



Dear members of the RPCA,

I hope you had a safe and enjoyable summer.

It has been another busy summer season in Riverside Park, with a full update in my monthly Councillor's Report. I would be pleased to reply to any questions you may have, simply reach out.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENTS & INFRASTRUCTURE

729 RIDGEWOOD – BRIGIL

Last week, the Project Manager was on-site to review recent changes made to the fencing to address property appearance. Brigil worked with City staff to address a right-of-way encroachment, and work was required. My office is committed to working with Brigil and City staff to ensure the property is secure. No work is anticipated for 2026.

2865 RIVERSIDE DRIVE- ST. PATRICK'S HOME OF OTTAWA

This month, excavation, grading, and site preparation activities continue at the 2865 Riverside Drive site. The Project team is anticipating noise, dust, temporary parking restrictions and increased construction vehicle movements in the area. If residents have any concerns with the work at the property, please email jeffery.carrier@ebcinc.com and include my office.

THE DOCKS AT MOONEY'S BAY

Progress has been made on the Westside 1 & 2 Condo buildings and residents began moving in April 2026. 18 townhomes will be fully complete by October 2026. Blocks A5 and A6 are currently on sale and construction is expected fall 2026. Design of the last 2 buildings in the centre of the development is currently underway.

770 BROOKFIELD – THE REVALIE

The Revalie is complete. This includes opening to residents and retail operations in the podium along Brookfield Road. Occupants have moved in this month. An opening ceremony will be planned later this fall.

Now that substantial completion is obtained, residents will see the installation of the "no-left turn" signage onto Brookfield and the bus stop will move to its permanent location at Brookfield/ Hobson, at the traffic light.

CITY OF OTTAWA INFRASTRUCTURE

WALKLEY ROUNDABOUT/ WALKLEY ROAD

Construction of the Walkley Road roundabout and Airport Parkway off-ramp is expected at the end of this month. The City will distribute a construction notice prior to the construction.

Construction of the roundabout is divided into 3 main stages. Construction staging #1 will include construction of the north side of the roundabout including the north section of the Airport Parkway bridge. One lane of traffic in each direction will be maintained on the south side of Walkley Road.

If you are interested in a copy of the presentation provided on May 13, 2026, please email Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca.

City staff have committed to attending a Community Association meeting this fall, likely the December meeting, to review potential designs for Walkley Road and answer community questions.

HERON ROAD RENEWAL

This summer, the off-ramps at Heron and Bronson were resurfaced. This included iron adjustments, curb and sidewalk repairs. The project reached substantial completion on August 28.

MOONEY'S BAY PARK UPGRADES

The existing Mooney's Bay Beach Pavilion is at the end of life. City staff completed outreach in May 2025 to seek feedback on two potential designs for the pavilion. The pavilion is on hold until funding for the construction phase becomes available.

The Mooney's Bay Park Hill was closed for sledding in 2021. On May 1, 2024, I put forward a motion to fund an external engineering and landscape architectural feasibility study to determine the potential for a safer sledding facility, including preliminary costing for modifications. The project team has shared the feedback and results of the community outreach with the architect. Any future initiatives related to this work would be dependent on the availability of funding.

The project to renew the tennis courts and build the new basketball courts started at the end of July. Crews put up construction fencing to secure the area and began excavating and grading the site. Expected work this month includes paving of courts and pathways. The project is still on track to meet early December completion.

BROOKFIELD PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE OVER SAWMILL CREEK

City staff reviewed the condition of the pedestrian bridge located approximately 0.15 km west of Brookfield Road East, connecting our community Heron Park South.

The scope of work includes replacing the existing superstructure with a new prefabricated steel half-through truss bridge. A closure will be required for approximately 8 weeks in late October/ early November 2026. I have requested advance signage and for the project team to find opportunities to reduce the closure length.

RIDEAU RIVER PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

I have worked with Councillor Menard to address concerns with winter maintenance of the Rideau River pedestrian bridge. The contractor requires 3 days of consecutive dry weather to complete the work required to winterize the bridge. City staff have asked the contractor to review additional solutions that do not require the same degree of weather cooperation. My office is waiting for additional information from the

project team. I am disappointed with the length of this project and the lack of communication.

RIVERSIDE PARK – PARK RENEWALS

We have received feedback from residents and the Community Association regarding the current condition of parks in Riverside Park. For the past two summers, I have employed an intern who has visited every park in the Ward, noted the condition of every amenity, and worked with staff to address required maintenance.

The following is a list of parks in Riverside Park and their current renewal status:

- Stanstead Park: 3 – 5 years. We are currently reviewing options for enhanced maintenance of the senior play structure, which is currently 8 years away from renewal. Staff are reviewing requests for replacement of the small playhouse and the "foot bath" water feature to address immediate need in the park.
- Arnott Park: No current lifecycle needs for the next 3 years. I have raised concerns with the water feature.
- Geoff Wightman: No current lifecycle needs for the next 3 years.
- Paget Park: The junior play structure is expected in 3-5 years. This will likely be the 2029 budget and 2030 construction.

PAULINE VANIER PARK SWING REPLACEMENT

Existing swing sets in the park have a severely deteriorated frame with a substantial amount of corrosion and paint damage. Due to the extent of corrosion, replacement is necessary. Construction is expected to begin this month. New equipment will be delivered in November. We anticipate some work will be required in spring 2027 to complete the project.

AROUND RIVERSIDE PARK

RIVERSIDE DRIVE CAR RACING

In September 2025, I met with Police Chief Stubbs to request attention to Riverside Drive in the late evening. This summer, I received additional feedback from residents about the noise and speed of traffic. I wrote to Chief Stubbs in May 2026 to discuss additional resources to combat racing and I have sent another note to provide feedback from the summer season.

We are advising residents to continue to file Traffic Complaints with the Ottawa Police Service. Complaints

can be filed online here: [File a Report - Ottawa Police Service](#).

RIVERSIDE PARK SUMMER PARKING RESTRICTIONS

This festival season saw some success. I worked with Event Central to enforce strict guidelines for the Lebanese Festival to reduce impact on the community. Based on some feedback received post-event, the mitigation measures and changes to the site plan were an improvement from previous years. I will continue to work with the community, City staff, and the festival organizers to ensure continued success.

We will experience two more major festivals for the season: AfroFest (September 11 – 13) and CityFolk (September 16 – 19 at the RA Centre).

Parking restrictions will be removed this week as festivals at Mooney's Bay come to an end. On-street parking restrictions were implemented from mid-June to end of July and mid-June to Labour Day. I mail a bulletin in May to residents in Riverside Park to provide advance notice of the summer parking restrictions.

If you have feedback to share about your experience this summer with the various festivals, I would be happy to receive your comments at Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca.

MOONEY'S BAY STATION WAYFINDING

OC Transpo has reviewed the area around Mooney's Bay for additional wayfinding signage. This signage was implemented this summer.

On June 29, I had an opportunity to take a train ride with Rick Learly, the new General Manager of OC Transpo, to review some concerns at Line 2 stations in River Ward. We visited Mooney's Bay station. As a result of this visit, staff are reviewing opportunities to enhance the visibility of the station signage, in particular the large red "O" signs that indicate the location of the station, and address requests for an additional egress gate onto the multi-use pathway. I also discussed potentially including additional fare gates or exit onto the multi-use pathway at Walkley station.

AVONCOURT PROPERTY

We have received concerns from residents about the ongoing maintenance of the now vacant parcel at 2790 Avoncourt. The owner has not identified any current plans to develop the parcel. I have asked the property owner to address concerns on an ongoing basis. If residents continue to experience property standards violations at the property, I encourage you to contact 3-1-1 to request a Property Standards Bylaw Officer attend to the site. You can do so by phone (3-1-1) or online here: [Report private property maintenance - exterior - Property Standards](#)

FLANNERY DRIVE FIRE

On July 21, firefighters were called to 2702 Flannery Drive to address a fire which impacted two homes. After the fire, I worked with Ottawa Bylaw to have the area secured, including the addition of fencing on the property. Ottawa Police are investigating the fire. A date for demolition is not set and I anticipate it will be a while before we see movement on the site.

SUMMER FLOODING – JULY 1, AUGUST 10&12

In July, I visited residents on Dickinson, Southmore, and Colman to review a number of reports of flooding in the neighbourhood from the July 1 storm.

On July 15, City Council met and passed a motion directing City staff to assess the water infrastructure in impacted areas of Ottawa from the July 1 set of storms. City staff are currently reviewing flood modeling and assessing public water infrastructure. That information and data will be used to determine next steps. We expect to receive this report in the new year.

As part of this work, City staff will review data from flood reports. Residents are encouraged to report basement flooding using the online reporting form found here: [Report basement flooding · City of Ottawa](#). If your basement flooded in July and/or August 2026, I encourage you to complete this reporting form for each flood.

On August 21, I toured City staff around the Ward to review areas where residents shared impacts. We visited Pauline Vanier Park, Dickinson Avenue, Fielding Court, and Linton Road.

When more information becomes available, I will communicate with those affected and ensure that residents who contacted my office have relevant next steps.

DRIVEWAY HUMP PROGRAM

Following the August 10, 2023 rainfall event, Water Resources Engineering completed a study of the Riverside Park neighbourhood to investigate the causes of flooding and recommend improvements to City infrastructure and private property.

One of the recommendations we are implementing is the installation of driveway humps on 110 reverse grade driveways in Riverside Park.

Letters were mailed out to selected properties this spring. My office worked with residents following the July 1 storm to have households reviewed and included in the work order. The intake period has closed for this year. Currently, design (including property site visits) is anticipated for Fall 2026 and construction for 2027.

If you were not included on the work order for this year and you are interested in a driveway hump, please email Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca and my office will share your information with the project team for review and inclusion in next year's work order.

CITY OF OTTAWA

FALL CLEANING THE CAPITAL

Registration for the Cleaning the Capital Fall campaign opens on August 25, with litter cleanup projects taking place between September 15 and October 15.

Cleanup kits, which include nitrile gloves and garbage bags, will be made available for pickup by registrants between September 4 and October 11 at participating City of Ottawa facilities across the city. More information here: [Registration for Cleaning the Capital](#)

OC TRANSPO FALL SCHEDULE

As part of the [Customer-First Action Plan](#), OC Transpo is introducing attractive new options for commuters, while continuing to increase service and reliability across the transit network and on Para Transpo to support the return to work and school.

Improvements include:

- Improved weekday frequency on O-Train Line 1 and an earlier start to weekday service on O-Train Line 2
- New express bus service and Park & Ride connections to improve transit access to major employment areas, saving customers up to 20 minutes a day
- More reliable schedules on 30 bus routes serving 50 per cent of customers
- Improvement to Para Transpo service to strengthen reliability for customers
- Additional staff present across the network to support customers and safety

UPCOMING EVENTS

Hunt Club Fall Festival & Community BBQ

When: September 12, 12 – 5 PM, BBQ 5 – 8 PM

Where: McCarthy Park, 3320 Paul Anka Drive

Learn more here: [Fall Festival and Community BBQ -](#)

AfroFestival Ottawa

A family-friendly event celebrating African music and food.

When: September 11–13

Where: Mooney's Bay Park and Beach

Ottawa CityFolk Festival

A major multi-day folk and roots music festival featuring prominent international and domestic artists.

When: September 16–19

Where: RA Centre

Ottawa 200 Block Party

The City of Ottawa is getting ready to celebrate Ottawa's 200th Anniversary. On Saturday, September 26, the City will host an Ottawa 200 Block Party which will include live music, cultural programming, hands-on activities and fun surprises! This will be a free event for all ages at City Hall, Marion Dewar Plaza, 110 Laurier Avenue West. Learn more here:

<https://www.ottawa200blockparty.ca>

A list of Ottawa Tourism events can be found here:

<https://ottawatourism.ca/en/media/resources/media-releases/200th-tourism-animation-fund-recipients>

River Ward Holiday Dinner

When: December 21, 5 PM & 6:15 PM

Where: Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community Centre

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