



RIVER WARD CITY COUNCILLOR MARIA McRAE'S REPORT TO THE RIVERSIDE PARK COMMUNITY NOVEMBER 2, 2011

Planning 101 – Become a Student for an Evening

Date: Tuesday, November 29, 2011

Time: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Place: Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community Centre
3320 Paul Anka Drive (at McCarthy Road)

Accessible by bus routes 87 and 146

Planning 101 will allow residents to learn more about the land-use planning process. Topics will include *The Planning Act* and the Provincial Policy Statement, the Official Plan, the Committee of Adjustment process and more.

Space is limited. Please call 613-580-2486 to register.

Airport Parkway Pedestrian and Cycling Bridge - Update

Work continues on the Airport Parkway Pedestrian and Cycling Bridge, with contractors installing the steel bars, which form the bridge's structure. Construction is expected to continue every weekend until the winter seasonal shutdown. The bulk of construction will be completed before this shutdown occurs, however the onset of cooler weather will require final concrete work and landscaping to be completed in the spring.

Riverside Drive Construction

Construction on Riverside Drive is now complete, as the final overlay of asphalt was done on October 28, 2011. Thank you for your patience throughout the course of this important construction project!

Heron Road Bridge Construction

Construction on the north side of the Heron Road Bridge is expected to be completed in early December 2011. Outstanding work for completion includes final touches on the sidewalk installation, and paving and waterproofing of the road surface. Once this is completed, traffic on both sides of the bridge will be re-instated to pre-construction conditions for the 2011/2012 winter season. Construction on the south side of the bridge will begin in the spring of 2012.

Autumn Tea for River Ward Seniors

I hosted River Ward seniors at my Annual Autumn Tea on October 21, 2011. Mayor Jim Watson, MP David McGuinty, MPP Yasir Naqvi and many other servers were on hand. Thank you to everyone who attended this afternoon of fun and fellowship!

Waste & Recycling Fairs

In my role as Chair of the Environment Committee, I assisted with the planning of the City's Waste & Recycling Fairs on October 22 and October 29, 2011. These events were a huge success, as hundreds of community members came to learn about how we can reduce waste through diversion. Thank you to those who joined me for a morning of pancakes and great learning experiences.

Household Hazardous Waste Depot

The City will host a one-day mobile household hazardous waste collection depot on **Saturday, November 5, 2011**. The depot will be held from **9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** at Drain-All Ltd., **2705 Stevenage Drive**, between Hawthorne Road and Russell Road, south of Walkley Road.

This depot provides a convenient way for residents to help keep the environment free of hazardous household waste such as pesticides, paint thinners, and pool chemicals.

Residents are reminded that this depot is for household waste. No commercial waste will be accepted. For a complete listing of acceptable household hazardous waste, visit the City's website at ottawa.ca/hhw.

In addition to the mobile depot event, did you know you could return paint products, batteries and waste oil to various Ottawa hardware retailers throughout the year? Visit www.makethedrop.ca for a location near you.

For more information on waste and recycling, visit ottawa.ca/recycle or call 3-1-1.

Snow Go and Snow Go Assist Programs

On average we receive 235 cm of snow per year in Ottawa, in addition to an increasing amount of rain and freezing rain. Keeping our private driveways and walkways clear of snow and ice is challenging for everyone.

The *Snow Go Program* helps seniors and persons with disabilities find reliable and affordable snow removal services to clear snow from private driveways and walkways. Once matched up with snow removal help, residents are responsible for making payments directly to the individual or contractor. The *Snow Go Assist Program* provides financial assistance to eligible low-income seniors or persons with disabilities to assist with their snow removal costs. Approved participants may be reimbursed up to 50 per cent of the cost of snow clearing per event, to a seasonal maximum of \$250.

For more information on either of these programs, please call my office at 613-580-2486.

Influenza Clinics

The seasonal flu vaccine is now available from participating physicians and health care providers throughout the city. Ottawa Public Health (OPH) is currently distributing 90,000 doses of the influenza vaccine to physicians, hospitals, and workplaces. OPH receives shipments of the flu vaccine from the province on a weekly basis in order to meet demand.

Ottawa residents have several easy options for getting the flu vaccine, including:

- Through their physician or local health care provider
- Thirty-three OPH clinics across Ottawa, eight of which conveniently offer online booking at fluclinicsottawa.ca. OPH clinics began October 29. A complete list of these clinics is available at ottawa.ca/flu.
- At a workplace immunization clinic

Riverside Park residents can get the flu vaccine at the following locations closest to your community:

- Jim Durrell Recreation Centre – November 17, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Brookfield High School – December 7, 2011 from 3:30 to 8:30 p.m. *by appointment only*

Community Input into Ottawa's Older Adult Action Plan

Over the coming weeks, residents can participate in five community consultation sessions to provide input into Ottawa's Older Adult Action Plan. Each consultation session is limited to 25 people, so residents must register in advance at ottawa.ca/seniors. The dates and times for the sessions are as follows (in English, unless otherwise noted):

- Friday, November 4 – 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.
 - Orléans Library Branch, 1705 Orléans Boulevard
- Monday, November 7 – 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.
 - Sunnyside Library Branch, 1409 Bank Street
- Monday, November 14 – 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. (French)
 - City of Ottawa Central Archives, 100 Tallwood Drive
- Saturday, November 26 – 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.
 - City of Ottawa Central Archives, 100 Tallwood Drive
- Monday, November 28 – 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.
 - Navan Memorial Community Centre, 1295 Colonia Road, Navan

In addition to the in-person consultation sessions, residents can complete an online survey at ottawa.ca/seniors. This survey is also available in paper copy by visiting one of the City's Client Service Centres and can be completed over the phone by calling 613-234-4666, ext. 224. All of the information gathered this fall will lead toward the adoption of an Older Adult Plan by City Council in 2012.

2012 Non-Renewable Community Project Funding

Applications are now available for new projects spearheaded by non-profit community organizations. These projects must address emerging community needs and support the priorities of the Community Project Funding Program.

2012 Non-Renewable Community Project Funding is available for projects that:

- Increase neighbourhood capacity to enact positive and sustainable change in planning, service delivery, improve health and/or improve safety in accordance with neighbourhood-defined goals
- Promote the healthy development of children and youth (0-18 years) and their development of competencies through recreation, leisure, cultural and arts activities
- Increase participation of seniors in physical activities and community life to promote successful aging
- Support inclusion of people who are low income, at risk, isolated or otherwise marginalized and promote quality of life for the full diversity of citizens through activities such as literacy, employment, physical activity and/or participation in cultural programs
- Promote conditions of equality on the basis of race, ethnicity, income, gender, official language and ability

The application deadline is **December 1, 2011** at 4:00 p.m. Visit ottawa.ca or any City of Ottawa Client Service Centre for more information.

Integrated Road Safety Program

September Results

September was a costly month for 91 Ottawa motorists who were charged as part of the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) focus on tailgating and failing to stop for the flashing red lights on school buses.

Tailgating was the prevalent charge with 78 tickets being issued. The school bus initiative resulted in the laying of 13 charges. The penalties for a driver passing a stopped school bus with its upper red lights flashing include fines ranging from \$400 to \$2,000 and six demerit points for a first offence. A second offence yields the driver a fine between \$1,000 and \$4,000, six demerit points and a possible jail sentence of up to six months.

November Initiatives

The City's Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) is keeping a close eye in November on motorists who **disregard reserved transit lanes** and **drive distracted**.

In 2010, motorists travelling in the reserved transit lanes caused 27 collisions – resulting in two injuries. The fine for this infraction is \$150.

Distracted driving is also a serious issue on Ottawa roads. Between 2008 and 2010, driver distraction was either fully or partially the cause of 6,129 traffic collisions - resulting in nine deaths and 1,976 injuries (84 were serious).