



Councillor's Report

Riverside Park Community Association January 6, 2021

Development Updates

Brookfield Road – Post-Secondary Student Residences

Construction continues to hum along. No major issues to raise at this time.

Canoe Bay – Riverside Drive

There are no new updates on this file. To my knowledge, the developer has neither secured the financing for this project, nor made a final decision on whether to proceed with a revised site plan that would alter the entrance to the underground parking, convert some ground floor retail facing Riverside to residential and amend a number of one-bedroom apartments to two-bedrooms, resulting in a net decrease of total units to be built by 40+. This would require an amendment to the site plan.

Norberry Residences - Springland Drive and Norberry Crescent

The City of Ottawa signed off on the site plan on December 31, 2020. With the site plan now approved, the next steps will be to collect the financial requirements and register the site plan agreement. At this stage, the building permits will be released.

Riverside Mall – Ridgewood Avenue

Brigil is working on their third version of the proposed development, having received informal feedback from the City's Planning Dept in December. Brigil is listening to feedback received, by making changes to overall height, density, location of the entrance driveway, eliminating a building that abutted the Denbury. Brigil's original intention of a 679 unit development has been revised downward to just under 400 units. Until they are ready with a proposal, I will wait before planning a public information session.

St Patrick's Home and Youth Services Bureau – Riverside Drive

Independent from one another, both the St Patrick's Home and Youth Services Bureau are considering adding a building on their respective properties. I provided a heads up to the RPCA in December and no new news on either possible development has advanced at this time.

Mooney's Bay Child Care Centre Construction Underway

Residents in the Springland Drive area will have noticed the start of construction of the future Mooney's Bay Child Care Centre.

ROAD CLOSURE: There will be a short, 2-day road closure of Springland Drive in both directions between Flannery Drive and Walton Crt on **January 13 and 14** between 9:30am and 3pm for the connection to the water main, sanitary, and storm drains. Access will be maintained for adjacent dwellings and emergency vehicles.

Infrastructure Updates

Walkley Road Overpass O-Train Bridge

The preliminary design for the rehabilitation of the Walkley Road Overpass O-Train Bridge (located on Walkley Road over the O-Train line west of Bank Street) has been completed.

The scope of work for the rehabilitation will include, but not necessarily be limited to the following:

- Repairs to the underside of the bridge and its supporting structure;
- Concrete removal and repairs to deck, sidewalks and median;
- Widening of the existing south sidewalk on the approaches and over the structure;
- Installation of new crash-tested barriers;

- Waterproof and pave the deck wearing surface; and
 - Removal and reinstatement of approach guiderails.
- Construction is anticipated to begin Summer 2021 and take approximately one year to complete.

Construction will require extended lane reductions in order to complete the work. During Phase 1, traffic will be moved to single lanes in each direction using the north lanes of Walkley Road while maintaining access to the southbound Airport Parkway onramp. When Phase 2 begins, the traffic will be moved to the southern two lanes, with traffic flowing in a single lane in each direction.

The project team is working with the Stage 2 TNext contractors to ensure both projects can work simultaneously.

Hog's Back Waterfall Bridge

Parks Canada has postponed the opening of their waterfall bridge from December 31 to approximately January 17. A delay in the delivery of the guardrails is the reason. All other components of this bridge project have been on-time and from what I have seen on-site, the bridge looks great. I am looking forward to both the bridge and Hog's Back Road from Colonel By to Riverside Drive re-opening mid-month.

Hydro Pole Replacements—Colman Street

I have been notified by Hydro Ottawa that they will be replacing aging hydro poles on Colman Street between **January 18—February 26**. Planned power interruptions are expected to occur as a result of this project, and all affected residents and businesses will be notified of any planned power interruptions in advance. Intermittent road closures will occur during the course of the work with access for local residents and emergency vehicles maintained.

Pole replacement involves excavating and replacing existing poles located along the street and/or in backyards. Lane reduction, sidewalk closures and tree trimming will also be required.

City and Community Updates

Traffic Calming 2021

Members of Council were required to submit their 2021 traffic calming plans to the City by December 31, 2020.

I approved a request to repaint/refresh 121 locations in the ward that have road paint messaging, many in Riverside Park.

I can confirm that all existing streets that have yellow flex stakes, will return in 2021, with a few areas under review, including the location of the stakes on Flannery Drive as well as on Fielding Dr at Southmore.

The pedestrian crosswalk slated for Springland Drive near Hobson was delayed in 2020 due to COVID related restrictions on available labour and will be installed in 2021.

New roads under review include Revelstoke Drive, Provost Drive, Thorndale near the school and Walkley Road near the train bridge.

Coyote Signage for Linton Park

I am working with the City to get proper signage installed at the entrance to Linton Park to warn users of the presence of coyotes in the area. This signage would be similar to the signs installed at McCarthy Woods. Residents should be aware of coyotes in the community and remember to follow some simple tips if you were to encounter one.

It is not at all uncommon to see coyotes in the city, especially in areas which are close to forested and agricultural areas. At this time of year in particular, they



Example of current Coyote Signage at McCarthy Woods

do come into our more urban areas looking for food. They will not harm humans but pets, especially smaller ones, may be vulnerable so should be kept under control at all times.

If a coyote is seen in a community, residents can contact the City or the National Capital Commission to report the sighting. The information retrieved from the sighting reports may be helpful to the NCC, MNR and the City in future to help identify areas of the City where public awareness may be beneficial.

- **NCC Coyote Sightings Line:** 613-239-5000
- **NCC Emergency:** 613-239-5353

If you feel that the coyote is an imminent safety threat, please contact **Ottawa Police Service at 9-1-1**.

A number of Ministry of Natural Resources handouts related to coexisting with coyotes are posted on my website from a previous community coyote meeting. You can find this information at: <http://rileybrockington.ca/coyotes-what-to-do-if-you-see-one/>

Skating Open at Outdoor Rinks

The city's four outdoor refrigerated rinks are now all open for your skating pleasure. Ben Franklin Place (CentrepoinTE), Rink of Dreams (110 Laurier Ave West), Jim Tubman Chevrolet Rink (Canterbury), and Lansdowne Park Skating Court are all open daily for free skating.

Each rink has its own capacity limits, based on the size of

the ice surface to ensure skaters can maintain proper physical distancing. Rink attendants are onsite during peak periods. Please limit your ice time during busy periods so everyone can get a chance to skate.

To help reduce the spread of COVID-19, masks are now required around all outdoor refrigerated & community skating rinks. Skaters not from the same household must keep 2m apart on & off the ice. Masks are not mandatory while skating but are highly recommended.

Local outdoor rinks will open as the season allows with many rinks open or opening soon. Locally, there are outdoor rinks at Arnott Park, Geoff Wightman Park, Paget Park and Pauline Vanier Park.

Information on outdoor rinks can be found at [Outdoor rinks | City of Ottawa](#).

HCRPCC Mural Contract Amended

After much discussion, I can now confirm that the City of Ottawa will waive the requirement for private insurance of the exterior mural at the Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community Centre, that the local artist was subject to pay out of her pocket.

Winter Maintenance Quality Standards Review

As our first snowfalls are now behind us, the City's Public Works team is looking for your feedback on the Winter Maintenance Quality Standards. On average, 223.5 cm (or

Winter Fun—Outdoor Skating Rinks abundant in River Ward

River Ward is home to **16 outdoor rinks**. They vary from larger boarded rinks to smaller puddle rinks, but all are managed by volunteers from right in your community.

If you are interested in being a rink volunteer this season, please call my office so we can connect you with your local team. For maps and locations, visit Ottawa.ca.

In alphabetical order, here are the River Ward rink locations:

- Alexander Park, 960 Silver St., boarded rink with puddle rink
- Arnott Park, 691 Hartman Cr., double surface
- Bellevue Manor Park, 1520 Caldwell Ave., double surface
- Carleton Heights Park, 1665 Apeldoorn Ave., boarded rink with puddle rink
- Celebration Park, 200 Central Park Drive, double surface
- Frank J. Licari Park, 1990 Cochrane St., boarded rink with puddle rink
- Geoff Wightman Park, 89 Leopolds Dr., double surface
- Ledbury Park, 1250 Ledbury Ave., boarded rink with puddle rink
- Lexington Park, 1404 Lexington St., puddle rink
- McCarthy Park, 3320 Paul Anka Dr., boarded rink with puddle rink
- Meadowvale Terrace Park, 1205 Trenton Ave., double surface
- Owl Park, 185 Owl Drive, boarded rink with puddle rink
- Paget Park, 801 Springland Dr. (at Hobson), puddle rink
- Pauline Vanier Park, 1015 Harkness Ave., boarded rink with puddle rink
- Raven Park, 1500 Larose Ave., double surface
- Rideauview Park, 960 Eiffel Ave., boarded rink with puddle rink



just over 7 feet) of snow falls on Ottawa during the winter which is a lot of snow to be cleared by city crews on an annual basis. I would encourage residents to register to participate in the upcoming surveys and consultations to occur over the course of the winter. You can sign up at engage.ottawa.ca/wmqs.

Canada Post Community Mailboxes

Useful information regarding snow removal at Canada Post Community Mailbox Sites:

- Snow clearing activities will begin at Community Mailbox (CMB) and other street furniture sites once snow accumulation reaches 5 cm and should be completed within 24 hours.
- Snow clearing activities will take place during the hours of 6am to 8pm.
- Canada Post is responsible for clearing the area immediately in front of the CMB and paved access ways across boulevards that lead to the site. They typically do not clear grass boulevards as this can damage the grass. The remainder of the sidewalk is cleared by the City.
- Snowdrift or plow back will be cleared within 24 hours of it being reported to Canada Post.

If a resident has a concern about snow or ice at a particular CMB site, they are asked to call 1-866-607-6301 or submit a snow clearance request at www.canadapost.ca/support (under "Community Mailbox", click on Request Snow Clearance).

If you are not seeing any response from Canada Post in the 24hrs after filing a report, please contact my office at 613-580-2486 or by email at Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca.

Warning: Fraud and Scams

Fraud is the number one crime against older Canadians. Though people of all ages can be victims of fraud, older people get targeted more than others. Some of the reasons are that they are often home during the day to answer the door or phone, they can be more trusting and they may not have family or friends close by to ask for a second opinion. This issue is even greater at this time of year.

Common types of fraud and scams:

- Identity theft
- Credit/debit card fraud
- Online Scams

- Phone and door-to-door scams

All fraud and scams should be reported, even if you are embarrassed or feel the amount of money is too small to worry about. While you might not be able to get your money back, you can help stop the con artist from scamming other people.

Report all fraud and scams to the Ottawa Police at 613-236-1222, extension 7300, or call PhoneBusters at 1-888-495-8501.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/corporate/seniors/forum/fraud-scams.html>

Ottawa Public Library Update

HCCA/RPCA Library Ad-Hoc Committee

I have been working with the local community associations and the committee for a few years on library services in the community, focussing on programming and getting more services of the OPL in the community. I acknowledge that we want to see more services brought to the Riverside Park and Hunt Club community.

I have called a meeting together for January 14 with both community associations so we can begin to chart a path for short, medium and long term objectives.

Hunt Club - Riverside Park Community Centre Access for Lockers

The Hunt Club - Riverside Park Community Centre is currently closed during the provincial wide shutdown. When the lockdown is lifted, I am happy to report that the front doors will now be unlocked during centre hours to allow patrons of the Ottawa Public Library access to the Lockers without having to wait in the cold. You will be met by a greeter and still need to complete a COVID19 self-assessment declaration form on entry.

Library Services During Provincial Lockdown

Customers will not be allowed inside the branches or Bookmobile during the provincial shutdown period as of December 26. In-branch services will not be available during this period.

All open OPL branches and the bookmobile will offer "curbside" returns and holds pickup, with the exception of Locker Services at the Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community Centre which will be closed during the shutdown. No appointments will be required to pick up holds and return items at the OPL branches.

[Hours of operation](#) will remain unchanged, with modified hours for the holiday period. Please visit the [Hours and](#)

[Locations page](#) for the list of OPL branches open for curbside holds pickup and returns.

Goodbye to Late Fees as of January 1, 2021

The Ottawa Public Library (OPL) recently announced that they will be [eliminating late fees](#) as part of their new Materials Recovery Model on **January 1, 2021**, removing barriers for customers and increasing access to the Library.

As of **January 1, 2021**:

- Late fees will no longer be charged for Library items returned past the due date.
- OPL will waive existing late fees on customer accounts.

Customers will continue to be charged replacement fees for items that are long overdue and considered lost. Items are considered lost:

- 21 days after the due date (regular collection items)
- 7 days after the due date (Express items)

Once an item is considered lost, you will be charged a replacement fee for the item. If you return the item, you do not have to pay the replacement fee.

Awesome Authors Contest Returns!

The Ottawa Public Library is calling all wannabe writers and authors to take part in the 2020-2021 Awesome Authors writing contest. The contest is open for submissions, in English or French, from December 2 to February 26, 2021. Participants in two age groups, ages 9 to 12 and 13 to 18, are invited to submit an original piece of writing in one of the following categories: comic, poem, short story, bandes dessinées, poèmes and nouvelles.

For more information on the contest, visit <https://bibliooottawalibrary.ca/en/awesome-authors>.

Ottawa Public Health Updates

COVID-19 Vaccine

On December 9, Health Canada authorized the first COVID-19 vaccine in Canada, made by Pfizer-BioNTech. Several other vaccines are currently at various stages of regulatory approval. As part of Phase One of Ontario's COVID-19 Vaccination Program, the Ottawa Hospital (TOH) will be participating in the COVID-19 vaccine readiness program in collaboration with the Public Health

Agency of Canada and Pfizer- BioNTech. The first COVID-19 vaccines were administered in Canada on December 14, and a Personal Support Worker (PSW) from St. Patrick's Home (River Ward) was the first resident of Ottawa to receive the vaccine on December 15. Health care workers providing care at 10 Ottawa long-term care homes have been selected to receive the initial doses of the COVID-19 vaccine in Ottawa.

OPH has launched a COVID-19 Vaccine page at [OttawaPublicHealth.ca/COVID19Vaccine](https://ottawapublichealth.ca/COVID19Vaccine) with information on the Ottawa context, how the vaccine works, as well as precautions and considerations for residents to be aware of.

COVID-19 Testing Sites

There are four reasons to seek testing for COVID-19:

- You are showing [COVID-19 symptoms](#). **OR**
- You have been exposed to a confirmed case of the virus, as informed by Ottawa Public Health or exposure notification through the COVID Alert app. **OR**
- You are a resident or work in a setting that has a COVID-19 outbreak, as identified and informed by Ottawa Public Health. **OR**
- You are eligible for testing as part of a targeted testing initiative directed by the Ministry of Health or the Ministry of Long-Term Care.

The list of testing sites and their corresponding reservation websites can be found at <https://www.ottawapublichealth.ca/en/shared-content/assessment-centres.aspx>

Mental Health Through the Winter Months

It's so important to check in with ourselves and our loved ones to see how things are going and to make sure we are using good coping skills to support our mental health.

For some, this can mean getting back to good habits like getting enough sleep, being more active and eating well, or developing new habits such as mindfulness to add to your coping tool kit. For others, this can mean checking in with some of the many local [supports and professionals](#) to talk about our mental health and ways to manage through these challenges.

I would like to remind everyone that the holidays are a time for caring about one another and there are resources available to help.

- The [Walk-in Counselling Clinic](#) at (613) 755-2277 offers free in person sessions as well as video or phone counselling sessions in English, French, Arabic, Somali, Spanish, Mandarin, and Cantonese at a variety of locations.
- The [Counselling Connect](#) service in Ottawa offers free access to a same-day or next-day phone or video counselling session.
- If you need immediate help, call the [Distress Centre Ottawa and Region 24/7](#) at (613) 238-3311 in English or [Tel-Aide Outaouais](#) at (613) 741-6433 in French.



Provincewide shutdown



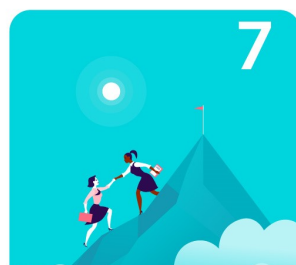
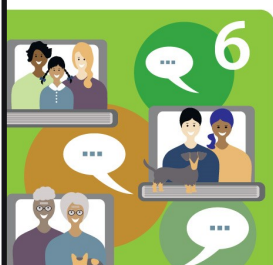
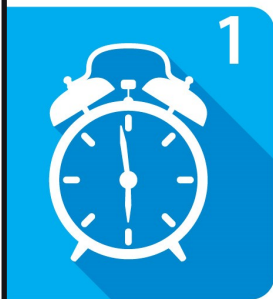
* except with members of the same household

- Non-essential businesses **closed** except for curbside pickup or delivery
- Restaurants **closed** except for takeout or delivery
- Personal care services **closed**
- Gyms **closed**



Improper disposal of garbage is a safety risk and harmful to the environment. Residents should dispose of all garbage, including gloves and masks, in waste bins.

Protect your Mental Health While Staying/Working @ Home



- 1 Maintain a routine.
- 2 Set up a designated workspace.
- 3 Be patient with yourself and others.
- 4 Find humour and joy!
- 5 Limit your time thinking about COVID-19.
- 6 Stay connected with loved ones.
- 7 Seek out more support if you need it.



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