



RIVER WARD CITY COUNCILLOR MARIA McRAE'S REPORT TO THE RIVERSIDE PARK COMMUNITY Wednesday, February 1, 2012

St. Patrick's Home Zoning Changes

To ensure that the zoning change for 2865 Riverside Drive (St. Patrick's Home) does not compete with any local businesses, I ensured that the following motion was moved and carried at the Planning Committee meeting on January 24, 2012.

WHEREAS Report **ACS2012-ICS-PGM-0031** recommends certain zoning changes to the existing exception applicable to the lands known municipally as 2865 Riverside Drive;
AND WHEREAS the Councillor has requested a change to the Details of Recommended Zoning (Document 2) of the said Report **ACS2012-ICS-PGM-0031** to include further zoning restrictions for the proposed retail store limited to a pharmacy;
AND WHEREAS staff has reviewed the wording and agrees to the proposed change to said Report;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Committee approve the following changes to Report **ACS2012-ICS-PGM-0031**:

That Document 2 be amended as follows:

1. By adding the following as d), e) and f) to the list of proposed changes to existing Exception [1768]:
 - d) By inserting in Column V the text “- a retail store limited to a pharmacy, as a principal use, may not include the sale of non-pharmaceutical products”;
 - e) By inserting in Column V the text “- a retail store limited to a pharmacy, as a principal use, may not include a display area”; and
 - f) By inserting in Column V the text “- a retail store limited to a pharmacy, as a principal use, must be located below the ground floor”.
2. By adding the text “, as a principal use,” after the words “retail store limited to a pharmacy” in b) of the list of proposed changes to existing Exception [1768].

That there be no further notice pursuant to Section 34 (17) of the Planning Act.

Civic Events Funding

Local not-for-profit organizations, such as volunteer-based community or recreation associations, are invited to apply for funding to provide a one-to-two-day civic event and/or civic celebration. The event should foster civic pride, develop community cohesion and offer free admission. The maximum allocation is \$3,000 and the application deadline is **March 5, 2012**.

Program guidelines and application forms are available at ottawa.ca or by visiting City of Ottawa Client Service Centres. For more information, please contact 613-580-2424, extension 20029.

Service Ottawa Launch – Get Online, Not In Line

Accessing City information and services is now easier for Ottawa residents and businesses as the first phase of Service Ottawa went live at ottawa.ca on February 1, 2012. You can now complete 250 service transactions online, such as:

- Booking and paying for last-minute ice time
- Making some payments
- Reporting graffiti
- Making a by-law or parking complaint
- Requesting a recycling bin or a garbage and recycling calendar
- Requesting road maintenance
- Registering for classes and activities
- Viewing photos, floor plans and videos of rental facilities

The web launch is the first phase of the Service Ottawa project that will implement new technology to improve the way the City delivers services to residents. The project also focuses on the delivery of more efficient and cost-effective services.

City Sledding Hills Open

55 City of Ottawa approved sledding hills are open for the winter season. Approved sledding hill locations and safety tips are listed at ottawa.ca. You are reminded to keep safety in mind and to wear helmets when participating in winter activities such as sledding and skating. The hills are subject to temporary closure based on weather conditions.

The closest sledding hill to the Riverside Park community can be found in Mooney's Bay Park at 2960 Riverside Drive.

UPDATE - Summer Student Employment Program

Students interested in summer employment with the City of Ottawa can apply online from **Monday, February 6, 2012** until **Friday, March 9, 2012**. 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.

Monitor ottawa.ca/careers for updated information, eligibility criteria, and other requirements on the 2012 Summer Student Employment Program.

Registration for March Break Programming Now Open

The City of Ottawa invites you to register for March Break programs. From crafts to sports, the City has many activities for your family during the week for March 12-16, 2012 in recreation and culture facilities, pools and arenas. You can register online, by phone at 613-580-2588, or in person at any Client Service Centre or recreation facility.

For more information, please visit ottawa.ca/marchbreak.

Winter Carnival Equipment Loan

Numerous community associations will host Winter Carnivals across the City this winter. The Seasonal Recreation office provides equipment and secures sponsorship with various companies in support of the Winter Carnival Program.

Operators may contact the Seasonal Recreation front desk by phone at 613-580-2590 or e-mail at seasonalrecreation@ottawa.ca to learn more.

Ottawa's Volunteer Marketplace

Ottawa is blessed with many generous and community-minded volunteers who contribute to the City being healthy, caring and compassionate. Volunteers wishing to offer their energy, dedication and generosity to a good cause are invited to connect with representatives of a wide variety of local organizations at the Volunteer Marketplace hosted by the City's Volunteer Services on **Thursday, February 9, 2012** at the St. Laurent Shopping Centre, 1200 St. Laurent Boulevard, from **10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

For more information, please contact the City's Volunteer Services division at 613-580-2624, or e-mail volunteer@ottawa.ca.

Young at Art 2012 – Applications Now Available

The City of Ottawa invites young artists to enter Young at Art 2012 – the citywide artist juried exhibition for youth. Applications are now available for young Ottawa artists between 12 and 19 years of age. Works selected for Young at Art 2012 will be displayed in Ottawa community galleries and recognized for outstanding work at awards presentations across the city.

Application forms and guidelines are available online at ottawa.ca/youngatart, or by visiting community centres, Ottawa Public Library branches and by contacting Mike Taylor at 613-580-2424, extension 29288. The deadline for Young at Art 2012 submissions is **Friday, March 4, 2012** at 4 p.m.

Ottawa's Rink of Dreams Open

The first skaters made their way onto Ottawa's Rink of Dreams on Wednesday, January 25, 2012. The 12,500 square foot oval ice surface, located at Ottawa City Hall, is a refrigerated outdoor skating facility that will operate annually from November to March. During the spring and summer months, the area will serve as a community space and play host to festivals and events. The project is a collaboration between the Sens Foundation, Hockey Canada, the City of Ottawa and several local partners and construction companies.

The Rink of Dreams change hut will be open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. For more information on the Rink of Dreams, visit ottawa.ca.

Ottawa Fire Services Vehicle Donation Program

Ottawa Fire Services (OFS) is encouraging residents to donate their old or scrap vehicles to the Vehicle Donation Program. Your donation can help firefighters continuously practice their skills and rescue techniques, and you will receive a \$500 tax receipt in return. Even if your vehicle does not run, it can still be used, and OFS will arrange to have it picked up for free.

If you wish to donate a vehicle, please first call 613-580-2424, extension 29492 to receive instructions about how to donate your vehicle.

Integrated Road Safety Program Changes

The City of Ottawa continues to view traffic safety as a top priority. In light of this, the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) is currently undergoing a transformation to better serve you and ensure the safety of Ottawa's communities. The new Safer Roads Ottawa Program will begin this month and sets out a bold vision and a new Action Plan that is more comprehensive and responsive to road safety priorities and will help make the "City of Ottawa the safest traffic environment for all". The program will focus on four areas: distracted driving, vulnerable road users, aggressive driving and age-specific issues.