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Councillor's Update - December 4, 2019

Canoe Bay Update

Last week I received an update from Canoe Bay representatives for upcoming works on their property. Over the next 4 weeks residents will see activity at the southwest corner of the site as the site grading, services, foundations are constructed for their experience sales centre. They also expect that sections of the experience centre will be delivered to the site, put in place and placed upon the foundations once cured.

Canoe Bay have approved a proposal from Paterson (Geotechnical Engineers) to undertake a Preconstruction Survey prior to start of construction. Essentially this is an opportunity for any properties that immediately back on to the Canoe Bay property and that could be affected by construction activities to have their properties surveyed both inside and out to determine the state of their properties prior to the start of construction. The survey provides a baseline to determine the extent of any damage should it occur and provide guidance for reinstatement/compensation. This is a voluntary process that will require the consent and participation of individual neighbours.

Canoe Bay have also committed to vibration monitoring of the site throughout construction to ensure that neighbours aren't negatively affected by any subsurface work. This process should begin shortly with a letter being delivered to the identified properties outlining the process and inviting the homeowners to participate. I recommend opting into this agreement to protect your investment.

Plan of Condominium Application - 3071 Riverside Drive

The City's Planning Department will be hosting an open house on **Wednesday, December 18 from 6:30pm-8:00pm** here at the Riverside Churches for a Plan of Condominium application for the Canoe Bay property. The open house was previously scheduled to be held this evening, however the sign supplier and installer did not meet the minimum threshold required for notification of the meeting.

This is a statutory public meeting required under the Planning Act to discuss the Plan of Condominium application at 3071 Riverside Drive. Plan of Condominium applications are procedural and legal in nature, and deal with the ownership of land as opposed to permitting any new rights to develop. The purpose of the application is to allow the internal road network to have shared ownership and maintenance obligations amongst future residents of the development. There are no changes to the approved development proposal.

2930 (2838, 2932) McCarthy

Last Wednesday, November 28, the Committee of Adjustment approved an application for Consent to subdivide the property at 2930 McCarthy Road into three separate parcels of land in order to construct three new detached dwellings, one on each of the newly created parcels. The existing dwelling is to be demolished.

Riverside Mall Property Has a New Owner

On October 30, I met with Brigil Construction who are the new owners of the property that is currently occupied by the Riverside Mall. Brigil intends to redevelop and modernize the site in the coming years. Part of their redevelopment plan would be to replace the existing, aging, single-use structure with a multi-use development. Their vision could include two to three buildings with commercial retail at-grade to serve the community. The property is approximately 3.25 acres.

At this point in time, they have not established any development plans. A meeting is scheduled tomorrow morning to introduce the Riverside Park Community Association (RPCA) Executive to Brigil Construction in order to establish a working relationship and shared vision for the property moving forward. In discussions with Senior City Planning Officials it was agreed to allow the RPCA to participate in future formal pre-consultation meetings with the new owner, facilitated by the City. Although this is a process that is not typically undertaken,

given the magnitude of this property and its potential for development, I believe it is important to have the RPCA involved at the onset.

Mooney's Bay Pavilion Update

Parks and Recreation staff continue to work on the business case for the replacement of the Mooney's Bay Pavilion. This work is being done in-house and consists of preparing concept functional plans of the new building and site, based on the results of the online community consultation and input from program and operational staff. A preliminary cost estimate of the concept functional plans will also feed into the business case.

The 2019 10-year capital budget forecasts funding for the replacement of the Mooney's Bay Pavilion beginning in 2021 and totaling \$4.8 M over four years. Until this funding is available to retain design consultants to begin detailed design and community consultations, City Parks and Recreation staff are unable to proceed further than the in-house work currently underway. Once design consultants are on board, a formal application will need to be submitted to the NCC for review and approval concurrently with the detailed design process. Assuming capital funding is approved in the 2021 budget, the City would commence community consultations in winter 2021. Completion of detailed design would take approximately 9 months, followed by tender and construction, which could potentially get underway in 2022.

The City has formally submitted this project as a priority for Federal Infrastructure funds.

Hog's Back Bridge Update

Construction on the Hog's Back Road swing bridge is ongoing. I understand and acknowledge the traffic impacts that the closure of the Hog's Back swing bridge by the NCC has had in this area. In mid-November I initiated a request that the City of Ottawa reach out to the NCC to see if there is a possibility that the NCC can adjust their construction schedule to complete the work earlier. The NCC responded indicating it would be highly unlikely that they had room in their very aggressive schedule to complete their swing bridge work earlier. That said they have new stages in the project coming up for review and they committed to looking at potential efficiencies. NCC will follow up on their findings.

The City has also asked Parks Canada to see if their fixed bridge work schedule, which will begin next Spring at the conclusion of the swing bridge work, can be altered to complete their work earlier than anticipated. The project

has just been tendered and they will meet with their contractor in the coming weeks to see if there is any opportunity to tighten the schedule timelines.

In asking both agencies the City has reiterated the delays that have been caused by the Hog's Back work and the inconvenience being borne by those having to travel around the work and through the detours. Traffic flows, in all directions are being continuously monitored. Traffic Services staff have been monitoring the impacts of the closure and have been adjusting signal timing in real-time to mitigate the impact where possible understanding that there will inevitably be delays due to the sheer volume of traffic. Traffic Services as well as OC Transpo officials have looked at providing access to the transit lane on Heron Road or removing it for general traffic use. Whether it is opened up completely or in sections or to facilitate right turn vehicles only there is an impact on transit operations, none of which are acceptable at this time. The lane was put in place to ensure transit travel times and to allow transit to stay on schedule, changing the use of the lane would significantly disrupt transit travel times. Transit travel is on a fixed route and schedule so they are not adaptable to the traffic situation in that they are not able to look at alternative routes. Traffic Services continue to monitor and make adjustments but using the transit lane beyond the current westbound right turn lane extension is not deemed to be an option at this time.

770 Brookfield Road – Brownfield Application Approved

At yesterday's Finance and Economic Development Committee meeting, a Brownfield Application for the property at 770 Brookfield received unanimous approval by the committee members. The owners of this property, slated to construct a complex geared towards post-secondary students, applied for a brownfield development grant from the city for a grant under the Brownfield Redevelopment Community Improvement Plan Program not to exceed a total of \$2,570,711 for which the grant payment period will be a maximum of 10 years. Current annual property taxes paid to City is approximately \$100,000. Estimated annual property taxes to be paid once the property is fully developed is \$2.9 million.

Brownfields are properties where past actions have resulted in environmental contamination and/or derelict or deteriorated buildings. They may be vacant, abandoned or underutilized. The properties are usually, but not exclusively, former industrial or commercial properties. A Phase I and II Environmental Site Assessment was prepared by the applicant in October of 2017. The assessment identified the fill material at the subject site exceeding the Ministry of the Environment and Climate

Change (MOECC) of Ontario standards. The site qualifies as an eligible brownfield priority area candidate as its location is within 600 metres of a transit station.

Mooney's Bay Station Pathway Lighting

I have been working extensively on securing funding for pathway lighting from the Brookfield/Flannery roundabout down to the Mooney's Bay transit station. I have heard from residents and have experienced myself how dark it is at night to navigate this pathway. The General Manager of Planning, Infrastructure, and Economic Development informed me this week that a budget will be set aside to get the pathway lighting project implemented. I am hopeful that planning, design, tendering, and project implementation can be completed by Fall 2020 or Spring 2021.

OC Transpo: O-Train Confederation Line and Bus Service

Since the launch of the LRT and the largest route system change in OC Transpo history, there has been numerous and continuous issues with bus and train reliability. As a member of the Transit Commission, I intend to hold OC Transpo officials accountable and request their continued updates on improvements being implemented to deal with not just the continuing growing pains but also with historical issues with reliable bus and Para Transpo service.

At the last Transit Commission meeting, I successfully moved a motion to have OC Transpo provide a 'Family Pass' option during periods when children are off school: March Break, Summer Break and at Christmas holidays. The motion was passed.

I voted against the Transit Budget at the Transit Commission meeting at this time because I believe the proposed budget fails to provide the necessary resources for bus reliability. I am willing to amend my vote at Council if further details and resources are committed to improving bus reliability.

Transit Service Improvements

OC Transpo has assigned 40 additional buses to supplement the number of peak period bus trips across the city. These additional buses will be staged at key locations throughout the city including Tunney's Pasture and Hurdman Stations.

Supervisory staff are assigning these 40 buses to replace regularly-scheduled trips that are missing or late, based on observations and extensive customer feedback. They are also assigning these buses across the city that have reliability issues and observations of crowding. Route

90: A bus will be positioned at Greenboro Station to operate a supplementary trip departing at 7:15 am. The new January schedule will extend the first southbound trip of Route 90 to start at Hurdman at approximately 6:06am instead of at Riverside/Uplands at 6:25am.

OC Transpo is currently preparing new bus schedules to embed these service improvements. In the interim, they will continue to monitor these buses and their success in reducing waiting time and crowding.

In addition, OC Transpo has 20 buses staged at the Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton Baseball Stadium on Coventry Road. The purpose of this fleet of buses is to provide a dedicated R1 replacement bus service to supplement the Confederation Line, in the event of a service disruption. The fleet of buses will prevent drawing buses from regularly assigned routes.

OC Transpo will take delivery of 19 new buses in 2020.

Riverside Drive Resurfacing

Earlier this year, city officials advised that a number of key roads in River Ward were coming up for resurfacing as part of the City's list for fall funding and included Riverside Drive between Hogs Back and Hunt Club Roads. These projects are determined based on budgets, conditions and competing needs across the city. I am pleased to report that the 2020 Budget includes \$4million of funding to resurface Riverside Drive from Hunt Club Road to Walkley Road. It is anticipated that the portion from Walkley Road to Hog's Back will be in the 2021 budget.

Hunt Club Road Resurfacing

Over the course of this summer, the portion of Hunt Club Road between North Bowesville Road and Paul Anka Drive was resurfaced to upgrade the deteriorated road. The section of Hunt Club Road from Paul Anka to Daze is an identified project in the infrastructure program and is anticipated to be resurfaced in the next 2021-2022 timeframe, depending on available funds and competing priorities. I continue to press city officials to find opportunities in existing and future budgets to get more of our local roads resurfaced in a timely manner.

Youth Services Bureau (YSB) Housing Hub

On November 7th I attended the official opening of the new Youth Services Bureau Youth Housing Hub at 2887 Riverside Drive. The new hub will provide housing for vulnerable youth in the Ottawa community. With 39 new studio and two bedroom apartments, the building will offer housing to once-homeless young people. In addition to housing, the main floor of the building will offer a complete range of support services, including mental

health counselling, employment services, health care, and support for substance abuse. The residence is expected to be fully occupied by the end of the month.

City Council Approves Framework to Regulate Short-Term Rental Accommodations

In response to the proliferation of short-term rentals in Ottawa and concerns about the quality of rental housing, low vacancy rates and a growing need for more affordable rental housing, Council approved a regulatory for rental accommodations last week.

The City will develop and pilot new regulations to permit short-term rentals in residential neighbourhoods for three years, enabling property owners or occupants to rent out their principal residences, as well as rural cottages, secondary suites, coach houses and vacation homes on short-term rental platforms like Airbnb, Vrbo, HomeAway and FlipKey. Short-term rentals of commercial and investment properties in residential areas will still be prohibited. Short-term rentals will only be allowed in residential communities if the owner lives in the home.

Short-term rental platforms and property managers will need to register with the City and provide information on listings. Short-term rental hosts will need to get a permit that would be valid for two years, and follow rules related to consumer protection, health and safety, and community nuisances. The City will use revenues from the new registration and permit fees, and from the municipal accommodations tax, to enforce the rules.

In cases where property owners or tenants continue to not comply with property standards, the City will increase the re-inspection fee to \$500. Revenue will be used to fund two new by-law officers who will focus on repeat offenders and high-risk properties. The regulatory regime for long-term rental housing also includes new by-laws to improve landlord-tenant communication and pest and vermin management.

I would like to thank the RPCA for their ongoing efforts, interventions and paper submission as part of the consultation.

Start of Negotiations to Acquire the Beachburg and Walkley Rail Corridors

The City of Ottawa has communicated its interest to negotiate with CN Railway for the potential acquisition of the Beachburg and Walkley railway corridors. This includes the corridor through the McCarthy Woods. These corridors will become available for purchase as soon as the

rail company issues a formal notice of discontinuance. CN is obligated to first offer these corridors to commercial rail service operators. If they are uninterested, CN can extend the offer to federal, provincial, and municipal organizations.

The Beachburg (8.5 km) and Walkley (5.8 km) corridors include existing rail infrastructure such as railway tracks, switches, signals, culverts and bridges. The corridors are being discontinued because the rail traffic volumes have fallen below levels needed for CN to support ongoing investments. Staff have been working on appraisals and acquisition options for these corridors since CN advised the City of their plans for potential discontinuance last year. Whether the City chooses to acquire the corridors will depend on the appraised value and negotiations with CN. Should the negotiations break down, the City has the option to seek assistance from the Canadian Transportation Authority to determine the net salvage value of the corridor.

The corridors are not currently identified for use as City transportation facilities in the Transportation Master Plan. However, these linear (and long) corridors crossing the urban area and the Greenbelt, with a limited number of connections, could be very beneficial for longer-term transportation infrastructure needs. The City's Official Plan includes a policy to purchase surplus railway corridors as they become available for protection for future use, subject to budgeting and affordability.

Hunt Club Road and Riverside Drive Intersection Review

The City of Ottawa is undertaking an intersection review at Hunt Club Road and Riverside Drive. I invite residents to take part in the survey in order to share their experiences and help inform the intersection review. The intent of the review and survey is to identify potential countermeasures that would improve safety and operations for all users. The City consultant hired to undertake the review will prepare a technical report documenting data review and field investigation, public feedback, countermeasure evaluation, and any short-term and long-term recommendations. A copy of the report will be available for public review in Q1 2020. The survey is available online until December 16 at www.Ottawa.ca/HuntClubRiverside.

Bank Street Visioning Exercise

Thank you to all residents who attended the visioning exercise for the Bank Street renewal project. The new functional design for the future Bank Street renewal is now available for review on my website www.RileyBrockington.ca. I would invite all residents to

review the functional design from the most recent public open house and share their feedback on the proposal via email at Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca.

In July 2017, the City of Ottawa selected the preferred design of a new and improved segment of Bank Street from Riverside Drive to Ledbury Avenue. The preferred design is aligned with the complete streets components that the City is shifting towards. The new design through the corridor will feature new sidewalks, a landscaped boulevard, a cycle track, and a buffer area between the roadway on both sides of Bank Street. Two motor vehicle lanes will be kept in each direction with a new depressed median along most of the roadway, removing the two-way turn lane design that is currently on Bank Street. Raised medians will be located closer to the intersections.

I plan to meet with the project team in the first half of 2020 to review the updated plan.

Increased Focus for Sidewalk Clearing This Winter

The City of Ottawa is increasing its focus on 24/7 snow clearing on sidewalk beats this upcoming winter. Conditions of sidewalks were not acceptable last winter and I voiced my frustration with City staff who have been working on improved service strategy over the last several months. New ice-breaking equipment has also been purchased to assist with clearing the ice off of sidewalks after freeze-thaw cycles.

Transportation Master Plan

The City is undertaking a two-and-a-half year process to update its Transportation Master Plan (TMP), together with the accompanying Ottawa Cycling Plan and Ottawa Pedestrian Plan. The TMP, together with the accompanying Ottawa Cycling Plan and Ottawa Pedestrian Plan, is the City's blueprint for planning, developing and operating its walking, cycling, transit and road networks over the next two decades. Residents now have their first opportunity to provide input into the master plan by completing a short online questionnaire about what they consider important as we update the plan. The survey link is available at www.ottawa.ca/TMPupdate.

Building LeBreton – NCC Seeking Feedback on the Draft Master Concept Plan for LeBreton Flats

The NCC is creating a renewed vision for the redevelopment of LeBreton Flats as a place of national

significance and local pride. The NCC is seeking feedback on the draft Master Concept Plan for LeBreton Flats, which will help inform the final plan. Residents are encouraged to participate in an online survey which includes four sections for you to learn about the Master Concept Plan - Mixed-Use Community, Parks and Open Space, Connections, Guiding Principles.

Please visit www.ncc-ccn.gc.ca/lebreton to review and explore the maps and images of the draft Master Concept Plan showcasing what LeBreton could look like. The NCC will be releasing a report in the winter of 2020.

Kathy Ablett Commemoration

Following Council approval in September, the Seniors' Room in the Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community Centre will be named 'The Kathy Ablett Room.' This commemoration is in recognition of the late Kathy Ablett's

RIVER WARD

Christmas PARTY

QUARTIER RIVIÈRE FÊTE DE NOËL

City Councillor Riley Brockington invites you to attend his annual

**River Ward Christmas Social on
Monday, December 9, 2019**

6:30pm - 8:30pm

**Carleton Heights Community Centre
1665 Apeldoorn Ave.**

All residents are welcome to attend!

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dedication to promoting and advocating for Catholic education in the Ottawa community. Kathy Ablett served as a Catholic School Board Trustee for 27 years, working tirelessly to provide educational opportunities for young children. Kathy was Trustee for Zone 9, which encompasses River and Capital Wards, and includes St. Pius X High School, Immaculata High School, Holy Cross School, Holy Family School, St. Augustine School, Corpus Christi School, and St. Elizabeth School. She was honoured with the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association Award of Merit in 2009 for her exceptional service. Kathy also served her community as a past Board Member of the Hunt Club Community Association.

Kathy worked as registered nurse in a former family practice office on Ridgewood Avenue, where she provided caring and compassionate care to patients. A public ceremony will be organized in the new year.

Hunt Club—Riverside Park Community Centre Renovations

During the holidays, the flooring in the front entrance and lobby area of the Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community Centre is going to be replaced. In order to do this, the facility must be closed for a brief period. It was determined that the holiday break would be the best time to complete the project as it will have the least impact on clients. The gym will also be painted during this time. Therefore, the entire facility will be closed from Monday, December 23 until Wednesday, January 1st and will re-open on Thursday, January 2.

In addition to the new flooring, the island that was near the kitchen glass wall is being removed and replaced with a more cozy, community area. The lobby and other areas will also see a new coat of paint in the coming months. More details to follow as they work on finalizing this plan.

Upcoming River Ward Events - Please save the date in your calendars for these upcoming River Ward community events, hosted by my office. **Monday, December 9:** River Ward Annual Christmas and Holiday Social **Thursday, March 5, 2020:** River Ward Women's Day Speaker Series **Saturday, April 18, 2020:** River Ward Earth Day Celebration

Friday, June 12, 2020: River Ward Annual Strawberry Social



THE PROJECT

Riverside Park Nursery School in partnership with Andrew Reck Children's Services and Canoe Bay Development are bringing high-quality, full-time early learning to River Ward!

With your help, we intend to create a childcare program that includes:

- 88 full-day childcare spaces under the support of highly experienced and registered early childhood educators;
- A focus on Intergenerational Programming with volunteer and employment opportunities for seniors in the Canoe Bay Retirement Community;
- Outdoor learning opportunities that integrate the natural environment.

BUY A BRICK

Be a part of the River Ward community forever. Help us by buying a brick with the engraving of your choice that will be installed along the childcare centre's public, multi-use path.

Engrave your name, family's name, honor someone special or memorialize a loved one.

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2 lines, 18 characters each

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Engraved message
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