



**Riverside Park Community Association
February 11, 2026**

COMPREHENSIVE ZONING BYLAW REVIEW

On January 28, my motion on the Southern Corridor lands was approved unanimously. This is the second battle won within the month to defend, protect and publicly amplify the importance of these critical public lands – not just for the public’s enjoyment, but for their ecological importance as well.

The engagement across River Ward was significant, and included all six community associations, condo and tenant groups, businesses and individual residents. Most recently the community came together with other local community and environmentally focused groups to bring to light the value of these lands.

On February 4 at the recent Planning & Housing Committee, a walk-on motion (no notice) was presented by Vice-Chair Gower to create a “framework agreement” to encourage closer cooperation on the NCC’s housing projects. At the February 11 Council Meeting, I presented a motion to guide the framework agreement to ensure consideration of the natural heritage and protection of ecologically fragile lands, like the McCarthy Woods area.

Thank you to everyone who reached out to me, attended various public events and meetings over the years and stood up for what you believe in and what is important to you, your family and our community.

A copy of my motion at City Council today, February 11, reads as follows:

That staff be directed to work with NCC counterparts on a framework agreement, to be submitted to Planning and Housing Committee and Council for approval, that strives to:

- Establish clear criteria for identifying lands suitable for development.
- Establish a common approach that creates a structure for value sharing, including through the development of new affordable housing.
- Have regard for the policies in the City’s Official Plan and other City policies that seek to protect Ottawa’s natural heritage and environment, including:
 - Protection of ecologically fragile lands;
 - Tree canopy targets for wards and the City;
 - Development of complete 15-minute neighbourhoods; and
 - Climate change mitigation and resiliency;
- Provide a process that will be transparent to the public by enshrining robust community engagement and consultation on development proposals.
- Provide a framework for the NCC and the City to act as partners to ensure greater alignment and to maximize co-benefits in addressing the need for affordable housing supply.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that when preparing reports for Committee and Council to consider site-specific development proposals on NCC lands, staff provide detailed information to Council and the public about the present-day utilization of the subject lands, the ecological significance of the subject lands, and what measures will be taken to ensure that the environment is suitably protected.

AROUND RIVERSIDE PARK

AIRPORT PARKWAY/ WALKLEY ROUNDAABOUT

On January 27, I hosted a meeting with City Staff to receive an update on the Walkley Road off-ramp and roundabout. At this meeting, staff shared that Phase 1 of this project, that is, the roundabout, will commence construction by August 2026. Phase 2 of this project will involve Walkley Road west of the new roundabout.

This revised proposal following the passage of Bill 60, removes the bike lanes and keeps the 3-lane configuration – 2 travel lanes, 1 turning lane – along the Walkley corridor.

In the coming weeks, City Staff will provide my office with a revised design for this project to share with the community.

MOONEY’S BAY HILL FEASIBILITY

On November 25, the Community Services Committee received the Mooney’s Bay Park Hill Modification Study in response to a motion I put forward to fund an external engineering and landscape architectural feasibility study, including preliminary costing for modifications.

The Mooney’s Bay Hill Modification Feasibility Study indicates that it is feasible to modify the Hill to allow for reasonably safer sledding for multiple user groups. Three design options were developed to showcase potential hill modifications.

There is currently no plan to move forward with the recommendations. Council has not discussed the report, nor has funding been allocated.

I intend to host a session to review the options on March 30, 6:30 to 8 PM at Riverside United Church. The intention of the session is to understand community needs and measure support for the project moving forward. More information can be found here: [Community Services Committee – Mooney’s Bay Park – Hill Modification Study – Nov 14, 2025](#)

OC TRANSPO – BUS RELIABILITY & O- TRAIN

On April 27, 2025, we experienced the largest bus route system change in our City’s history. Transit users have not experienced improved service. In September 2025, due to my motion, staff presented a road map to get us to reliable bus service. Since then, OC Transpo continues to see challenges with bus procurement, mechanic retention and recruitment, and new challenges with the Line 1 trains.

On January 27, I attended a technical briefing by OC Transpo to detail the plan to fully restore O-Train service on Line 1. Line 1 is currently operating mostly single-car service as work is completed to address “spalling” on the cartridge bearing assemblies (CBAs). OC Transpo is working with Rideau Transit Group (RTG), Alstom, and Rideau Transit Maintenance (RTM) to inspect, assess, replace, and understand the long-term solutions to this issue. This work is ongoing and more information will be shared in the coming weeks.

BUDGET 2026

The Budget 2026 passed on December 10. The Hunt Club community will see some major investments:

- *Buildings and parks renewal:* Brookfield Road Fire Station
- Mooney’s Bay Park tennis court and light replacement: \$561,000
- *Baseline Road BRT* (Baseline Station to Heron Station) - construction of a median bus rapid transit facility from Algonquin Station to Billings Bridge: \$73,950,000. This equals the City’s share. We still need upper levels of government to commit to this project.
- *Road resurfacing:* Heron Road - from 660 m west of Riverside Drive (e. Limit Heron bridge) to Riverside Drive: \$875,000

LOCAL RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS

CONFEDERATION HEIGHTS MASTER PLAN

On January 22, Canada Lands Company (CLC) and the City of Ottawa hosted an Open House for the Draft Master Plan and Draft Secondary Plan for Confederation Heights.

Final feedback from the open house and online survey will be considered and incorporated, where possible, into the Final Master Plan. The Master Plan will inform the City-led Secondary Plan for the area. This is expected at the Planning & Housing Committee in May 2026.

The proposal for the lands focuses on connections to the natural environment, development of a complete community, and transportation connections. The Master Plan seeks to prioritize a “Heritage Greenway”, a system of open spaces and parks, as well as achieving density around the Line 2 LRT and proposed BRT stations. All of the information boards from the Open House can be found here: [Confederation Heights Boards 2026](#)

More information about the scope of the study and next steps for the plan can be found on [Engage Ottawa](#).

REPORT A POTHOLE

Pothole season is approaching. Please call 3-1-1 if the pothole issue is related to the following:

- Construction activity (square or rectangular cut in road)
- An immediate hazard to people or property
- Personal accessibility
- A traffic-related issue (such as traffic signals or traffic signs)
- Debris or potholes on Regional Road 174 between Blair and Trim

For all emergency requests call 3-1-1.

Report online here: [Report a pothole on the road](#)

If you have any questions or would like support from my office, contact Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca OR call 613-580-2486.

OTTAWA 200

The City of Ottawa is getting ready to celebrate Ottawa’s 200th Anniversary. The City has confirmed Ottawa 200 grant programs, Ottawa Bluesfest special line-up, partnerships with Ottawa Tourism, and more events slated for Saturday, September 26.

Ottawa Tourism announced funding support for 14 projects through its 200th Tourism Animation Fund. These events will take place between March 1 and December 31. A list of events can be found here: [Ottawa 200 Events](#)

[Learn more about Ottawa 200 here!](#)

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION: FEB 26

Whether you’re into team sports, spin classes, board games, dance, cooking, swimming, drawing, yoga, science or any other activity that keeps your body and mind active, there’s something for small children to older adults at register.ottawa.ca.

How to prepare for registration night on February 26:

Make registration night smooth and stress-free by preparing your account early.

- If you’re a new user, create an account at register.ottawa.ca.
- If you’re a returning user, [sign in](#) to make sure your account is still active.
- Enter or check that your account information is up to date, including family members and credit card details.
- Create a wish list of your preferred activities so you can register quickly and have backup options ready in case your first choices fill up.
- Watch the [tutorial video](#) and read the [FAQ resources](#) for more detailed information as you get ready for registration night.

A full list of activities can be viewed online.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ALTO HIGH-SPEED RAIL VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSION

English

- Friday, February 20 - 12 p.m.
- Monday, February 23 - 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 3 - 7 p.m.

French

- Monday, February 16 - 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 17 - 7 p.m.

[Learn more about the ALTO project.](#)

RIVERSIDE PARK vs. HUNT CLUB TRIVIA NIGHT

When: March 27 – Dinner at 5:15, trivia at 6

Where: Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community Centre

RSVP your group of 4 at:

riley.brockington@ottawa.ca

MOONEY'S BAY HILL OPEN HOUSE

Join us to review the feasible options for Mooney's Bay Hill modification and share your thoughts.

When: March 30, 6:30 to 8 PM

Where: Riverside United Church, 3191 Riverside Dr

EARTH DAY 2026

Save the date! Earth Day is coming back to River Ward. Join us on April 18. More details to come!

OLDER ADULT SUMMIT

When: May 21, 8:30 AM – 12 PM

Where: Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community Centre

RSVP at riley.brockington@ottawa.ca or 613-580-2486

STRAWBERRY SOCIAL

When: June 4, 1 – 2:30 PM

Where: Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community Centre

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