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Councillor's Report

Carleton Heights Area Residents Association AGM June 20, 2022

Thank-you to all members of the CHARA Board, supportive family members and volunteers for your contributions in making Carleton Heights such a great neighbourhood. I appreciate the collaborative spirit and relationship as we address issues in the community.

DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

780 Baseline Road

The City of Ottawa has received a Zoning By-law Amendment application to construct three high-rise apartment buildings ranging in heights of 25 and 29-stories, with 868 residential units and 2,895 square metres of ground floor commercial space. A total of 655 parking spaces are proposed throughout underground parking and surface level parking.

A 700m² privately owned public space fronting Fisher Avenue is also proposed.

On June 28 I will be hosting a virtual meeting regarding this proposal. Please register in advance for this on-line at <https://bit.ly/3NXTS7M>

1111 Prince of Wales Drive

This is a zoning application to build a parking lot on the north-end corner of the intersection at Baseline. The Applicant has received feedback from the NCC and were told to increase the amount of landscaping and therefore

reduce the number of parking spaces. The applicant did submit revised plans and I will be meeting with the proponent at the end of June to discuss these changes.

Ottawa Ward Boundary Review 2020

As of November 15, 2022 the boundaries of River Ward (16) will change slightly, including additions that now abut Carlington. The ward will now extend north and include Westgate Shopping Centre and any future developments. As well the boundary will extend west to Clyde and encompass the old Nielsen Dairy and the current site of the Canadian Tire. The new civic hospital campus footprint will be part of the new boundary. The south side of Hunt Club will no longer be in River Ward.

INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATES

Fisher Repaving

Meadowlands to Prince of Wales

Concrete work starting the week of July 4 and paving

in the first or second week of August.

Meadowlands Repaving

Ortona to Prince of Wales—The contract has been awarded and this should be complete by November 25, 2022

Prince of Wales

Watermain infrastructure on Prince of Wales – City staff are aware of the breaches to the line (*in the Rideauview Terrace area*) and continue to monitor the integrity of the main. Due to a heavy list of projects, this site is not on the 3-5 year window for replacement.

Prince of Wales roadway surface – the roadway surface is patchy and rough. Although it is not slated for repaving this summer, I will push to get this elevated up the list. The arterial designation of the road is in our favour.

Replacement of Aged Water Meters

The City of Ottawa has contracted Neptune Technology Group to replace 85,000 aging small water meters with new high-resolution meters. The three-year replacement project began, in August 2021, starting with wards in the downtown core and will slowly spread outward to the suburban wards as the project progresses.

The initial letters were sent out on May 6. In late May of this month Neptune Technology began replacing 5,872 meters in River Ward.

Water meters are the property of the City of Ottawa and require replacing after their lifecycle – which can be up to 25 years. As a condition of service, the City will be replacing these aging water meters to effectively support the delivery of drinking water to households and businesses.

Your new water meter will ensure continued accurate billing and enable enhanced online features through MyServiceOttawa.ca including the ability to:

View usage data right down to the litre – which can help detect even the smallest leaks

Sign up for advanced leak and usage alerts

Visit [Ottawa.ca/meters](https://ottawa.ca/meters) to read more about the program, how to view your usage online and subscribe for leak alerts.

When Neptune Technology Group is ready to commence installations in your neighbourhood, you will receive information by mail that prompts you to book an

appointment that is convenient for you, depending on availability – including weekends or evenings.

The installation time for a new meter is approximately 30 to 90 minutes and will require the water to be shut off by the Neptune Technology technician for a brief period of time.

Sidewalk Repairs

I continue to meet with Infrastructure Services staff to allocate more resources in particular, to sidewalk repairs. In April, I was able to have another \$ 1 million released for this purpose.

The Transportation Master Plan review does focus on active transportation and I have been very clear the last 2 years in particular, that the long term plan must focus on active transportation networks: sidewalks, Multi-use pathways and cycling infrastructure.

New Automated Speed Enforcement Camera for River Ward

The City is expanding its Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) program by gradually adding 15 new camera locations over the next year, which will be installed near school zones to protect vulnerable road users – especially daycare and school-aged children.

The new location for River Ward on Fisher Avenue between Dynes Road and Kintyre Private is currently under construction and will be operational in the next 4-6 weeks.

Arnot Road Sidewalk

The Arnot Road sidewalk project will proceed and no funds from that project will be transferred for calming on Dynes. The plan is to narrow Arnot a bit from Dynes to St Augustine to fit in a wider sidewalk and not compromise the trees or front properties. Intersection modifications on Arnot at Dynes may be undertaken to provide a better defined intersection for pedestrians. There are insufficient numbers of pedestrians to warrant a crosswalk across Dynes at this location. The planning goal is to send it to design and construction this year, it would not enter construction until 2023, or later.

Speed Bump - Dynes Rd

A new speed bump will be installed on Dynes between Fisher and Claymor this year.

Baseline Road Rapid Transit Corridor (Bayshore Station

to Heron Station)

Next year will mark 11 years since the City started to study the feasibility of constructing the Baseline Road Rapid Bus Corridor. The City completed an Environmental Project Report for the corridor between Bayshore Station and Heron Station, in accordance with Ontario Regulation 231/08. This project is part of the Rapid Transit and Transit Priority Network identified in the City's Transportation Master Plan (TMP) 2013 and connects to other existing and planned rapid transit corridors, including the West Transitway, the Confederation Line, the Southwest Transitway, the Trillium Line, and Southeast Transitway. The project will accommodate the anticipated growth in transit ridership as contemplated in the TMP and support the growth management policies identified in the City's Official Plan (OP). Status Update

- No funding at this time to implement, will require funds from provincial and federal government
- Phase 1 from Heron to Baseline station is first in the queue. Estimated cost of \$165million (2020 dollars) without updated real estate acquisition numbers
- Project will be shelved until dollars come through
- Future public consultation as part of final design package
- Property acquisition discussions and expropriation to occur during the final design and implementation stage

Rats

Residents on Claymor between Dynes and Meadowlands have recently identified issues with rats and property standard issues at some residences . I've had staff from Infrastructure and Water Services review the area and also postcards were delivered on how to prevent these unwanted creatures. By-Law also attended to some untidy properties.

Ditch Alteration Policy

A CHARA specific meeting on the Ditch Alteration Policy was held on April 7 and CHARA residents were able to comment and provide direct feedback to staff. An "As We Heard it Report" was shared with the community. This matter will come to a special joint session of the Environment and Agriculture Committees on June 27.

Public Works has confirmed that they will be doing a visual inspection of Courtland Park's stormwater infrastructure this summer.

PARKS

RideauView Park

At the November 2021 AGM of the Debra Dynes Family House, I was informed that the bottom of the wading pool is coarse and scrapping young toes.

This has been sanded, smoothed out and painted before it is to be opened on June 25. New benches are also being pursued.

NEW VACANT PROPERTY & AMMENDED PROPERTY STANDARDS BY-LAWS

City Council approved a new by-law that would hold property owners accountable for managing their vacant buildings and lands through a new permit system.

The **Vacant Property By-law** would require owners of properties unoccupied for 120 consecutive days to obtain a permit and to follow regulations for identifying, managing and visiting their sites. The City could then better mitigate common problems with vacant properties, including improper maintenance, garbage, graffiti, vandalism, and unauthorized access. It would also help prevent demolition by neglect as the City could identify problems with vacant buildings before they are damaged beyond repair.

Annual permits would cost just over \$1,700, and the fees would fund two new full-time positions to enforce and administer the by-law. Exemptions would be included to accommodate snowbirds, travelling workers and vacation properties. The City would waive the permit fee for two years on compassionate grounds, for instance if an owner was in care or a property was vacant due to a catastrophic event.

Council also approved recommended amendments to the **Property Standards By-law** to address pest control, landscaping, and grading and drainage, and to the Board Up By-law to expand protection to accessory buildings, such as sheds.

Carleton Heights Summer Festivals/Special Events

Event Name	Location	Dates(s)
Canada Day Regatta	Rideau Canoe Club	July 1-2
Capital Ukrainian Festival	925 Green Valley Cres	July 22-24
Canoe Club Qualifiers and Championships	Rideau Canoe Club	July 29-31
Canoe Club Ontario Championships	Rideau Canoe Club	August 13-14
Ottawa Greek Festival	1315 Prince of Wales Drive	August 5-7 & August 12-15

