowed.

- There are areas of the boulevard where you cannot plant a garden or place a raised garden bed or containers, including under municipal trees and within a ditch.
- Consuming food grown in the boulevard is done at your own risk.
- The City and utilities are not responsible for protecting, repair, replacing or reinstating a boulevard garden damaged while doing work.

For information on installing a free library box or garden in the boulevard visit: ottawa.ca/rightofway

TRANSIT UPDATES

NEW WAYS TO BUS

Passengers in Riverside Park are aware of changes to Route 92, which now runs Greenboro to Hurdman during the morning rush and Hurdman to Greenboro during the evening rush. During non-peak hours, Route 92 will run between Greenboro and Walkley, serving McCarthy, Plante, Paul Anka, and Uplands.

We have heard many concerns about Route 92, and Route 90, and we continue to encourage residents to reach out to our office if they experience any concerns so we can monitor the impact of the changes.

UPCOMING EVENTS

OLDER ADULT SUMMIT

When: Thursday, September 4, 9 AM to 12 PM

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

RSVP: Riley.Brockington@ottawa.ca

DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

When: June 20 to 22, 2025

Where: Mooney's Bay

Learn more: <https://dragonboat.net/info.aspx>

Riley Brockington, June 11, 2025