



Councillor's Report

Riverside Park Community Association AGM November 4, 2020

Remembrance Day 2020

For the first time, the Royal Canadian Legion is asking the public to pay their respects virtually instead of in person for the 2020 [National Remembrance Day Ceremony](#). You can watch the solemn ceremony and take part in the two minutes of silence via the [Legion's facebook page](#).

Please consider supporting the Legion through the purchase of items from their new [Poppy Store](#) or making a donation to the [National Poppy Trust Fund](#). Many branches are suffering financially due to COVID-related restrictions.

Although I am unable to attend Remembrance Day services in local schools this year, I have delivered 11 wreaths to be used for observations next week.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all men and women who currently serve in the Canadian Armed Forces, both at home and abroad. Let us never forget the men and women who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in service for our nation. We remember them. Lest we forget.



"Lest We Forget"

Brigil Development - 729 Ridgewood Avenue

I am aware of an anonymous bulletin that was recently circulated in the Riverside Park community about the initial development vision for the property at 729 Ridgewood Avenue, currently home to the Riverside Mall. Thank you to those who have reached out to me to share your feedback.

Brigil purchased this property over one year ago with the intent to develop it.

No plans have been publicly released by Brigil yet and I expect the preliminary plans seen by a few community

leaders (including myself, RPCA Executives, the Denbury Condos and the condo corporation to the immediate east) will be further refined. On October 1, I attended a hearing of the Urban Design Review Panel (UDRP) whereby the preliminary vision for the development of property was peer-reviewed and critical suggestions and comments were provided.

I look forward to reviewing a refined proposal from Brigil and engaging the broader community for their input at the appropriate time. At this time, I have yet to see a refined proposal and no formal application has been submitted to the City of Ottawa.

I will ensure Riverside Park residents are kept apprised of this development and neighbours are made aware of the date of a future public session.

Committee of Adjustment Applications Approved – 3342 Riverside Drive

On October 21, the Committee of Adjustment approved two applications for the property at 3342 Riverside Drive. This property is located on the west side of Riverside Drive between Revelstoke and Leopolds. Details of the approved applications are as follows.

Consent Application to subdivide the property into two separate parcels of land in order to create a new lot for each of the two, 2-storey detached single family dwellings.

Application for Minor Variances to permit reduced lot widths, increased building heights, increased walkway widths and a driveway to be located between the front wall of the building and the street.

The approvals will allow for the construction of two 2-storey detached single-family dwellings, one on each of the newly created parcels. The existing dwelling is to be demolished.

Watermain Break at Riverside and Leopolds

Approximately 10 days ago there was a watermain break in the northbound lane of Riverside Drive at Leopolds. The current reinstatement of the freshly paved Riverside Drive is temporary reinstatement only. City staff have prioritized the road cut with their contractor and anticipate that the road will be permanently reinstated before winter. If this is not possible due to changing weather conditions, City staff will ensure that the road cut will be maintained throughout the winter.

Hydro Pole Replacement on Walkley Road

Hydro Ottawa has notified my office about upcoming hydro pole replacement on Walkley Road between Riverside Dr. and Bank St. The proposed construction dates are January 4 to March 31, 2021. There are 14 hydro poles that are considered 'end of life' along the north side of Walkley Rd. This project is for the replacement of these poles in the same location or directly adjacent to the existing location with new poles.

Sod Turning Event - New Mooney's Bay Early Learning and Child Care Centre

On Saturday, October 24, the official ground-breaking ceremony was held for the future Mooney's Bay Child Care Centre on Springland Drive. This project will welcome 88 additional licensed child care spaces to local families thanks to a partnership between the Riverside Park Nursery School and Andrew Fleck Children's Services. Construction is expected to start this month. A construction notice will be circulated to adjacent residents.

Bank Street Redesign Working Group

The new date for the Bank Street redesign working group has been set for the evening of November 26. A formal invitation will be forthcoming to the association president from the project manager.

The meeting will be hosted online and will allow respective community associations to discuss topics such as the road geometry, intersections, streetscaping, utility work, road safety and construction staging.

Future construction of this project is still at minimum 2-3 years away. I will keep the community updated as this infrastructure project moves forward.

Walkley Station Connectivity

I'd like to share that the various partners involved in the connectivity enhancements around the future Walkley Station met in October and discussed the timing of their projects, including representatives from, Infrastructure Services, Transportation Planning, and the Rail Construction Program. As a summary of the discussion City Staff were

able to confirm the timing and interconnection of the following projects:

- In 2021, Infrastructure Services will be completing the Walkley Bridge rehabilitation project;
- TransitNEXT will be completing the Stage 2 Walkley Station, plaza, MUPs to Anand Private and the proposed Passenger Pick up and Drop Off (variation process is underway) in 2022;
- A MUP from Anand Private to Bank Street will be built in 2023 by private developers; and



We will continue to track the progress of these works in order to coordinate as required with Stage 2 activities.

Additional Bicycle Parking Added to Mooney's Bay Station Plan

At long last, I received confirmation this week that my persistence in getting bicycle parking expanded at the Mooney's Bay Station LRT will be fulfilled. Right now, limited bicycle is available which is grossly inadequate. When the Station opens, there will be space for 20 parking spots, with another abutting 20 spaces ready to be implemented if demand warrants it. There is also space being made available for another 20 spots for future demand. I have also been made aware that the station's plans allow for a (future) southern entrance to the new transit station, allowing passengers to access the station, without having to walk up the MUP and then backtrack to the north-facing entrance.

Motion to encourage Outdoor Physical Activity this Winter

At the City Council meeting of October 28, I brought forward a motion to direct city staff to have a public information campaign this winter, in collaboration with Ottawa Public Health, to promote the physical and mental benefits of outdoor recreational activities. The motion further specified that the city publicly communicate a list of outdoor recreational winter activities through to the

end of March and include activities like skiing, snowshoeing trails, outdoor rinks, walking/hiking trails and tobogganing hills and encourage local partners (such as the NCC) to do the same.

Winter Parking Regulations begin Nov 15

Between November 15 and April 1, the City may declare a Winter Weather Parking Ban during inclement weather including freezing rain or when Environment Canada forecasts 7 cm or more of snow in the Ottawa area. The Winter Weather Parking Ban will be called to support clearing operations and will continue until the City issues notice that it has been lifted.

Vehicles without a residential parking permit that are parked on the street during a parking ban may be ticketed and towed.

When a winter weather parking ban is called, the City issues a special advisory to the local media and posts it on Ottawa.ca.

To sign up for email notifications, visit <https://app06.ottawa.ca/esubscriptions/signup-form-en.html> and select 'Winter parking alerts' (bottom of list).

Watch for Snow Contractor Scams

While we'd like to think the winter snow will never come, we know that it is inevitable. With that in mind, Ottawa Bylaw Services would like to remind you that while many people who come to your door offering snow removal services are legitimate, you should

always be diligent before making a purchase. Visit Ottawa.ca for helpful information and a list of licenced contractors.

Clothing Donation Boxes - Public Survey

As part of the City's By-law Review Workplan, City staff are currently conducting a review of the Clothing Donation Box By-Law.

This review will examine the current regulations with respect to the operation of clothing donation boxes within the City of Ottawa. City staff will use the feedback from the public survey to help shape any future amendments to those regulations. The review will also examine best practices employed by other municipalities within Ontario and across the country.

You can participate in the survey [HERE](#).



Library Lockers Re-Open at Hunt Club - Riverside Park Community Centre

The holds lockers at the Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community Centre re-opened this week with modified hours.

- Monday - Friday: 11:00am – 3pm; 4:30pm – 8pm
- Saturday & Sunday, 8:30am-5pm

Residents will be able to pick up holds, as well as return items, at the Centre during these hours (no appointment needed). Please note that the library materials dispensers



All snow plow contractors licensed by the City of Ottawa are required to:

- Have an active City of Ottawa Business License.
- Have a City of Ottawa snow plow numbered plate prominently affixed to every snow plow vehicle.
- Have a sign showing the name and telephone number of the business on both sides of every snow plow vehicle.
- Ensure that snow removal vehicles do not throw, push, dump or otherwise deposit snow or ice on a street.
- Keep a record of all contracts with the entries transcribed in ink in a clear and legible manner, or in a recording system.



(vending machines) will not be available for use.

As a result of the kiosk lockers re-opening, the Bookmobile will resume its regular schedule for the Hunt Club stop and the additional temporary Monday Hunt Club stop has ended.

Ottawa Public Health

COVID-19 Testing Centres

In Ottawa, your testing centres are:

- Brewer Arena Assessment Centre, 151 Brewer Way., 8:30-7:30pm daily
- CHEO Assessment Centre (2months-17yrs old), 151 Brewer Way, 8:30-7:30pm daily
- Moodie COVID Care Clinic, 595 Moodie Dr. 8-3:30pm, Monday to Friday. 6 months and older welcome.
- Heron COVID Care Clinic, 1485 Heron Rd, 8-3:30pm, Monday to Friday. 6 months and older welcome.
- Coventry Rd Drive-Thru Assessment Centre, 300 Coventry Rd, 10am-6pm daily (14 yrs +)
- COVID-19 Assessment and Care Clinic at the Ray Friel Rec Centre (1585 Tenth Line) in Orleans, 8-3:30pm, Mon-Fri. 6 months and older welcome.
- Select Pharmacies across the City

For the most current information and links to book your appointment, visit OttawaPublicHealth.ca or call 613-580-6744.

Links to the individual appointment websites can also be found on my website at <http://rileybrockington.ca/ottawa-covid19-testing-update/>

Flu Clinics

Immunization against seasonal influenza is shown to reduce hospitalizations and deaths. The flu vaccine will not protect against COVID-19, but will help reduce an individual's risk of getting the flu and [COVID-19](#) at the same time. Having both illnesses together could put individuals at a higher risk for severe illness.

Anyone aged six months and older who lives, works or attends school in Ontario is eligible to receive the publicly funded flu vaccine.

Residents can get their flu shot at the following locations:

- Health Care Providers
- Ottawa Public Health Community Clinics
- Participating Pharmacies
- Targeted outreach to congregate care settings and using a mobile RV and van to address specific areas

with outstanding needs

When more people get their flu vaccine, the odds of the flu virus spreading goes down. This protects those who are most vulnerable. More information regarding participating pharmacies and Ottawa Public Health's Community Clinics can be found at ottawapublichealth.ca/flu/.

Coming Events

Food Bank at Hunt Club—Riverside Park Community Centre—The RCCG Overcomers' Chapel will be hosting a food bank at the community centre this **Saturday, November 7 from 12-2pm**. The church volunteers will be using the outside doors of the Kathy Ablett Room to distribute food to those in need. If successful, they hope to make this a monthly outreach event.

On **November 14th at 7pm the Ottawa South Eco Action Network (OSEAN)** is hosting an online discussion. Whether you are interested in recycling, climate action, community gardens, sustainable transit or simply wanting to learn more about them, all community members are invited to their forum.

To register, for this zoom meeting please email OSEAN.info@gmail.com or visit their [Facebook page](#). You can also visit ottawasouthecoactionnetwork.ca to learn more.

Holiday Fun Day - December 19—My office is coordinating a Holiday Fun Day on Saturday, Dec 19 to celebrate the end of the year and the start of the Christmas Holiday Season. Details are still being developed as current restrictions would prevent an in-person event from occurring. Should the current restrictions be loosened for Ottawa, we hope to have a controlled, family-friendly event on that date. Please watch for my December e-Newsletter for more information. Sign up at Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca to receive updates on this event.

Halloween Success

As a final note, I would like to give my thanks to the entire RPCA team for putting together such an amazing COVID-friendly Halloween celebration for the local children (and adults) this year. Your efforts went above and beyond and on behalf of the community, I thank you.

Did you receive my monthly e-newsletter this past week?

Sign up to receive it directly to your inbox by sending me an email at Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca