



## **RIVER WARD CITY COUNCILLOR MARIA McRAE'S REPORT TO THE RIVERSIDE PARK COMMUNITY**

**April 3, 2013**

### **Spring Has Arrived**

It looks like spring has finally sprung! For those celebrating, I hope that you and your families enjoyed a Happy Passover and a Happy Easter.

### **River Ward Resident Wins Bronze at World Women's Curling Championship**

Congratulations to River Ward resident Emma Miskew and her teammates for winning the Bronze medal at the 2013 World Women's Curling Championship in Latvia. Ms. Miskew and her teammates should be proud of their accomplishment.

These young women were excellent ambassadors not only for Canada, but for Ottawa as well. Please join me in giving a 'HIGH FIVE' to Emma Miskew (Third) and her teammates Rachel Homan (Skip), Alison Kreviazuk (Second), Lisa Weagle (Lead) and Stephanie LeDrew (Alternate) for the Bronze medal. Well done team!

### **Additional Police Enforcement Requested**

My office has requested increased police enforcement of red-light runners at Brookfield Drive and Hobson Road, as well as at Riverside Drive at Walkley Road. We also requested for enforcement for speeders on Brookfield Drive.

### **Forestry Service Safety Review**

I can confirm that Forestry Services conducted a safety check on the pathway between the Confederation O-Train stop and Brookfield Drive. Staff will also trim the low hanging branches on the pine trees lining the path. I will further update you when I have more information.

### **Bronson Avenue Safety and Operational Review**

Recently, the City's Road Safety Group completed a safety and operational review of Bronson Avenue between Brewer Way and Holmwood Avenue. The purpose of the study was to gather information about vehicle speeds, collisions, and pedestrian and cyclist safety.

City staff have recommended improving signage and pavement markings in the area. They have also recommended other projects, such as a new traffic signal and the reconfiguring of Colonel By ramps, which are subject to the budget approval process. More information is available in the staff report posted at [ottawa.ca](http://ottawa.ca). The report was presented to the Transportation Committee on April 3, 2013.

### **Electric News from Campbell Ford**

The first all-electric 2013 Ford Focus in Ottawa was sold by Campbell Ford, located at 1500 Carling Avenue, here in River Ward. I had fun checking out the new Ford Focus Electric at the Ottawa Gatineau International Auto Show on March 21, 2013 at the Ottawa Convention Centre. Ford Canada is expanding their line-up of hybrid and electric vehicles for 2014 and their entire line-up of hybrid and electric vehicles are for sale in Ottawa.

If you or someone you know owns an electric vehicle, you can charge it up at City Hall, as part of a joint pilot initiative between Hydro Ottawa and the City of Ottawa.

### **City of Ottawa Releases 2012 Municipal Drinking Water Systems Summary Report**

The City of Ottawa has released the 2012 Municipal Drinking Water Systems Summary Report for the seven residential drinking water systems within the City limits.

The reports provide Councillors with an in-depth review of the performance of the City's drinking water systems in 2012. Among the issues reviewed are drinking water quality, drinking water demand, drinking water quality monitoring and reporting as well as other regulatory matters including operator certification and training.

For 2012, six out of the City's seven drinking water systems received a perfect 100 per cent score across the board. The Greely – Shadow Ridge Well System which is operated by the City but owned by Donwel Land Inc., received a rating of 96.8 percent due to two incidents of sustained water use during the summer which exceeded the system's maximum daily flow rate. The quality of drinking water was not affected. The Shadow Ridge system services approximately 125 homes in the south of Ottawa. This information is available on [ottawa.ca](http://ottawa.ca)

### **Ottawa is Committed to Becoming an *Age-Friendly City***

The City of Ottawa has joined an international group of cities and communities that have committed to creating physical and social urban environments to promote healthy and active aging and a good quality of life for older residents through the World Health Organization *Age-Friendly City* network.

As part of this commitment, the City has published the Older Adult Activity Guide, which will be available at City recreation facilities across Ottawa. Pick up a guide, and take advantage of resources and programs the City offers for older residents.

## **Take Part in the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Cleaning the Capital**

Take part in the 20<sup>th</sup> annual Cleaning the Capital campaign, which is taking place **April 15, 2013 to May 15, 2013**.

Spring Cleaning the Capital is a city-wide event that brings together neighbors, communities and friends to help keep Ottawa beautiful.

Early bird registration is now open until **April 15, 2013**, and registration is quick and easy. First, select a cleanup location such as a park, ravine, shoreline, bus stop, pathway or any public area requiring tidying up. Projects can include litter pickup or graffiti removal. Go to [ottawa.ca/clean](http://ottawa.ca/clean) to register for the cleanup.

Following the event, submit an online cleanup report by **May 31, 2013** to be eligible for prizes from sponsors. Volunteers will be provided with cleanup starter kits for litter pickup and graffiti removal.

This is a great opportunity for families and friends to work together on community cleanup projects that help make Ottawa clean, green, graffiti and litter free!

## **Future Female Firefighters Invited to July Training Camp**

Young women have until **May 17, 2013** to register for the opportunity to experience what it's like to be a firefighter.

Camp FFIT (Female Firefighters in Training) is a week-long day camp for young women between the ages of 15 and 19, and this year runs from July 22 to 26. It is operated in partnership by Ottawa Fire Services and Fire Service Women Ontario – a non-profit organization of career and volunteer women from across the province.

Participants will receive basic firefighting training from women who are fulltime and volunteer firefighters with Ottawa Fire Services and from neighbouring municipalities, as well as students from La Cité Collégiale and Algonquin College's Pre-Service Firefighter programs.

To qualify, you must:

- Be female between the ages of 15 and 19
- Be in good physical condition
- Have a positive attitude
- Participate in all activities and classes
- Possess a valid OHIP or Provincial Health Insurance Card
- Agree to follow all rules and regulations
- Complete an application form including an essay

Camp FFIT not only provides young women an opportunity to learn about being a firefighter, but also about physical fitness, being a team-player and possessing a strong work ethic. More importantly, it helps provide the self-confidence to explore a career in one of the most reputable public service professions in the world – firefighting.

For more information on Camp FFIT, visit [ottawa.ca](http://ottawa.ca) or email [campffit@ottawa.ca](mailto:campffit@ottawa.ca).

## **Nominate a Neighbour for the Order of Ottawa and the Brian Kilrea Award for Excellence in Coaching**

Do you know someone who has made a significant contribution to River Ward or the city of Ottawa? If so, I invite you to nominate them for the Order of Ottawa and the Brian Kilrea Award for Excellence in Coaching.

The Order of Ottawa recognizes the professional achievements and outstanding service of up to 15 of Ottawa's most deserving individuals each year. Any resident of Ottawa who has made a significant contribution to life in the city, through their professional endeavours, in any of the following areas may be nominated: arts and culture, business, philanthropy, health care, education, public service, labour, communications and media, science, sports and entertainment and other fields that benefit Ottawa.

The Brian Kilrea Award for Excellence in Coaching recognizes the contribution of an amateur coach who best exemplifies the qualities of leadership and commitment.

Nominations can be completed online at [ottawa.ca/orderofottawa](http://ottawa.ca/orderofottawa) or by filling out nomination pamphlets which are available at your local community centre, public library or any client service centre. Deadline for nominations is **Friday, September 13, 2013**.

## **Safer Roads Ottawa Program**

### ***April Initiatives***

The Ottawa Police Service's Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) will focus on **Distracted Driving** and **Cycling Safety** as part of its ongoing commitment to keeping Ottawa's roads safe.

### ***March Initiatives***

The Ottawa Police Service's Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) will focus on **School Bus/School Zone Safety** and **unsafe lane changes** as part of its ongoing commitment to keeping Ottawa's roads safe.

### ***February Results***

The Ottawa Police Service's Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) focused on seat belt and child safety restraint use and red light violations during the month of February, resulting in 504 charges being laid against motorists, 167 for seat belt/child restraint use and 337 for red light running.