



Dear members of the RPCA,

Happy October!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the volunteer Board of Directors for their excellent work. Your commitment to making Riverside Park an even better neighbourhood and community is applauded, and I appreciate the time, effort and energy that you all dedicate to the Association and our community. Thank you for your service.

My report intends to provide a high-level summary of issues tackled this year and some upcoming work:

LOCAL DEVELOPMENTS & INFRASTRUCTURE

729 RIDGEWOOD – BRIGIL

This year, Brigil worked with City staff to address a right-of-way encroachment and complete required remediation. My office is committed to working with Brigil and City staff to ensure the property is secure. Brigil has included planters to keep fencing secure. No additional work is anticipated for 2026

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

Work at the St. Patrick's site continues. This year, we saw construction begin on a 7-storey apartment building containing 133 units. My office works with St. Patrick's Home staff and surrounding businesses and buildings to ensure the construction team is providing timely updates on work.

This year, the site underwent site preparation, excavation, and the beginning of the foundation. In the coming months, we expect to see concrete pouring on site.

The Project team is anticipating noise, dust, temporary parking restrictions and increased 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

Residents began moving into the Westside 1 & 2 Condo buildings in April 2026. 18 townhomes will be fully complete this month. Blocks A5 and A6 are currently on sale and construction is expected this fall. Design of the last two buildings in the centre of the development is currently underway.

770 BROOKFIELD – THE REVALIE

The Revalie is complete. An opening ceremony will be planned later this fall.

Now that the site is complete, residents will see the installation of the "no-left turn" signage onto Brookfield installed by the property owner. The bus stop at Brookfield/ Hobson is now moved to it's permanent location.

As part of the Temporary Traffic Calming (TTC) program, I requested road markings in front of the Revalie to ensure cars are not parking in front of the set-back fire hydrant.

813 WALKLEY ROAD

At the October 6 Committee of Adjustment meeting, the Committee reviewed an application for 813 Walkley Road to sever the existing parcel into two lots to facilitate the building of an eight-unit low-rise apartment building on each lot.

Once a decision is publicly available, my office will share this information with the Association.

CONFEDERATION HEIGHTS

Canada Lands Company's (CLC) real estate operations, including its Confederation Heights, have been integrated into Build Canada Homes (BCH) to support the Government of Canada's housing priorities. Through BCH, these projects will continue to advance under a mandate to accelerate the delivery of housing, including affordable housing, across Canada.

On January 22, City staff and CLC co-hosted a consultation to share the Final Master Plan and policy directions in the Secondary Plan.

This fall, staff are finalizing the secondary plan and anticipate presenting a staff report to the Planning and Housing Committee in winter 2027. This report will include recommending approval of the Official Plan Amendment to implement the Secondary Plan.

CITY OF OTTAWA INFRASTRUCTURE

NEW TRAFFIC CALMING INSTALLATIONS

As part of the Road Safety Initiatives Fund (RSIF), two large-sized speed boards will be installed on Riverside Drive in the place of the former Automated Speed Enforcement camera. One board will be located at Mooney's Bay for southbound traffic; another will be located south of Bayport Pvt for northbound traffic.

This fall, my office requested a review of the signage at the Fielding cow tunnel exiting the pathway onto Fielding Drive. I received concerns from residents about cyclists and pedestrians entering the roadway. City staff reviewed a yield sign and a stop sign for the pathway. The yield sign is not appropriate for this intersection as the correct movement is a complete stop. A stop sign was assessed and did not meet warrants. I would be happy to revisit this in future should concerns persist.

New Traffic Calming Measures - 2026

Street	To	From	Measure
Springland	Mooney's Bay PI	Walkley Rd	Centre line flex stake
Walkley Rd	Avoncourt Wy	Southmore Dr E	Speed display board replacement
Springland	@	Mooney's Bay PI	Reinstating stop bar flex stakes
Walkley Rd	Wexford	Thorndale	New speed board

WALKLEY ROUNDABOUT/ WALKLEY ROAD

Construction of the Walkley Road roundabout and Airport Parkway off-ramp is expected to begin the week of October 19. City staff finalized the contract and received an updated work plan. 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 in December to review potential designs for Walkley Road, from the roundabout to Riverside Drive, 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.

719 HERON ROAD

Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) is wrapping up their Heron Road project at the Canada Post building. This work required lane closures. The project has two work areas:

In work area 1, all underground works associated with the storm and sanitary infrastructure reconstruction required on the north side of Heron Road is complete, including site cleaned up/ reinstatement. The sidewalk repairs were completed in September.

In work area 2, in front of Canada Post, staged emergency repairs and underground works associated with the collapse /failure of PSPC's storm system collector are required on the south side of Heron Road and remain in progress; this work must be completed in a staged manner in order to accommodate stormwater drainage system flows placed on the system by seasonal demands.

Remobilization of PSPC's contractor with specialized boring /drilling equipment is planned for late October. Work will continue during the Winter months when there is little-no stormwater flow or system demand. All underground works is planned to be fully completed by April 2027. Site reinstatement including all asphalt and concrete resurfacing will be completed when asphalt plants reopen in May.

BANK STREET RENEWAL

As part of Phase 1 construction, this summer the storm and sanitary sewers were installed on Bank Street from Riverside Drive westbound to Riverside Drive eastbound. Watermain was installed on Bank Street from Heron Road to Collins Avenue and from Belander Avenue to Randall Avenue. Roads and sidewalks were reconstructed on the east side of Bank Street from the Transitway to Belanger Avenue and from Heron Road to Randall Avenue. A new traffic signal at the Blue Heron Mall entrance began work this summer and will continue through 2027.

Please note: There will be intermittent lane closures along Riverside Drive this fall due to additional road resurfacing and intersection work. Riverside Drive westbound through the Bank Street and Riverside Drive intersection will be reduced to one lane from Monday, September 28 to Friday, October 16 for utility and concrete work.

Phase 1 Bank Street from Riverside Drive westbound to Collins Avenue is expected to be completed in 2027. Phase 2 construction, Bank Street from Collins Avenue to Ledbury Avenue, will begin following the completion of Phase 1.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to the project team at BankStreet@Ottawa.ca.

BROOKFIELD PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE OVER SAWMILL CREEK

We have received the contractor's schedule for the bridge replacement of the Brookfield Pedestrian Bridge over Sawmill Creek. The scope of work will include replacing the existing superstructure with prefabricated steel truss structure, pouring new concrete deck, replacing handrails, repairing the existing abutments and other miscellaneous repairs. The construction will start in late October with the site preparation such as locating utilities, clearing vegetables and

environmental protection. The pathway will be fully closed on November 3 when we start removing asphalt until the end of the project on Dec 22.

I have communicated with City staff the need for advanced warning signage for closures. I will continue to monitor this work.

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

My office has requested the replacement of the “foot bath” on site which should take place this fall. We are working with City staff to address concerns about the play structure at Stanstead Park. Replacement of the play structure changes the timeline for the lifecycle renewal. My office will survey residents around the park to review options with residents and share results with City staff.

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

- 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. Demolition and removal of existing equipment is expected 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](#).

Ottawa police road safety enforcement – recent stats

Between April 1 and September 28, 2026, officers laid 20 stunt driving charges in River Ward, representing approximately 12% of all stunt driving charges issued citywide during that period. The Hunt Club Woods neighbourhood recorded the highest concentration of enforcement activity, with seven charges laid.

Since April 2026, Ottawa Police have conducted 15 targeted initiatives focused on illegal car gatherings and stunt driving. These operations involved proactive deployments to locations historically associated with unauthorized vehicle gatherings. Through proactive engagement with car rally organizers and property managers, officers observed only a limited number of gatherings during these initiatives. Attendees were generally cooperative and compliant when directed to leave the area.

In terms of **overall summer traffic enforcement** in River Ward, between May 1 and September 20, 2026, OPS officers have issued:

- 456 Provincial Offence Notices,
- 304 warnings, and
- 124 Part III summonses, which are issued for offences that do not carry a set fine and require a court appearance.

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. AfroFest remains a challenge. I will continue to work with the community, City staff, and the festival organizers to ensure continued success.

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.

NEW WAYFINDING SIGNAGE - MOONEY'S BAY STATION

OC Transpo has reviewed the area around Mooney's Bay station 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.

MOONEY'S BAY

Mooney's Bay Park Upgrades

The existing Mooney's Bay Beach Pavilion is at the end of its 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. Expected work this month includes fencing, site furniture and lighting installation. The project is still on track to meet early December completion.

Personal Watercraft Launch

As a result of my June 11, 2025 direction to staff, City staff have implemented small, non-motorized watercraft launch areas. Signage was installed this summer before beach operations.

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 the 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.

Free Virtual Stormwater Assessments

Residents within Rain Ready Ottawa priority areas can now book a free virtual stormwater assessment. It's a chance to ask questions and confirm your options, and one way to qualify for Rain Ready Ottawa rebates, which help cover the cost of measures like rain gardens, soakaway pits, downspout redirections, and permeable pavement.

Check your eligibility: ottawa.ca/rain-ready-eligibility
Questions? greencity@envirocentre.ca or rain@ottawa.ca.

Driveway Hump Installations

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.

SOUTHERN CORRIDOR

At the January 28 meeting, Council ratified the decision of the joint Committee of December 17, 2025, meaning my motion on the Southern Corridor lands was approved unanimously.

On Friday April 10, the Planning & Housing and the Finance & Corporate Services Committees met in joint session to receive a staff report on the Build Canada Homes Partnership. It was expected at this meeting that there would be a report listing NCC owned lands across the City that would be nominated to fast track residential development.

The City and NCC have failed to come to any agreement on a list. The NCC does not agree to the framework established by City Council. The City has requested the NCC to provide a letter on how they plan to proceed at this point. We do not anticipate a letter at this time.

The NCC has appealed to Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) and the next conference is October 27. Members of the community are set to provide submissions to the Tribunal expressing concern with the NCC's appeal submission. The City's legal team works to reaffirm the position of Council, which voted in favour of my motion to revert the zoning back to the first draft of the zoning bylaw.

CITY OF OTTAWA

ALTO 3D SCAN

As of September 28, Alto has been performing 3D scanning of key transportation structures in Ottawa.

This activity is not affecting mobility or privacy as crews and scanning equipment will be in publicly accessible areas and scanning will be of the structures only. Scanning work is expected to take place over several weeks this fall and is weather dependent.

You may direct public inquiries to Alto at: questions@altotrain.ca

CITY OF OTTAWA ELECTION DAY

When: October 26, 10 am to 8 pm

Find your voting location online at

<https://ottawa.ca/en/city-hall/elections/voters/voting-opportunities/voting-person>

E-WASTE DEPOT

When: November 7, 10 am to 4 pm

Where: Behind Metro McCarthy Road, 3310 McCarthy Road

PUMPKINFEST

When: November 8, 12 to 4 pm

Where: Ernie Calcutt Park

Learn more here: <https://www.osean.org/pumpkins-for-the-planet>

CHRISTMAS TRIVIA NIGHT

When: December 4 – Dinner at 6 pm, Trivia at 7 pm

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

RSVP your group of 4 at Abbie.Simpson@Ottawa.ca
OR 613-580-2486

RIVER WARD HOLIDAY DINNER

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

Where: Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community Centre
RSVP to Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca or call 613-580-2486.

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UPCOMING EVENTS