



**RIVER WARD CITY COUNCILLOR MARIA McRAE'S REPORT TO
THE RIVERSIDE PARK COMMUNITY
June 5, 2013**

**Councillor Maria McRae's
Annual Strawberry Social for River Ward Seniors**

Date: Friday, June 21, 2013

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

Place: Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community Centre
3320 Paul Anka Drive
(Accessible by Bus Routes 87 and 146)

Entertainment Provided by Mike Fahey
Refreshments and Snacks
Door Prizes
Seniors Information Booth

R.S.V.P. by June 14, 2013

As space is limited, please call 613-580-2486 to reserve your ticket(s).

River Ward Airport Parkway Pedestrian/Cycling Bridge – The Pour & More

Progress continues on the Airport Parkway pedestrian/cycling bridge. After the installation of the anchorage assembly piece, completion of the steel reinforcement and closure of the formwork, the contractor is conducting surveys and making final adjustments before proceeding with the concrete pour for the upper tower. The pour will take place in one day.

Approximately one week after the pour, the contractor will start removing the upper tower formwork. Once the removal is completed, the scaffolding that surrounds the tower will also start being removed to allow for the completion of the remaining section of formwork for the main deck over the Airport Parkway that connects to the tower.

Concurrently, the contractor is also progressing with the fabrication of the suspension cables that will provide support to the main deck by connecting it to the anchorage piece installed at the top of the tower. This fabrication is taking place offsite, in a climate-controlled environment.

I continue to closely monitor progress on this project to ensure that this connection is built safely and to the highest quality standards.



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700 Hunt Club Road Public Info Session

The City has received a revised Site Plan Application for 700 Hunt Club Road. The major changes to the application are as follows:

- A 69 unit, low rise (4 storey) apartment building is being proposed, which is permitted by the current zoning. The proposed hotel was not and as such, the zoning application was withdrawn;
- The footprint for the Lone Star restaurant has increased slightly;
- The drive-thru restaurant is an A&W;
- The medical/retail building has a partial second storey mezzanine.

More information about the new Site Plan Application will be available at ottawa.ca once it is received by staff.

I am co-hosting a public information session with Councillor Deans regarding the revised Site Plan Application, the details are as follows:

700 Hunt Club Road Public Info Session

Date: Thursday, June 27, 2013

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Place: Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community Centre
3320 Paul Anka Drive
(Accessible by Bus Routes 87 and 146)

Recycling Program Begins at City Parks

As part of an effort to facilitate waste diversion from City property, a recycling program is being implemented at 31 of the City's largest parks and beaches. Mooney's Bay Park is one of the locations that will have a recycling containers installed. Keep your eyes open for them!

Imagine the Library you want! Join the discussion!

On May 15, the Ottawa Public Library embarked upon the first phase of consultation related to its Library of the Future Project and the development of a renewed strategic plan. Based on the overarching theme Imagine, the online ideas campaign runs from May 15 to June 15 and solicits opinions and comments from citizens on the vision of the future for the Library in order for it to continue to deliver relevant, efficient and equitable services that meet its customers' needs. The campaign is based on 5 themes: Learning, Leisure, Community Development, Creation and Celebration. The ideas campaign website is accessible from the Library's website at: www.BiblioOttawaLibrary.ca or directly at: www.imagine-opl-bpo.ca.

New 18-Month 2013/2014 Waste Collection Calendar

By now, you should have received your new 18-month Waste Collection Calendar in the mail. Your new calendar can also be accessed online at ottawa.ca. A new feature of the calendar allows you to sign-up for weekly telephone, e-mail or Twitter reminders regarding your upcoming collection day and identifying the materials being collected that week. You can set the method and timing of the notification to suit your needs. Sign up for this reminder online at ottawa.ca or by calling 3-1-1.

City Council Approves Accountability Framework

City Council approved the remaining pieces of the City's Accountability Framework, as recommended by the City's Integrity Commissioner, continuing our commitment to making municipal government more transparent and accountable to our community.

I was particularly pleased that City Council unanimously supported my change to policy to reduce the gifts, benefits and hospitality disclosure from \$200 to \$30.

The Code of Conduct for Members of Council, Gifts Registry, Council Expense Policy and Community, Fundraising and Special Events Policy, in addition to the existing Public Disclosure of Office Expenses, Integrity Commissioner and Lobbyist Registry, constitute the most comprehensive set of integrity guidelines and practices implemented voluntarily at the municipal level in the Province of Ontario.

The final pieces of the City Council's Accountability Framework, as approved by City Council, include:

- **Code of Conduct for Members of Council:** The Code is based on the view that elected officials make decisions with an open mind, with concern for the public good and not personal benefit, and without giving preferential treatment to family, friends and supporters. The Code emphasizes that elected officials should be seen to be open about the manner in which they perform their role as Members of Council, with proactive disclosure being an important tool to increase public trust. The Code will also apply to citizen members of the Transit Commission and Built Heritage Sub-Committee with respect to City business.
- **Gifts Registry:** Members will disclose all gifts, benefits and hospitality received which individually exceed \$30 from one source in a calendar year. Event tickets of a value exceeding \$30 will also be disclosed, listing who attended with the Member or, if donated, to whom or to what organization the ticket was donated. Disclosures will be listed quarterly on ottawa.ca.
- **Council Expense Policy:** Will guide how Members of Council spend their Constituency Services Budgets. It reflects current practices and reinforces the existing rules and restrictions surrounding Corporate/Purchasing Cards, as well as a Member's personal liability with respect to any budget overages and strengthens accounting practices based on audits in other jurisdictions. It also includes adding public disclosure for all City-related business travel, establishing a 3.5% cap for donations and prohibiting contributions to other City-funded programs and services except by Council motion.
- **Community, Fundraising and Special Events Policy:** A new, formal policy to govern Member events and Members' benevolent (charitable) activities. It codifies current accounting practices for specific, sponsored events and prohibits the solicitation or acceptance of donations or sponsorships from a lobbyist, or their clients or employees of the client, with active registrations in the Lobbyist Registry without pre-approval from the Integrity Commissioner. It establishes procedures surrounding third-party organized charitable events sponsored by a Member, and provides additional guidelines for municipal election years, while requiring the annual disclosure of sponsorships and expenses related to some specific Member-organized events.

The framework reflects extensive consultation with every Member of Council and other integrity officials, as well as collaboration with the City Clerk and Solicitor and his staff.

The Code of Conduct and its companion pieces will take effect on July 1, 2013.

New Rules For Backyard Pools

Earlier this year, City Council passed a new By-law regarding pool enclosures which went into effect March 1, 2013. Under the By-law, all pool owners must now ensure pool enclosure gates are self-closing, self-latching and locked at all times, except when the pool area is in use.

Existing pool enclosures installed with a permit remain compliant, but must be locked when the pool area is not in use. All new and replacement pool enclosures must comply with the new By-law. The By-law has also updated fencing requirements for pools (including wading pools), hot tubs and fish ponds.

Requirements vary, so pool owners and prospective pool owners are encouraged to review the changes at ottawa.ca.

Don't Miss Out - Get Your Complimentary PRESTO Card

On May 18, 2013 OC Transpo began distributing 200,000 complimentary PRESTO cards. After this introductory period, cards will be \$6 each. Remember, PRESTO cards cannot be used until you buy a pass or put money on your card, which you can do online or in person at an OC Transpo Sales Centre.

Complimentary cards are available online with a minimum fare purchase of \$10, please allow 7 days for delivery. Cards are also available in person from OC Transpo Sales Centers and City of Ottawa Client Service Centers at City Hall, Ben Franklin Place and Kanata during business hours. Look for OC Transpo staff at major Transitway stations and Seniors Centres across the city in May & June, dates, times & locations can be found on octranspo.com

Safer Roads Ottawa Program

June Initiatives

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

April Results

The Ottawa Police Service's Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) focused on distracted driving and cycling safety during the month of April, resulting in 325 charges being laid against road users, 236 for distracted driving and 89 for cycling safety.