



COUNCILLOR/CONSEILLER RILEY BROCKINGTON



Riverside Park Community Association September 24, 2025

Dear Members of the Riverside Park Community Association,

Thank you to the volunteers who all contributed to make the Family Fun Day at Arnott Park such a success on August 23. I enjoyed the opportunity to spend a Saturday with you in the community.

I would also extend a thank you to my summer intern, Emma Jacquard, who completed the ultimate tour of River Ward by visiting all of our beautiful parks and completed assessments of all park amenities and their condition. Emma was successful in getting many parks cleaned up and repaired. Thank you to Emma for all of her hard work.

LOCAL RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS

NORBERRY RESIDENCES

Demolition of the covered parking garage continues. Two sections remain and work is anticipated to last another 2 – 3 weeks. Once demolition is complete, crews will move on to minor cleanup, asphalt leveling, LED light instillation, and line painting. While we currently do not have an exact date, management's goal is to have the parking area ready by November 1, 2025.

CONFEDERATION HEIGHTS

The City is currently preparing a new secondary plan to guide the future redevelopment, planning, and implementation of future public infrastructure at Confederation Heights. A second public open house will be scheduled later this Fall to present the Secondary Plan including draft policies, as well as the CLC Master Plan.

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Construction at the Reveille will continue through fall and into 2026. They are anticipating completion in 2026, including the opening of ground-floor retail.

1822 BANK ST – BGO DEVELOPMENT

The BGO (BentallGreenOak) Development team have worked with City Staff since May to refine their plans for the 1822 Bank at Walkley site. They have provided updates to their initial concept plan and are working on their formal submission.

The updated application includes a multi-phased redevelopment with four high-rise buildings, heights ranging from 25 to 40-storeys, arranged around a new public park. They are anticipating 1,400 units.

AROUND RIVERSIDE PARK

NEW BEACH STAFF AT MOONEY'S BAY

The Traxxas Pro Scale Sand Car is a remote-control vehicle. It's proven to be an ideal solution to navigate the unique terrain at Mooney's Bay and moderate the presence of geese without harming them.

On July 25, City staff began using a remote-controlled car for an hour per day throughout the summer. The geese are directed away from major lanes or paths that are used by cyclists or pedestrians. The sand car will be operated at a reasonable speed to ensure the safety of people and geese alike.

MOONEY'S BAY TENNIS COURT RENEWAL & BASKETBALL COURT PROJECT

In June, the City completed their public engagement for the Mooney's Bay Tennis and Basketball Court Renewal Project. I have requested that the next design phase include more trees and greenery as part of the project scope. A "What We Learned" report is currently available on Engage Ottawa: [Mooney's Bay Tennis Court Renewal and New Basketball Court Project | Engage Ottawa](#)

CANADA 150 PARK REPAIRS

This summer, my office intern identified concerns with the Canada 150 Park requiring repair. Since then, we have received inquiries from frequent park users alerting us to concerns with park equipment in need of extensive repair.

I am working with Public Works staff to identify funding to address repair or replacement of specialized equipment found at the park which is typically more costly than other park equipment used by the City.

PATHWAY REPAIRS

Pathway users will note that repair work was completed on the Paget Park pathway, connecting Springland to Brookfield. My office worked with staff to have the worst sections of the pathway repaired, including a portion of the pathway on school property. The pathway is still on the list for future renewal work.

SUMMER PARKING RESTRICTIONS

During the beach and festival season, Riverside Park North experiences seasonal parking restrictions to manage local traffic during high-traffic events. My office delivered to each residence a copy of the "River Ward Festivals" flyer to notify residents in advance.

My office worked with Traffic Management and By-law to address concerns on an on-going basis through the summer. Across 4 major festivals in the Mooney's Bay area, By-law issued 766 parking tickets.

CITY OF OTTAWA

CHANGES TO WASTE BINS IN CITY PARKS

Due to my motion, between 2017 and 2025, the City conducted a pilot project in several parks to determine a new comprehensive diversion program in City parks. The new Solid Waste Master Plan, approved in 2024, included prioritization of recycling and organics in parks and public spaces.

Staff will work with each Councillor to identify two parks per Ward for implementation in 2026, with 100 parks receiving separated waste carts by the year 2029. Organics bins will be installed in all city parks by 2027. All parks not receiving three-stream bins will be provided with a new style of bin and updated signage.

COMPREHENSIVE ZONING BY-LAW REVIEW

The City will continue its established public engagement process with the release of the third and final draft of the new Zoning Bylaw. The final draft of the new Zoning By-law was released on Engage Ottawa on September 8.

Engagement opportunities for the final draft will occur during the 28-day statutory circulation. There will host it's third open house virtually on September 25. Details on these engagement opportunities are posted on the project's Engage Ottawa site.

The report for the new Zoning By-law will rise to Council on Wednesday, January 28. Once the new Zoning By-law is formally approved, the appeal period for new Zoning By-law will begin.

PAULINE VANIER PARK – CONSULTATION

This month, consultation for swing set renewal at Pauline Vanier Park went live on Engage Ottawa. The survey remains open **until October 3**. Once feedback is received and the design is complete, construction is set to begin in Spring 2026.

If you would like to share your feedback, please review the Engage Ottawa site: [Pauline Vanier Park - Swing Set Renewal | Engage Ottawa](#)

RIDEAU RIVER FOOTBRIDGE

I met with staff on September 3 to learn my efforts, and those of Councillor Menard, have been successful to keep the Rideau River footbridge open for Winter 2025. A new top-layer will be added to the bridge deck this Fall to assist with snow-clearing and reduce the slippery surface of the bridge.

At this time, the NCC does not plan to winter maintain the connecting pathway in Vincent Massey Park. City Staff will continue to work on developing plans to keep the bridge open in future.

BUDGET 2026

The Finance and Corporate Services Committee met on September 2 to approve proposed budget directions, timelines, and consultation processes for the upcoming Budget 2026.

The current directions include a property tax increase at no more than 3.75 per cent. The Draft Operating and Capital Budget will be tabled at City Council on November 12, and the vote on the final budget will take place December 10.

I plan to host a budget consultation with south-end Councillors on November 25.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ZONING BY-LAW CONSULTATION PART 2

When: October 10 (tentative)

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

E-WASTE DROP OFF

When: October 25, 10 AM – 4 PM

Where: Metro Parking Lot, 3310 McCarthy Rd

BUDGET 2026 CONSULTATION

When: November 25, 6 – 8 PM

Where: Ellwood Hall, Jim Durrell Recreation Centre,

HOLIDAY TRIVIA NIGHT

When: December 5, 6 – 8:30 PM

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

RSVP: riley.brockington@ottawa.ca

RIVER WARD HOLIDAY DINNER

When: December 18, 5 & 6:15 PM

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

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