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Riverside Park Community Association

Councillor's Update—May 6, 2020

The City of Ottawa remains in a State of Emergency and the City's Emergency Operations Centre will continue to respond and coordinate all activities associated with keeping Ottawa safe.

The City of Ottawa has closed all City facilities, playgrounds, park amenities, library services and large public gatherings until June 30, 2020, as part of a dedicated effort to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Province Lifts Restrictions on Community Gardens

At the April 22, 2020 City Council meeting, City Council approved my motion which called on the Province of Ontario to lift restrictions on community gardens. My motion was endorsed by Ottawa Public Health and the Board of Health Committee Chair.

Community gardens are an important source of food for local residents and many of our social housing complexes.

On April 26 the Province announced that Community Gardens will be permitted. Ottawa Public Health has released guidelines on how they can operate in a safe manner under current health restrictions. This information can be found at http://rileybrockington.ca/community_gardens_les_jardins_communautaires/

I also wrote to the Province, asking Minister Elliott to consider allowing the City to offer a library book delivery and/or pick-up service to allow residents and their families to access these important resources while many of us are at home.

This week I joined several City Councillor and wrote to the province requesting that some park greenspace is made available for families to play and exercise while keeping physical distancing requirements. I understand the importance for families, especially those with

limited access to greenspace to get out and enjoy the fresh air and exercise. I am hopeful that some park restrictions will be relaxed soon.

Temporary Physical Distancing Shelter at Jim Durrell Arena

The City of Ottawa's Human Needs Task Force selected the Jim Durrell Arena (1265 Walkley Road) to use as a temporary shelter.

The shelters in Ottawa are currently operating at capacity and it is not currently possible to create or meet the physical distancing recommendations of Ottawa Public Health during the COVID-19 pandemic. In light of this need, the City has created a Physical Distancing Community Shelter Task Force who have identified the Jim Durrell Arena as a temporary alternate location to reduce overcrowding and help decrease the chance of community spread by allowing for the recommended physical distancing in the shelter system.

The temporary shelter system began hosting residents on May 2. I have created a 'Frequently Asked Questions' document that residents can review on my website at www.RileyBrockington.ca.

Incident on Confederation Private

Thank you to residents on Confederation Pvt and the RPCA for their assistance (Mark and Joel) and action in helping to resolve an incident in the community. I was made aware of speeding vehicles, alleged drug dealing behind Brookfield High School, and an altercation that threatened at least one Confederation Pvt resident. When brought to my attention, I immediately identified the issue with our Community Police Officer and the local School Board trustee.

I am pleased with the action that Ottawa Police and OCDSB have taken to address this issue with local residents, the RPCA and my office.

Canoe Bay

I hosted a conference call with Canoe Bay representatives in early April to discuss their upcoming construction project. At this time, they do anticipate to begin construction this summer. There has been some construction undertaken on their temporary for the sales centre at the south end of the site.

This week the City of Ottawa issued a commence work order which allows the Canoe Bay contractor to apply for a road cut permit to begin road modifications on Riverside Drive. This work includes the new traffic light onto Riverside Drive at the southern end of their site. Canoe Bay now has the authority to submit a road cut permit to begin construction of the intersection. My office has reached out to Canoe Bay to request timelines when the intersection construction may occur.

I plan to touch base again with Canoe in mid-May to get an update on their construction plans.

Riverside Drive Paving Project

The resurfacing project on Riverside Drive from Walkley to Hunt Club commenced the week of April 20. On April 14, the City Project team overseeing the project advised my office that the contractor, RW Tomlinson, agreed to advance the timelines of the project. The project was originally scheduled to start in June.

With the reduced traffic volumes, the contractor requested the City temporarily lift the requirement to keep both lanes open during peak traffic hours. This will only last until normal traffic volumes return. The contractor has started with concrete curb and sidewalk work at Riverside/Walkley, and will progress southbound with milling and paving operations to follow.

Project should be complete by September.

Vehicular Access to Colonel By Drive Now Closed

The vehicular access point to Colonel By Drive on Hog's Back Road via Riverside Drive was closed on

Monday May 4 to December 31, 2020.

This closure is necessary as Parks Canada repairs and replaces components of the fixed bridge over the Hog's Back waterfall. Both vehicular access points to Colonel By Drive are now temporarily closed. Access to Colonel By Drive via Prince of Wales Drive is expected to be open August 28 at the conclusion of the swing bridge project.

Access for pedestrians and cyclists will be maintained.

Request to Temporarily Close Colonel By Drive for Pedestrians and Cyclists

Now that vehicular traffic is not able to use Colonel By Drive for the next several months, I reached out to the NCC to review the possibility of closing Colonel By to vehicular traffic while construction is occurring.

The request is to allow cyclists and pedestrians to use the stretch of road freely from Hog's Back to Carleton University and more preferably further north to the Bronson Road off-ramp.

This matter is currently under review by the NCC.

O-Train Trillium Line Shutdown

The O-Train Trillium Line is now shut down until August 2022. R2 replacement bus service will replace the O-Train service. R2 service runs between South Keys and Bayview Stations, and serves all Line 2 stations making limited stops along the way.

Light Rail Transit Stage 2 Trillium Line Connectivity Consultation

The City of Ottawa Rail Construction Program has been undergoing a connectivity review with Alta Planning (active transportation consultants) and have developed some considerations for the project in terms of enhanced pedestrian, cycling, and motor vehicle connectivity to the future transit stations. Most notably for River Ward are Mooney's Bay, Walkley, Greenboro, and South Keys stations.

The Trillium Line connectivity information is available on the Stage 2 project page for public review and comment until May 15, 2020. Please share your feedback on the proposed pedestrian, cycling, and motor vehicle connectivity enhancements to the

stations, after which a 'What We Heard' report will be made available.

<https://ottawa.ca/en/city-hall/public-engagement/projects/stage-2-lrt-station-connectivity-enhancement-study#stage-2-trillium-line-south-extension-connectivity-review>

Mooney's Bay Station Pathway Improvement

As part of the O-Train Trillium Line south extension and improvements to the Mooney's Bay Station, I was able to secure \$200,000 of funding for the implementation of pathway lighting along the pathway facilities from the Riverside Park community to the station. This will add an enhanced security feature by lighting the pathway for pedestrians and cyclists.

Walkley Road Traffic Calming Pilot Project Postponed

The Walkley Road traffic calming pilot project has been postponed to later this Autumn or, more likely, Spring 2021. With the reduced volumes of traffic and the uncertainty when the traffic volumes will return to normal, both the City's Traffic department as well as the Riverside Park Community Association agreed to postpone the traffic calming pilot project for the time being.

655-755 Anand Private Construction Update

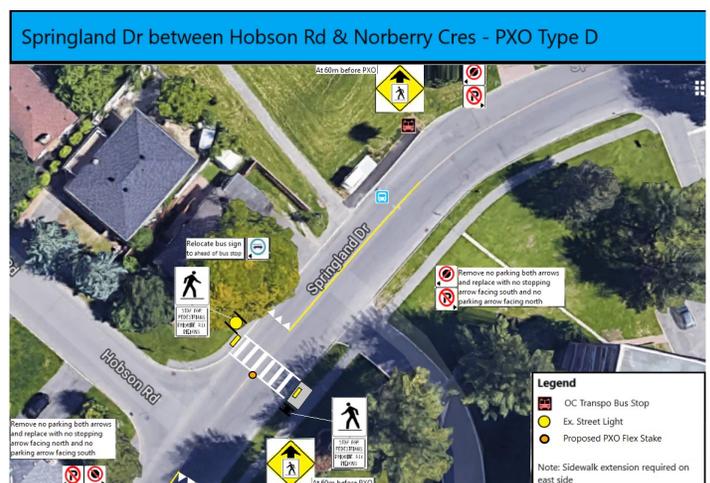
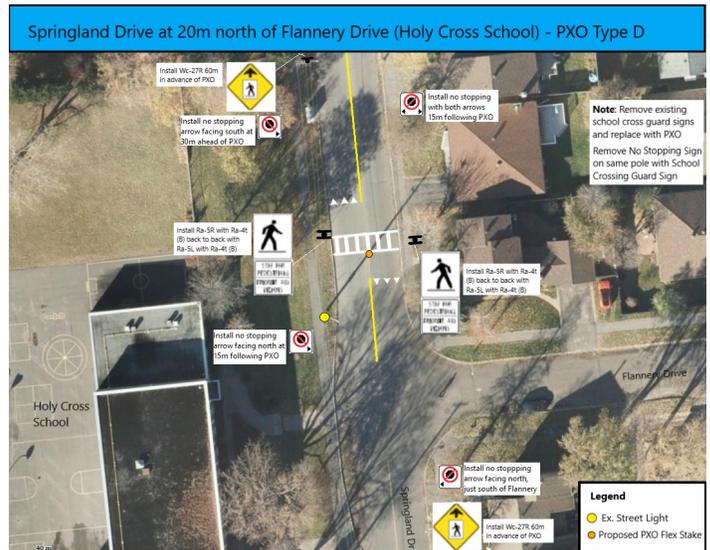
Residents can expect to see construction begin in June at 655-755 Anand Private. The development is on the southwest corner of the Bank Street and Walkley Road intersection, west of the Shoppers Drug Mart, and immediately east of the Walkley transit station and future LRT station. The property is approved for the construction of two 17-storey buildings connected by a 6-storey podium. The overall unit count is 362 units. The first few months of construction will be mainly dedicated to excavation.

Pedestrian Crossing on Springland Drive

As part of the 2020 traffic calming initiatives, I am pleased that the City will be installing two signed pedestrian crossing points on Springland Drive. One crossing will be at the south end at Holy Cross

School and the other further north between Hobson and Norberry.

For Springland between Hobson and Norberry, the PXO had to be relocated west towards the intersection due to the conflicting bus stops at the pathway. Below are concept drawing of what the PXOs will look like. The crossings will be installed later this year.



Urban Boundary Expansion Report

The City's Planning Committee and Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee will meet on **Monday, May 11** to consider a growth management strategy that will guide how Ottawa grows. The Staff recommendation would add between 1,350 and 1,650 gross hectares of residential land and strategically located employment land to Ottawa's urban area.

