



**RIVER WARD CITY COUNCILLOR MARIA McRAE'S REPORT TO  
THE RIVERSIDE PARK COMMUNITY AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION  
February 2, 2011**

**You are Cordially Invited to...  
Maria McRae's First  
River Ward Family Day Skate**

**Date:** Family Day - Monday, February 21, 2011

**Time:** 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

**Place:** Jim Durrell Recreation Complex  
1264 Walkley Road

**Bus Route:** 8

This Family Day, please join me, your friends and neighbours for an afternoon of fun filled with plenty of skating, music, delightful snacks, hot drinks and more to make this an enjoyable and memorable event. Skates are optional but smiles are required!

Please visit your local community centre to pick up your complimentary ticket(s). As space is limited, tickets are first come, first served.

**Alexander Community Centre**  
960 Silver Street

**Carleton Heights Community Centre**  
1665 Apeldoorn Avenue

**Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community Centre**  
3320 Paul Anka Drive

This event is sponsored by Tim Hortons and PM Event Services.



**Bank Street Community Design Plan – Public Open House**

You are invited to a Public Open House on Wednesday, February 16, 2011. Details are as follows:

- Date:** Wednesday, February 16, 2011
- Time:** 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., presentation at 7:00 p.m.
- Place:** St. Timothy's Presbyterian Church  
2400 Alta Vista Drive

I look forward to seeing you there.

**Riverside Park Street Speed Reductions**

Last month, City staff implemented speed reductions from 50 km/h to 40 km/h on Flannery Drive and Springland Drive. City staff will implement a speed reduction on Ridgewood Avenue, with signage tentatively scheduled for installation by the end of February.

Thank you to Riverside Park residents who completed petitions to have the speed limit reduced. Residents interested in lowering the speed limit on local residential streets should contact my office at 613-580-2486 for more information.

**Mooney's Bay Place Turn Restrictions**

In response to a number of concerns raised by residents living on Mooney's Bay Place and neighbouring streets regarding the volume of cut through traffic on Mooney's Bay Place during the morning rush hour, City staff have implemented a turn prohibition at Riverside Drive and Mooney's Bay Place. This turn prohibition will restrict right-hand turns from Riverside Drive to Mooney's Bay Place during the morning rush hour, Monday to Friday, 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. City staff anticipate installation of the turn restriction signage by the end of February 2011.

This traffic measure will address morning rush hour traffic concerns such as the high volume of vehicles that turn right from Riverside Drive to Mooney's Bay Place - approximately 250 vehicles turn right onto Mooney's Bay Place from Riverside Drive between 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. Local residential streets, like Mooney's Bay Place, are designed for lower traffic volumes, support on-street parking, cycling and pedestrian access and are used as access to residences.

City staff will monitor traffic in the area and further adjustments will be made as required.

Please note that this restriction will apply to all vehicles turning right on to Mooney's Bay Place from Riverside Drive, including local residents. Thank you for working with my office to address traffic safety issues in your community.

## 2011 Budget

The 2011 budget process is underway. As part of the process, City staff have organized five multi-ward, bilingual consultations across the city. Senior City staff from key departments will be participating and will be available to answer residents' questions. I encourage you to participate in this important process to help shape the 2012 budget. Meeting details are as follows:

Dates and locations:

South	Tuesday, February 22	Nepean Sportsplex Halls A/B	7 to 9 p.m.
West	Wednesday, February 23	Holy Trinity Catholic School, Kanata	7 to 9 p.m.
Rural	Thursday, February 24	Stuart Holmes Arena, Osgoode	7 to 9 p.m.
East	Monday, February 28	Shenkman Arts Centre (Theatre)	7 to 9 p.m.
Central	Thursday, March 3	City Hall (Andrew Haydon Hall)	7 to 9 p.m.

## City of Ottawa 2011 Summer Student Employment Program

Students interested in summer employment with the City of Ottawa can apply online as of Monday, January 31, 2011.

The Summer Student Employment Program is a great opportunity to gain valuable work experience and insight into today's workforce, discover a career path, showcase skills and enhance academic goals.

Positions are available in the following areas:

- Administrative and Support Services
- Building, Roads, Forestry and Parks Maintenance
- By-Law Services
- Engineering and Science
- Environmental Science
- Finance and Accounting
- Information Technology and Geomatics
- Laboratory Technologist/Chemistry
- Library Services
- Marketing and Communications
- Paramedic Services
- Parks and Recreation Services
- Public Health Services
- Heritage, Community and Social Services
- Traffic and Parking Operations

For more information including eligibility criteria and other requirements, visit [ottawa.ca/careers](http://ottawa.ca/careers). Applications will be accepted from Monday, January 31 to Friday, February 25, 2011.

## **Integrated Road Safety Program (IRSP)**

### **December Results**

**Impaired driving and speeding** were on the City's Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) radar in **December**. A total of **905 charges** were laid in **December**.

Specifically, **803 tickets were issued for speeding** and the **impaired driving initiative resulted in 91 alcohol-related criminal charges** (the result of **57 drivers caught driving under the influence**), **7 Highway Traffic Act alcohol violations for novice / young drivers** and **4 Liquor Act violations for open / unsealed alcohol in vehicles**.

During the **three IRSP/CAA-sponsored R.I.D.E. initiatives** conducted in **December**, approximately **2,000 vehicles were stopped**, **two drivers were charged with impaired driving** and **four 3-day driver's license suspensions were handed out**.

### **January Initiative**

The City of Ottawa's Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) is ringing in the New Year with a crackdown on **tailgaters** and **stop sign runners**.

In **2009, tailgating caused 4,973 rear-end collisions** – the most frequent type of collision accounting for one-third of Ottawa's total collisions. These collisions resulted in **one death and 1,373 injuries** – **17 of them life-threatening**.

**Disobeying stop signs – including rolling stops** – is also a serious issue on Ottawa roads. In 2009, **1,667 collisions at stop sign-controlled intersections** resulted in **one death and 462 injuries** – **17 of them life-threatening**.

### **February Initiative**

Drivers who are **distracted with electronic hand-held devices** or **making unsafe lane changes** have the full attention of the **City's Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP)** in **February**.

**Between 2007 and 2009, driver distraction** was either **fully or partially the cause of 5,800 traffic collisions in Ottawa**. These collisions resulted in **seven deaths and 1,952 injuries (81 of them serious)**.

**Unsafe lane changing** is also a serious issue. In **2009 alone, 1,162 reportable collisions occurred on Ottawa roads due to unsafe lane changes** – resulting in **142 injuries (three were life-threatening)** and **one fatality**.