

President's Report

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Community Discussion on the Ottawa's New Official Plan

- At the January 6 Board Meeting, the RPCA hosted a community discussion with city planners on Ottawa's draft New Official Plan.
- The discussion attracted nearly 60 participants and raised important questions about the implications for Riverside Park.



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Drafting a Riverside Park Response to Ottawa's New Official Plan

- [Click here](#) to view the presentation deck.
- [Click here](#) to watch a full recording of the community discussion (Passcode: ?3ecYy.W).
- [Click here](#) to read the city's response to community questions.
- [Click here](#) to read the Draft New Official Plan.
- The RPCA will be making a submission to the consultation on behalf of our neighbourhood.



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Aidan Brown is the Coyote Kid



- Local Activist Aidan Brown helped to bring public awareness to coyotes in Linton Park, by posting a hand-made sign at the park entrance.
- One year later – through the support of RPCA Director Terry Wood and the advocacy of Councillor Brockington – a permanent sign was installed this January.

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CBC Reports: “The boy who cried coyote”

- The RPCA brought national attention Aidan’s activism by pitching the story to CBC Ottawa:
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/boy-who-cried-coywolf-1.5880925?fbclid=IwAR0GWQwdyBRFGqy5zdqbbbeJZuyJ1Fgsq0Pm4JKOjpD9A18W8dpaSatGRqE>
- As a result of the coverage, Aidan’s “coyote cam” followers on Instagram jumped from 70 to 1000.
<https://www.instagram.com/southerntrailcams/>



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Hog’s Back Bridge is Back

- After a year-long double bridge reconstruction, the temporary closure of Hog’s Back Bridge between Colonel By Drive and Riverside Drive officially concluded on January 15, with full access from Riverside to Prince of Wales.



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Lace Up for our Community Rinks

- All three of the RPCA's supervised skating rinks up and running.
- Limit to 12 skaters, with new contact tracing QR Codes.

ARNOTT RINK READY TO SKATE
HARTMAN CRES RIVERSIDEPARK.CA

PAGET RINK READY TO SKATE
HOBSON RD RIVERSIDEPARK.CA

PAULINE VANIER RINK READY TO SKATE
HARKNESS AVE RIVERSIDEPARK.CA

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City Limits Tobogganing and Hockey

- On January 22, the City of Ottawa shut down tobogganing at Mooney's Bay Hill, due to large maskless crowds not respecting social distancing rules.
<https://ottawa.ca/en/news/city-enforce-no-sledding-rules-mooneys-bay-hill>
- Hockey sticks and sports equipment are also banned on outdoor skating rinks.
<https://ottawa.ca/en/recreation-and-parks/skating/outdoor-rinks>

CTV News Ottawa
28 January at 04:00

A closed Mooney's Bay hill, and limits on who can use the Canal, confuse families that just want to get outside. CTV's Katie Griffin reports.

DANGER
HILL CLOSED - NO SLIDING
COLLISION CONDITIONS AND OBSTACLES EXIST THAT WILL, IF HIT, RESULT IN DEATH OR SERIOUS BODILY INJURY.
The City of Ottawa does not accept responsibility for related risks or injuries.

PENTE FERMÉE / GLISSADE INTERDITE
CONDITIONS PROPICES AUX COLLISIONS ET OBSTACLES QUI, S'ILS SONT HEURTES, PEUVENT CAUSER LA MORT OU DES BLESSURES GRAVES.
La Ville d'Ottawa n'assume aucune responsabilité en matière de risques ou de blessures.

OTTAWA.CTVNEWS.CA
Families perplexed by sledding and Skateway rules

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The Secret Life of Snowpeople

- Riverside Park is a magical wonderland of snowpeople and snow unicorns, and the amazing snow forts in which they live.
- Photos of neighbourhood show creations are shared on Facebook and residents are encouraged to find them on their walks.

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?vanity=RiversideParkCA&set=a.3495636717231633>



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Celebrating Riverside Originals

It's been over 53 years since Irene Brown and her late husband George moved into the Mooney's Bay community of Riverside Park. Irene is pleased with the changes she sees going on in her neighbourhood, especially a new generation of new young families moving in with their kids! Two of her children, George and David, as well as her daughter-in-law Sandy, grew up and still live in Riverside Park!



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Ray and Eleonore Benesch have lived on Hobson Rd for 54 years, after Ray took a job at the [National Research Council](#). They were attracted to a small new development near Mooney's Bay, called Edstan Gardens, because of the proximity to good schools, recreational opportunities and a local grocery store.

In 1970, Eleonore was recruited to be the first Director of the [Riverside Park Nursery School](#), which was jointly sponsored by the Roman Catholic, Anglican and [Riverside United](#) ... [See more](#)



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#SnowAngelChallenge

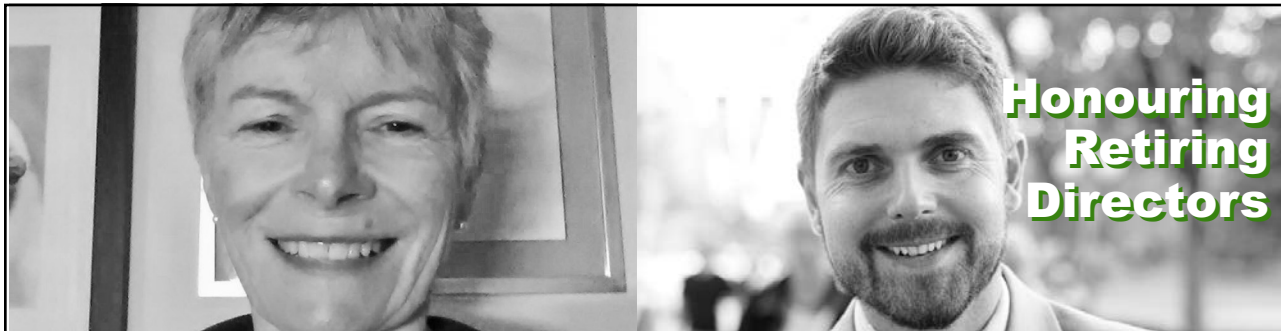
- The Ottawa Snowsuit Fund launched the #SnowAngelChallenge for the month of February to raise money for winter gear for low income families.
- Take a photo making a snow angel and encourage others to donate!
<https://snowsuitfund.com/2021-snow-angel-challenge/>



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Barbara Haines (Treasurer)

Hailing from the Riverside Park West neighbourhood, Barbara played an instrumental role as a table officer and the association's Treasurer. Barbara's expert advice helped the association earn more from its savings and improved internal operations. Barbara brought her lifelong passion for Riverside Park to her role, along with a deep commitment to the arts and the environment.

Paul Willetts (Director)

- Paul stepped up to serve as a Director for Revelstoke, despite having a young (and growing family) and calling General Vanier his home. Paul's commitment to public safety and good governance brought a passionate and prudent voice to community discussions.

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