



COUNCILLOR/CONSEILLER
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Councillor's Report



Riverside Park Community Association - June 3, 2020

Urban Boundary Review and Decision

Last week, City Council approved a residential growth management strategy, as part of the Official Plan review, to expand Ottawa's urban boundary. To view my statement on the strategy, please visit my website at www.RileyBrockington.ca.

Access to Outdoor Park Facilities

Outdoor sports facilities and multi-use fields, including baseball diamonds, soccer fields, frisbee golf locations, tennis, platform tennis, table tennis and pickleball courts, basketball courts, BMX parks and skate parks, are now open. In addition, off-leash dog areas, benches, picnic areas and shelters are also open. In all cases, physical distancing of at least two metres is required.

Sports fields are available for casual use only, respecting physical distancing measures and groups of no more than five people.

Provincial Orders remain in effect prohibiting the use of play structures, swings, slides, splash and spray pads, wading pools and exercise equipment. I am actively trying to get splash pads and wading pools open to provide needed relief to families during our unseasonably warm Spring.

Like City green spaces/parks, visitors can sit or walk on City-owned beaches. You can use the BBQs and play in the sand. Remember to keep 2m apart and limit your group to 5 people if not from the same household.

City Opening Seasonal Washrooms at Mooney's Bay Park

Today, the City of Ottawa will open washrooms at Mooney's Bay Park. Operating hours will be Monday to Thursday from 10:30am to 9pm and Friday to Sunday from 10:30am to 7pm.

New Flex Stake Locations in Riverside Park

New flex stakes to be installed on Fielding Drive and Flannery Drive this summer in the Riverside Park community.



Riverside Drive O-Train Bridge Rehabilitation

In conjunction with future works to the O-Train Trillium Line, major rehabilitation of the Riverside Drive Overpass O-Train Bridge is required. While the structure remains safe for public use, the required repairs will restore the structure and extend its useful service life. Construction is to take place over the course of the next two years with construction beginning this coming July and ending in the Fall of 2022. This is the trillium line overpass located north of Heron Road.

The work includes:

- Substructure repairs to the soffit, slope paving, abutment and wingwalls;
- Removal of expansion joints;
- Removal and replacement of bearings;
- Concrete removal and repairs to deck, sidewalks, median and walls;
- Waterproof and pave the deck wearing surface; and
- Removal and reinstatement of approach guiderails.

In Spring 2021, the southbound lanes on Riverside north of Heron Road will be closed with a single lane of traffic maintained in each direction. Later in the Summer of 2021 the traffic will switch to the other side of the road with one lane maintained in each direction. This is an approximate 100m stretch of road.

Confederation Heights Bridge Rehabilitation

Beginning in June, the City of Ottawa will be undertaking some repair work to the Confederation Heights Bridge structure from the northern extremity of the Airport

Parkway to Bronson Avenue spanning over Heron Road and the Trillium Rail Line. The work will take place from June to December 2020.

The scope of the work includes repairs to the bridge surface, sidewalk, railing walls, and centre median as well as the replacement of the expansion joints. There will be lane closures on the bridge in June and July to allow the construction to occur and provide workers with safety. Paving of the road surface is expected to occur later this year in conjunction with some paving work on Bronson Avenue.

The majority of the work will take place under the bridge to replace some bridge components that are 50 years old as well as some concrete repairs. This requires the bridge to be jacked up half an inch. This work is expected to take place overnight and will similarly require a one lane closure on Heron Road in each direction in July and August. The rest of the timeline will be given to the work in the rail corridor and the area outside the road surface.

New OPL Services Starting June 8

As part of a phased-in approach to a resumption of physical services, Ottawa Public Library (OPL) will soon begin a new curbside service for returns and holds pick up at six (6) branch locations:

- Main branch, 120 Metcalfe Street
- Beaverbrook branch, 2500 Campeau Drive
- Cumberland branch, 1599 Tenth Line Road
- Nepean CentrepoinTE branch, 101 CentrepoinTE Drive
- Ruth E. Dickinson branch, 100 Malvern Drive
- Greenboro branch, 363 Lorry Greenberg Drive



Monday, June 8: Curbside Returns

Starting June 8, OPL customers can begin returning their Library items at the six branch locations, during the following days and hours of operation:

- Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Returns will only be accepted at the six available locations and during these hours of operation. All book drops remain closed.

Monday, June 15: Curbside Holds Pick Up – by appointment

Starting June 15, OPL will begin curbside pickup by appointment for holds currently available (holds already on the shelves) at the six branch locations. To ensure the health and safety of its customers and employees, OPL will offer this curbside holds pick up service by appointment only.

Monday, June 15: Homebound Service deliveries resumes.

Delivery of Library items to regular homebound customers at private residences will resume, with new health protocols to be followed during the contactless deliveries.

For more information on all of these programs, please visit www.biblioottawalibrary.ca/en.

Major Events Cancelled Through August 31

The City is extending its suspension of City-permitted special events, festivals and other cultural programs until Monday, August 31. The major events suspension includes the cancellation of many events at Mooney's Bay in Riverside Park including HOPE Beach Volleyball, Dragon Boat, as well as the Lebanese Festival.

The City of Ottawa will not be moving forward with the annual parking restrictions within the Riverside Park neighbourhood during the festival season this year.

Slow Down in Your Residential Community

I would like to remind residents and motorists to please slow down when driving in your residential community. With the added volume of children and parents at home and out walking, cycling, playing, and attending our parks, it is imperative that motorists please slow down and show some courtesy to their neighbours by helping to foster a safer community.

As a result of issues raised with me by River Ward residents concerned by the elevated amount of speeding within our residential communities, I moved a motion at the May 27 City Council meeting that directs the City to commence a public service campaign to target speeding on our local streets. The campaign will specifically reach out to delivery companies that are contributing to this public safety issue.

I have also been in touch with the Traffic Enforcement Sergeant at Ottawa Police Services and have highlighted the speeding and drag-racing issues

particularly on Riverside Drive and Walkley Road and have requested an increased presence in the area. I can assure you that the OPS Traffic Unit has been in the Riverside Park community over the last several weeks.

As a reminder, I have **Slow Down for Us** lawn signs you may post on your property. If you would like a sign delivered to your door, please contact my office at 613-580-2486 or by email at Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca.



Mandatory Face Mask Coverings on Public Transit

Starting June 15, transit riders in Ottawa will need to wear a face mask to ride public transit to help reduce the risk of exposure and keep employees and customers safe during the pandemic. This includes all stations, buses, trains, and Para Transpo.

City Undertaking a Tow Truck Regulation Review

City of Ottawa is taking a closer look at tow truck regulations and are looking for community feedback. There have been several cases in the last few years where residents have been significantly overcharged to recoup their vehicle which had been towed. This is an important regulation review and I invite you to participate by filling out the survey at <https://ottawa.ca/en/news/why-should-you-care-about-tow-trucks>

O-Train Line 1 Temporary Closure

The City has granted permission to RTG to access Line 1 in order to expedite maintenance and repair activities identified in the rectification plan. O-Train Line 1 will temporarily close on Sunday May 31 to Wednesday June 3, reopening on Thursday June 4. This will be one of several closures this summer that will allow RTG to

complete the work associated with the rectification plan.

R1 replacement bus service will be available to customers and will be operating frequently to ensure customers have additional space to practice physical distancing.

Covid-19 Expanded Testing

Any person experiencing any symptoms can now get tested at the Brewer Arena from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., seven days a week, or at 595 Moodie Dr. and 1485 Heron Rd. those same hours on weekdays. You do not have to be within a certain age range demographic anymore to get tested.

Final Property Tax Bills

The 2020 final property tax bills from the City of Ottawa have been mailed with a due date of June 18, 2020. There are a number of programs that are in place to provide eligible property owners with deferral of property taxes including the Hardship Deferral Program.

The Property Tax Hardship Deferral Program is available to eligible residents and businesses with an assessed property value of up to \$7.5M that are financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The program extends the interim and final property tax deadlines of March 19, 2020 and June 18, 2020 to October 30, 2020.

Property owners must apply for the deferral before July 31, 2020 to be considered. More information, including the full list of eligibility criteria can be found on ottawa.ca/taxrelief.

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