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**Riverside Park Community Association AGM
October 6, 2021**



Thank-you RPCA Board of Directors

My heartfelt thanks to the volunteer Board of Directors of the Riverside Park Community Association for your outstanding commitment and service to your members and greater Riverside Park community.

You put in long hours, contribute to the discussion on many issues and actively solicit feedback from across the community. Thank-you. Thank-you for your service.

COVID VACCINATION UPDATE

As of the first week in October, 89% of Canadian aged 12+ have received at least one COVID dose, with 84% of those aged 12+ fully vaccinated. To continue to mitigate the impact of the COVID pandemic as of Sept. 22, Ontario residents are required to provide proof of vaccination to access certain businesses and settings.

If you or a member of your family need a first or second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, drop-in vaccinations are available for those eligible for first, second or third doses at many [participating Ottawa Public Health Clinics](#).

How to access vaccination certificates

Individuals will need the following to log into the provincial portal:

- A green photo health (OHIP) card (numbers from the front and back of the card, expired cards will be accepted)
- Date of birth
- Postal code that is associated with health card

[Access the portal](#) to download the PDF electronic receipt.

- Red and white health card: call the Provincial Vaccine Booking line at 1-833-943-3900. You will be emailed a copy of the vaccine receipt after your request.
- Individuals who do not have a health card but were immunized in Ontario and need proof of vaccination can call 613-691-5505 and listen to the options.
- Individuals who do not have access to a computer and printer can drop into any of our [Neighbourhood Vaccination Hubs](#) where an OPH staff can help to download and print your vaccination receipt.

The Ottawa Public Library invites all residents to print and laminate their vaccination cards, free of charge, in any Ottawa branch. At my request, they are also outfitting the Bookmobile with this service.

Residents who received a COVID-19 vaccine through a Federal program while in the province of Ontario (for example military or embassy vaccination clinic) can ensure their vaccination is recorded in Ontario by completing the [Ontario COVID-19 Vaccine Form for Federal Programs](#).

Indoor City recreation centres and cultural facilities require proof of vaccination

Under the newly introduced regulation proof of vaccination is now required for those 12 and older to enter City recreation and cultural facilities.

Upon entering a recreation centre, swimming pool, arena, or theatre venue, a person must have an electronic or hard copy of their vaccination receipt confirming two doses received at least 14 days prior, and a piece of valid identification, such as:

- Driver's licence * Health Card *Passport *Birth certificate

Without a proof of vaccination, a person cannot access indoor recreational or cultural activities, including:

- Lane and public swims
- Fitness classes – including Aquafit
- Weight/Cardio drop-ins
- Instructional cooking, music, or art classes
- Adult sports or drop-in activities
- Theatre or studio performance or cinema
- Rented spaces

Adults who accompany children or youth into a facility for activities – including but not limited to swimming lessons or Learn-to-Skate activities – require proof they have been fully vaccinated. Residents are reminded to arrive a few minutes earlier before the scheduled session or activity. All COVID-related protocols remain in place – including reservations, capacity limits, masking, and physical distancing.

More information on exceptions and other City programs and services, visit ottawa.ca

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

770 Brookfield Road - The Revalie

Construction of Phase 1 of the off-campus university student housing complex on the west side of 770 Brookfield Road is now complete, new tenants moved in on September 1, 2021. Currently the complex is at 50% occupancy and is expected to reach 90% occupancy in January when international students arrive. Phase 2 of construction on the east side of the property is scheduled to commence in May 2022. This all-inclusive American-style model offers students a range of amenities, with the ground floor dedicated to host retail and food services scheduled open in the early spring of 2022.

The local community is cordially invited to attend an Open House at [The Revalie](#) Ottawa, 770 Brookfield, on October 16, 10:30am-12:00pm. The event will include a ribbon cutting ceremony with myself and Mayor Watson as well as guided tours of the complex and light refreshments. As tours will be offered in the proximity to where residents live, proof of COVID vaccination will be required.

2660 Norberry Crescent - Norberry Residences

Norberry has updated their site plan to include a new parking garage on the southwest side of the property. The original plans for expansion included a tear down and rebuild of the existing parking garage, but their plans were reassessed, and they desire to build two covered garages on their southern edge of the property. The construction plan is to build all new buildings at once over two years instead of a spread-out approach over 3 years. Construction will not commence in 2021.

729-753 Ridgewood Avenue - Brigil Development

In June, Brigil filed their zoning bylaw amendment application to tear down the Riverside Mall and build a mixed-use development: residential and retail. A total of 383 units are planned, down from the original 683.

The proposal includes 5 buildings on the site, ranging in height from 4 to 15 storeys, organized around a central public space. The property will also feature a proposed retail space on the southwest corner of the property and 2 levels of underground parking. For details of Brigil's applications, visit the City's [development applications website](#).

In addition to a number of meetings I hosted with community leaders, including the RPCA Exec well before the June 2021 filing of their application, I hosted public meetings on May 31 and June 2 and continue to work closely with community leaders in and abutting the proposed site.

Springland Drive-Mooney's Bay Childcare Centre

The Mooney's Bay Childcare Centre had originally hoped to open in September, however due to delays in construction the opening date has been revised to mid-November. Andrew Fleck Children's Services look forward to welcoming 77 children to the new Centre.

3071 Riverside Drive-Canoe Bay Developments

Construction has also been significantly delayed for the Canoe Bay Development project on Riverside Drive. When COVID struck, Canoe Bay's financing agreement evaporated and were required to seek new financing. They continue in this regard before construction starts. Should financing not be secured for this project there is a reasonable chance that this project, as we know it, will not proceed.

Official Plan Review

Thank-you RPCA for your engagement on the new Official Plan, hosting three community discussions in 2021, January to March, writing a white paper on the matter which was submitted to the City and advocating for a number of changes. With this paper, I was able to meet with Planning staff over a number of meetings and achieved a number of local victories including amending the designation for Walkley Road that would yield more reasonable development, avoid splitting Riverside Park in to two different transects and moving Riverside Park exclusively into the Outer Urban transect. This will reduce density expectations on new builds over the next 25 years.

New Official Plan – Meeting Dates this month

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

- October 14 – Joint statutory meeting of the Planning Committee and Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee (expected to last 3 full days)
- October 27 – City Council consideration of the report on the final draft of the New Official Plan.

Future Infill developments

- Walkley Road, 2 lots east of 797 Walkley
- Riverside Drive, lot immediately south of Gardenview Private
- 3358 Riverside Drive, 4 houses slated, project on hold
- 2847 Riverside Drive, former Chinese restaurant, long closed, caught on fire August 24

INFRASTRUCTURE

New Traffic Calming and Walkley Road

- Provost Drive Flex stakes (in-progress)
- Gateway Community standard speed reduction to 40km for the General Vanier community
- Crosswalk on Springland Drive at Hobson
- Extension of the pedestrian walk signal at the Riverside/Ridgewood intersection
- Stop Sign at Fielding and Southmore
- 6 concrete planters added to Walkley Road in and around the Via Rail bridge
- Funding for the crossing guard on Springland in front of Holy Cross Catholic School was maintained

Walkley Road

September 2021 RPCA meeting hosted officials from the City of Ottawa outlining the comprehensive plan for Walkley Road, Bank to Riverside, including bike lanes, new roundabout at the Parkway, road diet for Walkley Road when the off-ramp opens and additional modifications west of McCarthy

A pilot project will likely run in Spring 2022 to simulate the anticipated modifications to Walkley Road, between the Parkway and McCarthy Road, and the subsequent impacts (ie elevated cut through traffic, queuing lengths and times at McCarthy, speed of traffic, etc)

Repaving of Riverside Drive (Walkley to St Pat's Home)

As reported in my October 1 e-newsletter, I regret to inform you that the repaving of Riverside Drive, has been rescheduled to the Spring of 2022.

There is not enough time for the contractor to complete various jobs assigned to them before the snow flies. Labour challenges needed concrete work; identification of utility locates are all issues impacting the schedule.

I have expressed my profound disappointment to City staff with the delay. I asked them to review schedules of work and the possibility of a new contractor, but that is not possible at this point.

Active Transportation Survey, many suggestions – May 2021

As part of the Transportation Master Plan review, which has been delayed due to COVID, I conducted a ward wide survey this spring to solicit areas of improvement to our active transportation infrastructure, mainly, sidewalks, multi-use pathways and bike infrastructure.

My focus in recent years is to develop a plan with City staff to acknowledge local deficiencies and ensure resources are directed. Many sidewalks need attention and repaving, and this was one of my main requests during my Budget 2022 discussions with the City Manager and Mayor in late September.

LRT Trillium Line Update

Construction is underway across all three Stage 2 LRT Extensions (west, east and south)

- In the south, work is progressing well at the Walkley Maintenance and Storage Facility (MSF) and on multiple rail bridges and guideways. Station construction has begun at all sites.

Update on Stage 2 LRT Trillium Line in River Ward

- Rideau River Pedestrian Bridge and Rideau River Rail Bridge - I am 98% sure this is not in the river ward...but these seem to go in order from downtown progressing south...
 - Sand blasting of the bridge is complete.
 - Bridge remedial works are ongoing with concrete repair of the pier upcoming.
 - North abutment refacing has commenced.
 - Jacking the rail bridge to begin repairs to support infrastructure is anticipated in late September.
 - Rideau River pathway 'soft-closed' at the Bronson Bridge and the Heron loop (under the bridge) as the pathway must be temporarily removed where it touches the river to build the new pedestrian bridge. Pathway closed October 4 and will re-open in mid-April. Pedestrians and cyclists can walk/bike right up to where the pathway vanishes, but from that point, you may not go further and must turn around.
 - Coun Menard and I have met with LRT Phase 2 staff multiple times to keep this pathway open all summer long and proceed with the most impactful work, on the MUP, during the autumn and winter months.
- Mooney's Bay Station
 - Backfilling and formwork as well as rebar and concrete works for the platform are ongoing.
 - Electrical conduits have been installed in the platform.
- Ellwood Diamond (VIA Rail crossing) Rail Bridge
 - All piers are being formed and work is ongoing.
 - Demolition of the OC Transitway Bridge is nearing final completion.
 - Preparing to start approach footings for prefabricated walls to be installed.

- Walkley Maintenance and Storage Facility (MSF)
 - Drainage installation completed at west end of yard.
 - Gas line installation starting from south of MSF building is in progress.
 - The duct-bank work for the main power feed to the MSF main building completed. Vaults installation in progress.
 - Drilling for the watermain connection completed.
 - Construction of the inspection building and train wash building foundation wall completed. Under slab mechanical and electrical installation in progress.
 - Interior drywall, painting, electrical and mechanical rough-ins, and electrical wiring are progressing inside the MSF main building.
 - Rail installation is nearing completion at the light maintenance bay.
- Walkley Station
 - Excavation for LRT station complete.
 - Construction of site access roads and the laydown area is complete.
 - Formwork, rebar, and concrete placement for wall construction is ongoing.
 - An existing section of the Walkley MUP has been temporarily closed with a detour in place until Fall 2021.
- Greenboro Station
 - Existing platform structural steel installation completed.
 - The first pour for the platform is complete.

O-Train South Line New Extension:

- Guideway between Greenboro and Hunt Club Road
 - Excavation between South Keys station and Greenboro station completed.
 - Fence between South Keys and Greenboro station has started.
 - Retaining wall and propane gas line north of South Keys has begun.
 - Distribution slab west and south of South Keys has started.
- Hunt Club Rail Bridge and Pedestrian (MUP) Bridge
 - Excavation and construction for crash wall footing has started.
 - Middle column grade beam has started.



Pictured above: Support column work has started at the Hunt Club rail over road bridge.



Pictured above: The first Stadler FLIRT vehicle has left Switzerland and is on route to Ottawa.

Stakeholders can stay up to date on the Stage 2 LRT project by visiting [Ottawa.ca/stage2](https://ottawa.ca/stage2), where they can view the following:

- Stage 2 LRT newsletter
- Station descriptions and renderings
- Fact sheets and other helpful resources

Staff continue to engage with Councillors and community stakeholders as work progresses. Stakeholders can continue to direct inquiries to the Stage 2 LRT project's email, Stage2@ottawa.ca.

PARKS, RECREATION AND EVENTS

Mooney's Bay Park (public use, Festivals, Terry Fox)

Mooney's Bay Park was heavily used in 2021, with wide-spread closures of many businesses including gyms and other recreational facilities, parks became the go-to destination for many. I worked with Public Works to assign staff to the park earlier in the season, provide waste management and open the washrooms. My efforts on the Environment Committee have now produced recycling and organic bins all through-out the park and across other large parks in the City.

Extensive use at night yielded noise issues and a curfew was eventually enacted on Friday and Saturday nights. Feedback from both sides of the river was positive following this action.

Our large festivals and special events either remained virtual this year or returned to a lesser extent, such as the Lebanese Festival, which offered a take-away food service and the opportunity to sit down and eat on-site.

The brand new AfroFest had their inaugural in-person festival in late summer. Although it was an overall success, noise issues were reported in high numbers on the second day.

Expect the large festivals to return in 2022.

Toboggan Hill

City Council unanimously approved my motion to direct Parks and Recreation staff to review the hill for safety issues and ensure the hill is available for sledding this coming winter. The hill was closed in the winter of 2021 due to overcrowding during COVID and the City's concern over chronic safety issues on the hill.

A detailed update on the rebuild of the Mooney's Bay Pavilion was not yet ready for this meeting and will be pushed to November. My apologies for the delay.

Mooney's Bay Ski School

Ski School Lessons will be offered January-March 2022.

The cross-country ski school in Mooney's Bay Park offers a great selection of lessons. They are offered daily with convenient day and evening options. You may browse courses and/or register [on-line](#) as of November 22 to browse and December 6 to register.

- Lessons for children, youth, and adults from experienced and certified instructors
- Classes for all abilities from beginner to advanced
- Classic or Skate Skiing lessons

Ski Rentals available onsite - Rentals by Lafleur de la Capital: 613-298-3775 or email skirentals@lafleur.ca for more information.

2022 Private lessons: lessons are one hour long.

- Customized one-on-one lesson: \$87.50
- Semi-private lesson with a friend or family members: \$67.75 per person
- Family/small group (max 5 people) \$153.50

To book your private lesson, submit a [Private Instruction Request Form \[PDF - 205 KB \] PDF opens in a new tab or window](#) at Mooney's Bay Ski Centre or by email to TerryFoxAthletic@ottawa.ca . An instructor will contact you to discuss your goals and availability. For semi-private or small group lessons, all group members must pay at the same time to receive the discounted rate.

On-going informal request for a dog park

In recent years, there was discussion on the Association of determining the feasibility of a dog park within Ernie Culcutt Park. Preliminary feedback to the idea was not well received. Within the year, I have been approached by residents in and around Linton Park. My initial suggestion was to approach the Association to facilitate a broader discussion, and this is, is there a place within Riverside Park to permit an enclosed dog park space. That conversation has not been had; however, the demand exists.

Partnership with B&G Club in Paget Park this summer

Thank-you to community leaders like George Brown for his efforts to bring the Boys and Girls Club programming staff into Paget Park one day a week in the summer. We appreciated their presence and fun that they brought to the community.

It remains my sincere privilege to work with the Riverside Park Community Association, its members and community residents to make our community more vibrant, safe, and prosperous place to live, work and play. I look forward to the year ahead.

Riley Brockington

October 6, 2021