



## COUNCILLOR/CONSEILLER RILEY BROCKINGTON

### Riverside Park Community Association September 8, 2021



#### Dear Riverside Park residents,

It is hard to believe that summer is drawing to a close and the first day of autumn is 2 weeks away on September 22. It has been nothing short of a whirlwind year. School has resumed this week and Committee and Council meetings have resumed after a brief summer hiatus. It is an encouraging time with the relaunch of events and activities.

#### COVID News

Since we last met, the State of Emergency in Ottawa was lifted on July 22. The Province of Ontario remains in Step 3 of its plan to safely reopen the province.

Starting September 22, Ontario residents will be required to provide proof of vaccination to access certain businesses and settings with the goal of dramatically reducing the odds of another economically and socially destructive shutdown.

If you or a member of your family need a first or second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, visit an Ottawa Public Health clinic, open daily, no appointment needed. Just drop-in whenever it's convenient for you! [Learn more about clinic locations and hours of operation.](#)

OPH has added even more locations to their Neighbourhood Vaccination Hubs making it easier and more convenient to get your COVID-19 vaccine. [Find the Neighbourhood Vaccination Hub nearest you!](#)

A third dose of the COVID-19 vaccine is now available to residents most at risk of serious illness, including individuals who are severely

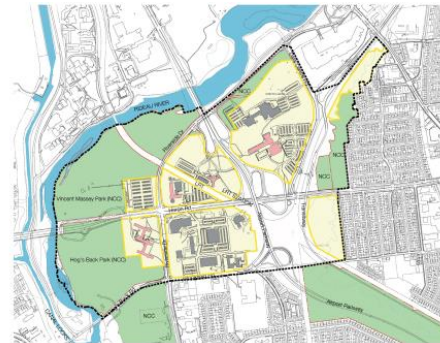
immunocompromised. Learn more about who is eligible and how to receive a third dose, [here](#).

#### Key Highlights:

- More than 1.5 million doses have been administered across our city.
- **85%** of Ottawa residents **12 and over** have received at least one dose and **79%** are fully vaccinated.
- Province-wide [masking regulations](#) continue to be in effect.

#### Development Across the Ward

##### Confederation Heights



On July 2 I met with the Canada Lands Company's Vice-President of Real Estate, the Director of Real Estate for the National Capital Region and a Project Coordinator for the National Capital Region about collaboration work between the CLC and Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC). This partnership aims to deliver a forward-thinking redevelopment of Confederation Heights, the large parcel of federal land at Riverside Drive and Heron Road. In addition to new residential developments with affordable housing, shared amenities and green space, the reimagined federal site will create complete work, live and play communities. The goal is a transit-oriented, mixed-use campus on the site, which spans 464

acres. They plan to launch an online engagement platform and hold the first public meetings this autumn. Public engagement will help inform the 24-month development of a Confederation Heights Master Plan with a 25-year outlook.

### **770 Brookfield - The Revalie Ottawa**

The local community is cordially invited to attend an Open House at [The Revalie](#) Ottawa, 770 Brookfield, on October 16. The event will include a ribbon cutting ceremony with myself and Mayor Watson as well as guided tours of the complex. Stay tuned for details.

On August 9 I met with the owner of The Revalie Ottawa. Construction of Phase 1 of the off-campus university student housing complex on the west side of 770 Brookfield Road is nearing completion. It's expected that 70% of the 426 rental apartment units and amenity spaces was to be ready Sept. 1 for students, many of them international students who will attend Carleton University. They welcomed approximately 120 on Sept. 2. More are expected later this fall and early next year. The company continues to market the site as a new retail destination and is working with Colliers International to secure a variety of shops, including food and beverage, a coffee shop, retail, professional services and more. They will also be providing their tenants with a free daily shuttle to and from Carleton University.

Phase 2 construction of The Revalie at the west side of the property on Brookfield Road is anticipated to begin in late spring 2022. This project, for which the site plan control has already been approved, will feature two student apartment buildings of 6 and 9 storeys each. The total buildout of The Revalie will be 852 units.

### **729 Ridgewood - Brigil development**

On June 22, 2021, the City of Ottawa received an Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment, and Site Plan Control applications for 729 Ridgewood Avenue in the Riverside Park

community. The submission is consistent with the plans presented at public information sessions I hosted on May 31 and June 2. The proposal includes 5 buildings on the site, ranging in height from 4 to 15 storeys, organized around a central public space, with 2 levels of underground parking. At-grade retail space is proposed for the building on the southwest corner of the property, identified as "Building V," totalling 856 square metres. For details of Brigil's applications, visit the City's [development applications website](#).

### **Norberry Residences**

City staff have approved a minor revision to Norberry's site plan to allow an additional parking deck on the west portion of the site behind the building at 740 Springland Drive. This will bring up the total number of parking spaces to 857 spots. The updated site plan will be added to the City's [devapps website](#).

### **Canoe Bay - 3071 Riverside Drive**

Canoe Bay continues to secure financing in order to proceed with the construction of this development.

The original design, as approved by City Council remains, with minor changes, such as reduced retail, amended bedroom counts in some units and reconfiguration of an entrance to underground parking.

The preliminary construction of a sales office, left abandoned for well over a year on the south end of the property, has been disbanded. Concerns with property standards are addressed with Canoe Bay management.

I do not foresee any construction on this site at a minimum until Spring 2022, but no dates have been identified at this time.

### **St Pat's Home - 2865 Riverside Drive**

The City of Ottawa has received a zoning bylaw amendment application from the Catholic Congregational Legacy Charity to develop Phase 2 of the St. Patrick's Home complex.

I hosted a public information meeting on **July 13.**

The applicant intends to rezone the 2.4-hectare property at 2865 Riverside Drive to construct a mid-rise apartment building of up to 7 storeys or 24 metres at the vacant north end of the site. There will be 133 one- and two-bedroom apartments, some of which will feature communal dining and living facilities. The southern side of the property is currently home to St. Patrick's Home, a 5-storey long-term care facility, parking lot and greenspace with two access points off Riverside Drive. The plan is for the future apartment building to be constructed between the existing parking lot and the existing trees located close to Riverside Drive. These trees will be retained. The proposed zoning is for R5 Residential.

The applicant is also seeking approvals to reduce the number of required residential parking spaces from 1.2 spaces per dwelling unit to 0.9 spaces. The proposal is intended for residents who are looking for affordable housing and who will be less car dependent compared to a typical apartment building. The number of visitor parking spaces will remain as required in the zoning bylaw at the rate of 0.2 spaces per unit. A site plan application will be submitted to the City at a later date.

I appreciate the support of the RPCA on this application and I will in turn, provide my formal support as well.

More details about this application are available at [ottawa.ca/devapps](http://ottawa.ca/devapps). In the search field, enter D02-02-21-0053.

**655-755 Anand Private - Legendary Lofts**



On July 23 I met with the President, Director of Construction, Project Manager and Site Supervisors of Westview Projects. The company continues to meet its scheduled timelines in the construction of its two condo-style apartment buildings at 655-755 Anand Private, off Walkley Road. The City of Ottawa approved a site plan control amendment in 2019, which permitted an increase in the height of the two towers of up to 17 storeys and added a new 6-storey connecting podium. The full buildout will feature 362 units, three underground parking levels with 229 resident spaces and 74 visitor spaces and a connecting centre podium with a seventh-floor terrace. The podium has taken shape and concrete work on both towers is continuing this summer and fall. There is also ongoing work related to the interior spaces, roofing, the centre podium, south tower and north tower precast installation, window installation and the structural steel canopy. Building completion and their turnover will be phased with the south tower at 755 Anand scheduled for October 2022 and the north tower at 655 Anand scheduled for February 2023.

## Infrastructure

### Fielding Drive Sidewalk Renewal

The sidewalks on both sides of the City's right-of-way along Fielding Drive, from McCarthy Road to approximately Rankin Street, are planned to be reconstructed this fall. The project tender closed August 11. Construction is anticipated to begin in September if all approvals are in place.

## Parks and Greenspaces

### Mooney's Bay Park Active Transportation Improvements



On August 13, I met with senior staff with Safer Roads Ottawa and Parks and Recreation to advance plans for active transportation improvements within Mooney's Bay Park, which has been a busy destination for people using all modes of transportation. I am working to replace the aging bike parking apparatus with a new design, design and determine strategic locations of new wayfinding signage, as well as design and install new cycling decals and signage along busy cycling and pedestrian pathways in the park.

### Mooney's Bay Toboggan Hill

On August 13, I met with several senior City staff, including the City's General Manager of Recreation and the City's Manager of Parks and Facilities Planning, to discuss safety issues associated with tobogganing use at the hill. The intent is to identify options to assist in mitigating risks to allow the return of sanctioned tobogganing at this once popular sledding hill. On February 10, City Council unanimously carried my Motion directing staff to review the safety issues related to tobogganing at Mooney's Bay Hill.

## Roads & Rail

### Walkley Road Planters

The installation of the 6 planters I arranged for Walkley Road West has been backordered.

### Springland Drive PXO

The new Springland Drive pedestrian crossing (PXO) near Hobson was recently completed in order to facilitate a safer pedestrian crossing on this busy stretch of road. A pedestrian yield sign will be added next spring through to next autumn.

### Bank Street Renewal Project

The detailed design stage is underway now that the online engagement opportunity has been completed. During the detailed design stage, which is expected to take approximately one year, the following aspects of the design will be finalized.

1. Grading, traffic signal, streetlighting and landscaping design
2. Property acquisitions (including discussions with property owners regarding their accesses)
3. Agency approvals
4. Construction phasing (including traffic management)

Visit the [project website](#) for details.

### Airport Parkway Widening

The first phase of the Airport Parkway widening project, from Brookfield Road to Hunt Club Road, has been initiated and a Request for Qualifications has been completed. Four consulting firms have been shortlisted and will be invited to submit proposals to undertake the design work. City staff anticipate awarding the engineering design contract this fall with the design work to be complete by the end of 2023. Construction is currently scheduled to start early in 2024 with substantial completion anticipated by the end of 2025. As part of the widening project, a southbound off-ramp to Walkley Road and a roundabout will be built.



When the off-ramp at Walkley opens, there is a proposal to reduce the number of travel lanes from 4 to 2 between the Parkway and McCarthy Road. A multi-use pathway will be added on the west side of the Parkway from Brookfield to Hunt Club.

### **Riverside Drive Resurfacing**

The northbound and southbound lanes of Riverside Drive, from Walkley Road to approximately 300 metres north of Ridgewood Avenue, are expected to be resurfaced this fall. The project's tender closed August 3. I anticipate receiving an update soon once the contractor finalizes their project timelines.

### **High-Frequency VIA Rail Service**

On July 6, the federal government announced that it is preparing for the procurement process to modernize VIA Rail's intercity passenger rail service in the Toronto to Quebec City corridor. This will be the largest transportation infrastructure project in Canada in decades. The high-frequency rail proposal involves building dedicated passenger rail tracks that would result in shorter travel times and faster trains of up to 177-200 km/h, more reliable on-time arrival performance, more direct routes and improved connectivity, new services to three communities, more frequent departures and a cleaner travel option using electrified technology.

## **Stage 2 LRT Trillium Line South**

### **Rideau River Pedestrian Bridge**

Crews are currently excavating and drilling for the base of this bridge.

### **Rideau River Rail Bridge**

Structural work continues. Sandblasting of the bridge is almost complete. Repairs to the support infrastructure were set to begin at the end of August.

### **Brookfield Junction (Ellwood Diamond)**

This site is very active as crews work to construct a bridge for the light-rail trains to cross over the VIA Rail track. The Transitway bridge was deconstructed and removed in mid-August. Caisson work at this site is complete. Work on the column foundations is underway.

### **Mooney's Bay Station**

The back wall and stair tower have been poured. The existing station wall pour is finished. Backfilling and formwork as well as rebar and concrete works for the platform are ongoing. Crews will soon begin work on the drainage pits.

### **Walkley LRT Station**



The first high wall is complete. Formwork, rebar and concrete placement for wall construction continues. Work on the stair tower is expected to begin soon.

### **Walkley Road O-Train Bridge Rehabilitation**

Rehabilitation of this bridge, located west of Bank Street over the Trillium Line near the Transitway access and the Walkley Road northbound off-ramp from the Airport Parkway, is underway. The work will include:

- Traffic Staging - At least one lane on Walkley will remain open in each direction during construction. A sidewalk on one side will also be operational at all times,
- Removal of sidewalks, median, asphalt on deck, partial depth concrete removals,

- Widening of the bridge on the south side to meet the new Walkley LRT Station plaza,
- New concrete sidewalks,
- New bridge railings, and
- Asphalt paving

Construction is expected to be finished in Summer 2022. For details, visit the [City of Ottawa's project website](#).

Recyclables and organic waste would not be permitted in the garbage.

Visit [ottawa.ca/wasteplan](http://ottawa.ca/wasteplan) to fill out the online survey. On **Sept. 9**, from 7-9pm take part in a virtual workshop by registering [here](#).



## City Consultations & Updates



### Curbside Waste Diversion

The City of Ottawa is engaging on options for the Solid Waste Master Plan, and curbside garbage collection is up first. Between now and Sept. 12, the City is seeking your input on 3 options to divert more garbage:

- **Partial pay-as-you throw:** Households would be allowed to place a set number of garbage items out for collection. Households with more than this limit would purchase garbage tags for each additional item. Recycling, organics, and leaf and yard waste would still be picked up without any tags and with no limits.
- **Reduced item limits:** Households would set out a reduced number of garbage items for collection. Anything above the limit would not be collected.
- **Clear garbage bags with recycling and organics bans:** Households would set out their garbage in clear bags.

### New Official Plan - New Dates

The City of Ottawa has actively been reviewing and tracking public feedback on the draft New Official Plan, which has resulted in a number of recent revisions. More details, including the Interim As We Heard It Report specific to River Ward, can be found here:

[engage.ottawa.ca/the-new-official-plan](http://engage.ottawa.ca/the-new-official-plan).

In order to provide additional time for public review of the revised draft of the New Official Plan in advance of Committee and Council consideration of the final staff report, the Planning Committee co-Chairs and the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee Chair have agreed to move the joint statutory meeting of the Planning Committee and Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee to **Oct. 14**.

Please be advised of the following revised dates in respect of the consideration of the comprehensive final draft of the new Official Plan:

- **Sept 29** – Public Open House.
- **Oct 14** – Joint statutory meeting of the Planning Committee and Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee.
- **Oct 27** – City Council consideration of the report on the final draft of the New Official Plan.

## Integrity Commissioner



The City of Ottawa welcomed a [new Integrity Commissioner](#), Karen Shepherd, on Sept. 1, 2021. Ms. Shepherd brings more than 30 years of experience in public service, including as Canada's first Commissioner of Lobbying.

## Policing in Ottawa

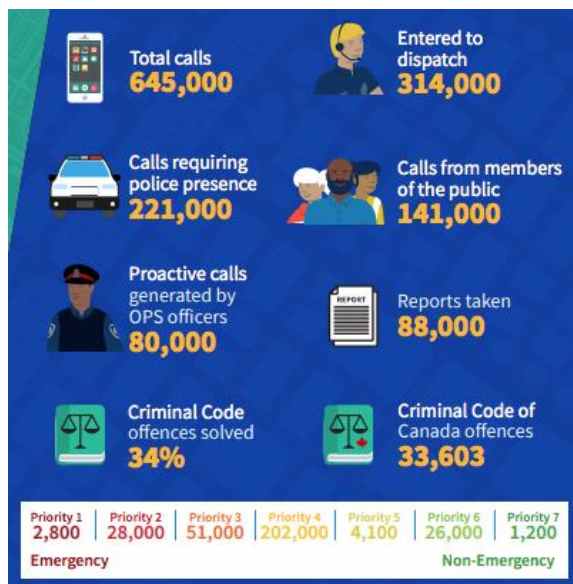
### Policing Budget - Have Your Say

A public survey was launched Sept. 1 to solicit feedback that will help the Ottawa Police Service and Board determine their budget priorities. Ottawa is a diverse community, and to make sure that everyone has an opportunity to be heard, the survey will be issued in eight different languages: English, French, Arabic, Cantonese (Traditional Chinese), Mandarin (Simplified Chinese), Farsi, Somali and Spanish. To participate in the survey, please visit [ottawapolice.ca/2022Budget](https://ottawapolice.ca/2022Budget) and click the appropriate language link.

Survey results are expected to be presented at the October OPSB meeting. Opportunities to provide feedback on the draft budget will continue into November.

If you have questions about the survey or the 2022 Budget, please email [Budget@ottawapolice.ca](mailto:Budget@ottawapolice.ca).

### 2020 Ottawa Police Annual Report



### Statistical Highlights:

- Number of reports taken: 88,000
- Crime rate per 100,000 residents: 3,286 offences.
- Average arrival time: 7 minutes.
- Percentage of Priority 1 calls responded to within 15 minutes: 95%.
- Requirements of a mobile police presence: 221,000 calls.
- Tips received through Crime Stoppers: 4,907.
- Cost of policing \$319.2 million.
- Demand for service declined 10% to 333,000 requests for service. This was driven by public health measures aimed at controlling the spread of COVID-19.
- Criminal Code of Canada offences (excluding traffic): 34,000.
- Level of reported crime decreased by 21%.
- Clearance rate for total Criminal Code offences (excluding traffic) remained the same in 2020. 34% of all cases cleared by charge or cleared otherwise.
- Ottawa's Crime Severity Index dropped by 16% in 2020.
- Volume of reported violent crime declined by 14% with fewer homicides, robberies, assaults and sexual violations.

- Non-violent crime declined by 23% due to fewer thefts of under \$5,000, possession of stolen goods and motor vehicle thefts.
- Number of homicides declined 40% to 8 incidents. All were solved.
- Number of collisions declined by 40% to 11,400, while fatalities fell by 33% to 16 on Ottawa roadways.

### Meaningful Progress:

- 3 new Neighbourhood Resource Teams added
- Reduced shootings by 40%
- Record number of crime guns seized in 2020 (111).
- More than 40,000 provincial offence notices were issued, including 450 for stunt driving.
- Administered naloxone 115 times, saving 103 lives.
- Received a record number of police recruit applications (2,700 compared to 650 in 2019).
- Increased hiring rates for females, racialized candidates and Indigenous candidates. Hired 96 new recruits, including 32 females and 31 racialized and Indigenous recruits.
- Created the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan.
- Expanded the role of the Community Equity Council.
- Coordinated a major organizational restructuring affecting more than 60% of units.



### River Ward 16 - Crime Trends

- Crime rate declined by 11.1% (3,626.7 in 2019 to 3,223.1 in 2020)
- Violent crime declined by 8.2% (919.5 in 2019 to 843.9 in 2020)
- Non-violent crime down by 12.1% (2,707.2 in 2019 to 2,379.1 in 2020)
- Reported crime down by 11.4% (1,763 in 2019 to 1,562 in 2020)
- Calls for service up 0.7% (15,083 in 2019 to 15,196 in 2020)

Read the full annual report here:

[ottawapolice.ca/en/annual-report/resources/2020-Annual-Report-Content/Annual-report-2020-EN-DR7.pdf](https://ottawapolice.ca/en/annual-report/resources/2020-Annual-Report-Content/Annual-report-2020-EN-DR7.pdf)

### Make The Right Call

**Ottawa Police Service**  
**MAKE THE RIGHT CALL**  
 ONLINE + BY PHONE

**ONLINE REPORTING**  
Don't wait on the phone, save time and use our online reporting service for non-emergency reports such as:

- Theft (excluding theft of passports)
- Theft from Vehicle
- Traffic Complaints
- Mischief / Damage to Property
- Drug Complaints
- Fraud Complaints

**REACH US BY PHONE**  
Some incidents require an officer in person, while other reports can be taken over the phone by a Police Reporting Unit Agent.  
**9-1-1** for emergency  
For non-emergency reports:  
**613-236-1222 ext. 7300**  
TTY 613-760-8100  
service for the Deaf, Deafened and Hard of Hearing

For anonymous tips, contact Crime Stoppers
**1-800-222-8477 (TIPS)**  
[crimestoppers.ca](https://crimestoppers.ca)

**Emergencies: 911**



**Non-emergency reports:** 613-236-1222 ext. 7300

The Police Reporting Unit responds to incoming non-emergency phone calls and [online reports](#) from 10am to 8:45pm, 7 days a week. When the unit is closed between the hours of 9 p.m. and 10 a.m., an automated attendant will provide you with options on how to redirect your call.

**Types of reports taken over the phone include:**

- Break and enters
- Assaults not involving partner-related assaults or those requiring medical attention
- Breaches
- Missing Persons
- Suspicious persons/incidents
- Stolen Vehicles

Save time and use the [OPS online reporting service](#) for such non-emergency resorts as:

- Theft
- Theft from vehicle
- Traffic Complaints
- Mischief and Damage to Property
- Drug Complaints
- Fraud Complaints

## Fire Services

**Fire - 2841 Riverside Dr.**



On August 24, firefighters extinguished a fire in the former restaurant after multiple 911 calls came in starting at 4:07am. Smoke and flames were coming from the second-floor window of the abandoned structure. Firefighters forced

entry into the structure to attack the main body of the fire and searched the entire home to confirm there were no occupants.

Ottawa Fire Services investigated the fire and determined that the cause is not suspicious. Police have cleared it as non-criminal.

## 311 Reporting

### Reporting or Requesting

For the City's assistance, call 311 or visit [ottawa.ca/en/3-1-1](http://ottawa.ca/en/3-1-1) to report or request information about:

- Garbage and recycling
- Noise
- Animals and pets
- Filing a claim
- Potholes and catch basins to street lights
- Park maintenance and tree health
- Health and safety
- Access to Records
- Parking and parking tickets
- Water and sewer bills
- Property standards - damage or maintenance
- Issue with City services/staff
- Commissioner of Oaths service
- Submit a compliment

Call 311, email [311@ottawa.ca](mailto:311@ottawa.ca) or visit [ottawa.ca/en/3-1-1](http://ottawa.ca/en/3-1-1) to file a report online. For urgent matters call 311. That service is open 24/7. When calling the City of Ottawa, you may request the assistance of an interpreter. The City can serve you in 170 languages.

You can also contact my office to file 311 reports. This will expedite the process.

## City Programming

### Cleaning the Capital Fall Campaign



This year marks the 28th year for the City program. The campaign this fall began with registration on August 16 for clean-up projects taking place between Sept. 13 and Oct. 15. Registration forms are available to participants at [Ottawa.ca/clean](https://ottawa.ca/clean) or by calling 613-580-2424, ext. 13458. Clean-up kits will include garbage bags, gloves and – while supplies last – leaf and yard waste bags and will be made available for pick-up by registrants at one of seven City facilities across Ottawa.

### Household Hazardous Waste Depots

The City of Ottawa hosted a successful household hazardous waste depot at the Conroy Snow Dump at 3100 Conroy Road in June. Almost 4,300 visitors diverted 175 tonnes of waste from the landfill. Future depots are as follows:

- Sept. 12, 8 am to 4 pm: Tunney's Pasture
- Sept. 26, 8 am to 4 pm: Trail Road Waste Facility, 4475 Trail Road
- Oct. 24, 8 am to 4 pm: Westbrook Snow Dump, 200 Westbrook Road

## River Ward Events

### E-Waste Collection

CO-HOSTED BY  
RIVER WARD &  
ALTA VISTA WARD  
TOGETHER WITH  
JUNK THAT FUNK



Items  
accepted at  
the E-Waste  
depot  
include:

- Any device that plugs in or runs on batteries
- PCs, laptops, and any computer components
- Broken home appliances including whitegoods
- Batteries (small and large)
- Old Christmas decorations and lighting

Jim Durrell Recreation Centre parking lot,  
1265 Walkley Road

Saturday, August 21, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



On August 21, I co-hosted an electronic waste drop-off event with Alta Vista Councillor Jean Cloutier at the Jim Durrell Recreation Centre, my second depot this year. Just over 32,000 pounds of electronic waste were collected.

### Ottawa Pride Week



On August 23 I was proud to take part in the raising of the Pride flag at City Hall to celebrate Pride Week. This year's celebrations, themed "We Still Demand," honour the first large-scale gay rights demonstration in Canada in 1971.

## River Ward Newsletter



Stay up to date on everything happening in your community by signing up for my monthly e-newsletter. Visit [RileyBrockington.ca](http://RileyBrockington.ca), scroll down to the bottom of the page, enter your email address under 'Connect' on the left, and click 'Subscribe.'

## River Ward Office is Still Open

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, my office has continued to work, and I have been in the office each and every day to assist residents with their concerns. Please reach out if you need my assistance. You can call 613-580-2486 or email me at [Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca](mailto:Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca).