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Councillor's Report



Riverside Park Community Association - September 2, 2020

Riverside Mall Development Update - 729 Ridgewood Avenue

Over the past several months Brigil has been working on their development plans for the property at 729 Ridgewood Avenue, where the current Riverside Mall stands. The property is located on the north side of Ridgewood Avenue between Riverside Drive and Springland Drive. Brigil Construction purchased this property approximately one year ago with the intent to redevelop it.

At this time, Brigil is proposing a mixed-use development of retail and commercial with 667 residential units with a mixture of bachelor, 1, 2, and 3 bedroom units. The proposed buildings are 25, 10, and 7 storeys respectively, with the tallest building tucked into the northwest corner of the site to help reduce the impact as much as possible to the neighbourhood. The buildings will surround an interior courtyard / public gathering space. The proposal includes approximately 400 underground parking spaces with 56 commercial parking spaces as well as 361 bicycle parking stalls.

Final details of the proposed development have not been finalized and are subject to change prior to the official submission to the City's Planning Department.

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic and the limited ability to hold larger indoor gatherings and the anticipated interest in this development file, I am moving forward with a preliminary online public consultation via a Zoom Webinar in October (date and details to be finalized). Residents will receive a flyer in their mailbox in the coming weeks with the webinar details and registration instructions. My expectation, as COVID restrictions hopefully become more relaxed in the coming months is to, at some point host an in-person public meeting.

Back to School

I have been working with the city's Traffic Services and Bylaw Services units, emphasizing the need to ensure safe passage to school for the children this fall. With more families choosing to drive their children to school, Police, Bylaw, and Traffic Services will need to be vigilant in their enforcement of speed and parking regulations in school zones.

If your child is returning to school in September, take some time to consider the best transportation options

for your family. If you are not putting your child on a school bus, please consider walking or biking to school. I was pleased to have the unanimous support of my Council colleagues on July 15 for my motion on school zone safety and the promotion of active transportation to and from school. As a result of my initiative, the City of Ottawa embarked on a public service campaign promoting active transportation. Street line painting in school zones (crosswalk and traffic calming messaging) have been re-prioritized to ensure all work is completed before school starts. An additional 10 new school crossing guards will be added to the current complement city-wide.

When is Canoe Bay Starting Construction?

Many residents are wondering about the construction of the Canoe Bay development at 3071 Riverside Drive as the construction was slated to begin in August 2018. I have been approached about some minor amendments to the site plan, however, no official application has been submitted to the City. As a result, I do not believe we will see shovels in the ground in 2020. Some of the potential amendments include an amendment to the underground parking ramp, reconfiguring some units from 1 bedroom to 2 bedrooms, elimination of some of the square footage of the commercial units along Riverside Drive, and to reconfigure to residential units along the ground floor. The preliminary changes to the units will result in a net decrease of approximately 40 units to the overall development plan. If an official site plan amendment does come forward, I will share the exact details with local residents in a future e-newsletter.

Outstanding matters still include:

1. Registration of the Site Plan Agreement (post the Letter of Credit, pay legal fees, and pay Design Review & Inspection Fee)
2. Building Permit Issuance (payment of Development Charges)
3. Completion of infrastructure within what will be the 'common elements' of the Condo (such as private road network and related infrastructure)
4. City inspection of the 'common elements'
5. Register the Condominium Agreement once the common elements are constructed and inspected
6. Revise Site Plan if contemplated changes become reality

I will keep residents informed as more information becomes available.

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 the MUP to Paget Park and Brookfield High School.

The PXO had to be relocated west towards the intersection due to the conflicts with the bus stop.

Ellwood Diamond Overnight Construction

As part of the Stage 2 O-Train Trillium Line South Extension project, work is proceeding on the Ellwood Diamond rail bridge, which will allow VIA Rail trains to safely and efficiently pass below the Trillium Line. The site is located 300m south of the Mooney's Bay Station. Work will take place each night between 10:00pm and 6:00am starting on September 4 and continuing until October 2.

Noise will be intermittent throughout the night. Efforts will be made to divert light from residences, but both light and noise from the work area should be naturally attenuated by trees. There are no residences within 100 metres of the work site and no River Ward residents are expected to be impacted.

Service Resumption Update – Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Centre

The Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Centre will begin a gradual re-opening with limited program offerings beginning on Monday, September 8. The facility hours will be Monday to Friday, 7:30am to 8:00pm and Saturday/Sunday 8:30am to 5pm. At this time, the doors will be closed to the general public and only those participating in activities will be permitted access to the facility. The only exception to this will be residents wishing to access the library kiosks and lockers. All those entering the facility will be required to wear a mask (if 10 years of age and older) and answer screening questions. A staff member will be posted at the door to assist clients and respond to inquiries. The following are the current details of the re-opening plan:

September 8

Re-opening of the Cardio/Weight Room

- Limit of 4 people in the room at one time to ensure adequate, safe space per person
- Some machines will be closed off to ensure social

	Monday to Friday	Saturday & Sunday
Morning	7:30am to 9:00am 9:15am to 10:45am 11:00am to 12:30pm	8:30am to 10:00am 10:15am to 11:45am
Evening	4:30pm to 6:00pm 6:15pm to 7:45pm	1:30pm to 3:00pm 3:00pm to 4:30pm

distancing is maintained at all times

- A Cardio/Weight attendant will be supervising the space at all times to ensure that clients abide by covid protocols and to provide assistance when required.
- clients can book a 90 minute session via our Front Desk

Suite software (more info to come) up to 2 days in advance. There will be 2 online spaces and 2 walk-in spaces available per timeslot. Clients may call the customer service desk (613-580-2990) for assistance with booking their timeslot if required.

- Booking times:

September 14

Resumption of the After School Program

- the start date was changed from September 3 to September 14 due to low registration numbers and to account for the delay in bus transportation
- Registration numbers will be monitored and, should the program need to be cancelled due to insufficient registration, families will be provided ample notice to secure alternate childcare

September 15

Resumption of Drop in Fitness Classes

- a reduced number of drop in fitness classes will be offered
- the schedule is being developed and will be released once finalized
- class sizes will be reduced to abide by a 70sq. ft. requirement per person attending the class
- only equipment that can be easily sanitized will be permitted for use

October 13

Resumption of registered programs

- a reduced number of registered programs will be offered.
- class sizes will be smaller to accommodate physical distancing requirements
- the schedule is being developed and will be released once finalized

Covid controls:

- a staff member will be posted at the front door to greet clients, ask screening questions and provide information and instruction;
- clients will be asked to sanitize their hands upon entry;
- clients will be required to wear a mask when entering the facility and until participating in physical activity;
- where the activity is stationary in nature, clients 10 years of age and older will be required to wear a mask at all times as per recommendations from the Ministry of Health and the City of Ottawa's mask by-law;
- directional paths have been created and signage has been posted in the Centre to guide clients and provide a visual identifier of 2m physical distance;
- enhanced cleaning protocols will be in place including frequent sanitization of equipment, high touch points and shared spaces;
- Changerooms will be available but showering will not be permitted.

More information will be provided as community centre staff continue their preparations.

770 Brookfield Road

Work is progressing well at the site of the 770 Brookfield Road post-secondary student residence. Construction is currently taking place on Phase 1 of the development. Phase 2 will require further site plan approval (ie. submission of application and review of plans/reports, followed by registered agreement).

655-755 Anand Private Construction Update

Residents will now see cranes erected on the construction site 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.

Hog's Back Road Bridges

Progress has been made on the swing bridge rehabilitation on Hog's Back Road. The NCC has advised my office that the section between Prince of Wales to Colonel By Drive should be open on October 1. The section between Riverside Drive and Colonel By Drive is still on schedule to be open in December 2020.

Brookfield Road MUP

The final section in front of Brookfield High School is almost complete. This MUP now connects the Sawmill Creek Pathway to Brookfield Road, leading into the Mooney's Bay/Hog's Back/Vincent Massey trails. Additional improvements were made to the pathway west of Riverside Drive.

River Ward E-Waste Depot

On Saturday, September 26, you can recycle your old, used electronics at the River Ward E-Waste Depot. Electronic items like old computers, printers, phones, and more will be disposed. If it has a battery or a cord, bring it in. This event was postponed from the Junk that Funk is partnering with my office to ensure this event happens again this year. Please follow all COVID-19 Safety protocols and stay with your vehicle upon arrival, following the directions of the staff on site. The event runs from 10am to 4pm at the Hunt Club - Riverside Park Community Centre, 3320 Paul Anka Drive. Click the poster for further details.

New Community Garden in Riverside Park

On July 13, we officially opened the new Mooney's Bay Community Garden at the Riverside Mall property. I am pleased to see the significant interest in the community garden and I would like to thank Brigil Construction for making some of their land available for this important community initiative as well as the RPCA and local volunteers.

Riverside Drive O-Train Bridge Rehabilitation Commence Work Order

A work order has been issued for the O-Train bridge rehabilitation project over Riverside Drive, north of Heron Road.

Construction details include the following:

- substructure repairs to the soffit, slope paving, abutment and wingwalls; r
- removal of expansion joints and conversion of the structure to semi-integral;
- removal and replacement of bearings;
- concrete removal and repairs to deck, sidewalks, median and parapet walls;
- waterproof and pave the deck wearing surface;
- removal and reinstatement of approach guiderails.

All works within the railway corridor during the 2020 construction season must be completed exclusively at night to avoid any conflicts with LRT works. For this construction season, no lane closures on Riverside Drive are needed other than minor interruptions during off-peak hours (09:00am to 3:00pm). In 2021, construction will take place over two stages, wherein all Riverside Drive southbound lanes will be closed and bi-directional traffic maintained on the east side of the bridge during Stage 1, and all Riverside Drive northbound lanes will be closed and bi-directional traffic maintained on the west side of the bridge during Stage 2. Please note, however, that there will be localized periods in 2021 where complete closure of the bridge will be required to jack the bridge and replace the bearings exclusively between 11:00pm and 5:00am of the affected days. During complete closure of the bridge, traffic will be detoured onto Heron Road and Bronson Avenue for northbound movement on Riverside Drive, and onto Data Centre Road and Heron Road for southbound movement on Riverside Drive. Total budget for this project is approximately \$3million.

Automated Speed Cameras in School Zones

The City of Ottawa has launched its Automated Speed Enforcement Program in school zones and speeding tickets began being issued as of July 13. The City has four cameras – two fixed and two mobile – that will rotate through eight community safety zones. Those zones are also home to 11 schools. The cameras are intended to help reduce speeding and make the roads safer for children and other vulnerable road users.

I have been advocating for improved road safety initiatives since I was first elected, as I want stronger protections for vulnerable road users. I testified at Queens Park in April 2017 before an all-party committee advocating for the authority to use the new technology.

Ottawa Public Library Services

As of August 17, additional in-person services, such as browsing and use of public computers by appointment are now offered at twenty (20) library branches, during new hours of operation. Masks are required to be worn inside Ottawa Public Library branches, as per the Temporary Mandatory Mask By-law.

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River Ward, the Bookmobile schedule is as follows:

- Hunt Club (temporary Kiosk Service), 3310 McCarthy Rd, Mondays, 2-3:30pm
- Riverside, 747 Ridgewood Ave, Tuesdays, 9:30am-noon
- Hunt Club, 3310 McCarthy Rd, Wednesdays, 2-5pm
- Carleton Heights, 1665 Apeldoorn Ave., Thursdays, 2-3:30pm

The remaining Bookmobile locations in River Ward (Bayview, Banff Ledbury, Caldwell, Carlington, Hogs Back) are still closed. I continue to press to have additional services returned as soon as possible.

Glad Cleaning the Capital Program Fall Campaign

The annual GLAD Cleaning the Capital Program Fall Campaign received the green light to go ahead as part of Phase 2 of the City's Recovery Plan and kicked off with Early Bird Registration which opened August 15.

With gatherings permitted of 100 people when outdoors, while maintaining physical distancing, the program was able to proceed. Registered participants will receive the necessary documentation regarding health & safety procedures for COVID-19 to ensure a safe process is followed. Register your cleanup projects online at Ottawa.ca/Clean or by calling 613 580-2424, extension 13458. The campaign will run from September 15 - October 15.

Ward Boundary Review - Public Consultation Sessions

The second round of public consultation for the City's Ward Boundary Review will be held in September. A recommendations report will be considered by the Finance and Economic Development Committee and City Council in December 2020.

The consultant team has developed six options for a new ward boundary model – which are available online at ottawa.ca/wardboundary. Here are brief highlights of the options:

Option 1 increases the number of wards to 25, with 13 urban wards, nine suburban wards and three rural wards.

Option 2 increases the number of wards to 24, with 12 urban wards, nine suburban wards and three rural wards.

Option 3 maintains the current number of wards, 23, and includes 11 urban wards, nine suburban wards and three rural wards.

Option 4 also maintains the number of wards at 23. It also includes 11 urban wards, nine suburban wards and three rural wards. The boundaries for each ward are different than those in option three.

Option 5 reduces the number of wards to 17, with nine urban wards, six suburban wards and two rural wards.

Option 6 increases the number of wards to 24, with 12 urban wards, nine suburban wards and three rural wards. It minimizes ward boundary changes.

Provide your feedback online at ottawa.ca/wardboundary or register to take part in one of the upcoming virtual consultation sessions on Zoom.

Thursday, September 10, 2020, 7 to 9 pm (city-wide focus)

Saturday, September 12, 2020, 10 am to noon (city-wide focus)

Monday, September 14, 2020, 7 to 9 pm (suburban focus)

Saturday, September 19, 2020, 10 am to noon (city-wide focus)

Tuesday, September 22, 2020, 7 to 9 pm (rural focus)

Wednesday, September 23, 2020, 7 to 9 pm (urban focus)

Autumn 2020 Transit Service Changes

Autumn 2020 transit service changes were launched on August 30, 2020. School services will resume and service levels on routes serving post-secondary institutions may be adjusted further depending on the needs of customers traveling to and from those locations. For the full list of changes, please visit the OC Transpo website.

BLM Leading Ladies Webinar

I will be co-hosting a Black Lives Matter Leading Ladies Webinar with my colleagues Councillors Theresa Kavanagh and Jeff Leiper on September 10 at 7:00pm. This online discussion will be an opportunity for residents to understand the experiences black members of their communities face in regards to racism.

To register for this webinar, please contact my office.

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