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Councillor's Report

Carleton Heights and Area Residents Association January 26, 2021

DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE

Hog's Back Road Bridges

Work to repair and replace the major components of the NCC swing bridge and the Parks Canada waterfall bridge on Hog's Back Road is now complete. Access is now open to both Colonel By Drive and to Riverside Drive. Final paving of the fixed bridge segment is expected to occur in Spring 2021. This has been a long haul for all of us and I am glad to see the road reopened for use.

1111 Prince Of Wales Drive

The City of Ottawa has recently received a Zoning By-law Amendment and Site Plan Control application to increase the size of the current surface parking lot at 1111 Prince of Wales Drive, located in the north-east corner of the Baseline/Heron and Prince of Wales Drive intersection. The application is to allow the expansion of the parking lot to allow the addition of 156 parking spaces with a right in-right out access of Heron Road. The reason for the request is that the tenants/clients of 1111 Prince of Wales Drive have been using the adjacent parking lot at 1107 Prince of Wales Drive but this property may be developed, removing access to those parking spaces.

The one cluster of trees that are visible from Heron Road would be retained as part of the parking lot expansion. Additional trees and landscaping would be provided around the perimeter of the site while the cluster of trees internal to the property would be removed.

I have asked the owner's representative, working on this application, to postpone any construction of a new parking lot, until the current agreement in place with 1107 Prince of Wales terminates.

You can access the submitted plans and studies regarding this application online at devapps.ottawa.ca and search by the address, 1111 Prince of Wales Drive. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 613-580-2486 or by email at Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca.

Fisher Avenue Repaving in 2021

In the coming year Fisher Avenue between Meadowlands and Prince of Wales will be refreshed with the topcoat removed and replaced. This remedial work will help lengthen the life of the road. I will be certain to provide further updates once the start date of this project is known.

Sewer Rehabilitation Project—Year 2

Last year we saw the first phase of this project get underway with the watermain and sewer renewal for **Falaise** (from Claymor to Prince of Wales) and **Claymor** (Normandy to Falaise). This year, work will begin on **Senio** and **Claymor** (north of Normandy) as well as see the completion of the paving and landscaping for Falaise and Claymor (south of Normandy). By late fall, all working, including the landscaping, paving, and curb work will be completed.

Next phases: It was announced in the 2021 budget that the project design and planning for integrated road, sewer, and water work will be started for **Apeldoorn Avenue** (between Meadowlands Drive East and Falaise Road), and **Arnhem Street** (between Normandy Crescent and Greenbriar Avenue.) Construction is anticipated for 2023.

TRAFFIC CALMING 2021

In 2021, traffic calming plans will be returning to the streets of Carleton Heights that previously saw the flex stakes installed. Two possible additions/changes for 2021 include Normandy North which is being reviewed for further traffic calming measures and the flex stakes reinstallation is currently under review for Kochar Drive. I have also requested that the paint markings be refreshed across the community for speed limits, Slow/Lent, etc.

OUTDOOR WINTER ACTIVITIES

Mandatory masks around City rinks

To help reduce the spread of COVID-19, masks are now mandatory within 15 metres (50 feet) of the ice edge around

all City owned or operated on behalf of the City, public outdoor rinks. Masks are not mandatory when skating, but highly recommended. For those enjoying the beautiful outdoor rinks Ottawa has to offer, please keep a two-metre distance from anyone not in your household.

25-person limit on all City rinks and sledding hills

Please note that the maximum number of people on ice surfaces and sledding hills is now set to 25. This is to ensure physical distancing to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. This will be on a first come first serve basis for community rinks and sledding hills, so please be considerate of others wishing to take part in this winter activity.

Need more information?

Have questions about exercising outdoors, social visits, enforcement, making complaints, and more during the Ontario Government's stay-at-home order? Learn more about City and Provincial rules here: <https://ottawa.ca/en/news/what-can-i-do-during-stay-home-order>

TRANSPORTATION UPDATES

Winter Road Maintenance and Repairs

With winter comes snow clearing and bad road conditions. I would like to remind residents that if you see any roads or potholes that require maintenance or repair, please contact 3-1-1 and then my office who will assist with arranging for additional maintenance and repairs with City Supervisors. If a City snow plow has caused any damage to your lawn, please let me know and we will arrange for grass repair which typically occurs in the spring. I continue to push for budget allocation for road repair and renewal.

Clearing Catch Basins

Residents are asked to assist the City clear their local catch basin of snow, ice and debris as much as you can. A clear catch basin allows water to drain off the road, making it safer for resident travel. With the freezing temperatures, ice that is left on the road may block the catch basin causing water to pool and freeze, resulting in dangerous conditions. Small steps taken regularly to keep catch basins clear will help prevent water pooling on our roads.

CITY UPDATES & CONSULTATIONS

Cannabis Retail Location Update

As you recall, we were informed June 2020 of the application for the cannabis retail store in the Shoppers Drug Mart strip-mall on the southwest corner of the Prince of Wales and Meadowlands intersection. Working together, CHARA, the City of Ottawa, local residents, and myself, submitted letters of objection to the proposed location because it is within 150m of an active-use public park (Hog's

Back, Rideau Canal Locks, and Rideau Canoe Club) and is also across the street from the Boys and Girls Club. Unfortunately, our objections were not enough to prevent the recent granting of the retail licence for this location by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario.

Community Safety and Well-Being Plan Consultation

Your voice matters! Jump in on the conversation from Jan 18 -Feb 28 for the Community Safety & Well-Being Plan consultations. Everyone has a role to play in the safety and well-being of our city and this is your opportunity to share your thoughts. Visit <https://engage.ottawa.ca/Community-Safety-Well-Being-Plan> to learn more.

Winter Road Maintenance—Your feedback is needed!

Everyone has an opinion about how the City of Ottawa maintains its roads in the winter, and residents have an opportunity to share that opinion with the City right now.



The City of Ottawa is reviewing its Winter Maintenance Quality Standards (WMQS). The standards determine when and where snow clearing, sanding and salting take place, how often and for how long.

Residents can visit engage.ottawa.ca/wmqs and contribute to the review in three ways:

- Complete a survey, available until February 19
- Participate in one of four virtual workshops: January 25, 26, 27 or 28
- Share an idea or ask a question in the discussion forum

If you need to complete the survey by phone or require other accessibility related accommodations, please call 613-282-2685 for assistance.

Parks and Recreation Master Plan Consultation

What type of park/recreation facilities do you and your family use or are interested in seeing added?

The City is looking for your feedback on the first Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan. The plan will provide a framework to help the City determine what municipal parks and recreation facilities we will need in the next ten years to serve the needs of residents. This master plan will be part of the City's New Official Plan, which will be adopted in October. Learn more and participate at Engage.Ottawa.ca.

Anti-Asian Racism in Ottawa

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, our city has seen increasing reports of hate incidents targeting Asian residents. Although anti-Asian racism previously existed in

Ottawa, the pandemic has created a new form of anti-Asian racism that links China and the novel coronavirus.

The City's [Anti-Racism Secretariat](#) has launched an anti-Asian racism campaign. The campaign, which was spearheaded by Councillor Rawlson King, the City's Council Liaison for Anti-Racism and Ethnocultural Relations, sends the message that anti-Asian racism has no place in Ottawa and encourages all residents to be an ally and speak out against racism.

COVID-19 Support Information Meeting for Businesses

Minister Lisa MacLeod is hosting a Regional Business Support Town Hall on February 1 at 10am. Join in to discuss an overview of supports available to businesses and the government's response to COVID-19. Register by Sunday, Jan 31, 4pm at <https://eventbrite.ca/e/ottawa-regional-business-support-townhall-with-minister-lisa-macleod-tickets-136454265381>.

OTTAWA PUBLIC HEALTH COVID-19 UPDATES

Vaccination Update

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.

The City's Emergency Operations Centre (EOC), in collaboration with Ottawa Public Health (OPH), the Ottawa Hospital (TOH) and other health care partners are working together to vaccinate eligible residents against COVID-19, as quickly as possible, in accordance with the Provincial framework.

By Friday, January 15, all workers, residents and essential caregivers at the city's 28 long term care homes had received their first dose of the vaccine. A great accomplishment.

The current vaccine supply will be used to administer second doses to ensure that those individuals who have received the first round of vaccinations become immunized, as directed by the Province. The total amount of vaccine that will be distributed to the City of Ottawa in the coming weeks and precise delivery dates are not yet known. These decisions are also made by the Province.

I know that there is a lot of anxiety and questions around when the vaccine will be made available to seniors living in their own homes and the general public. As this information comes forward, I will be sure to share it with River Ward residents through my website at RileyBrockington.ca and via social media. The City of Ottawa Task Force is following the sequence of vaccinations by demographic as established by the Province of Ontario.

I have posted the answers to some of the frequently asked questions on my website at RileyBrockington.ca.

COVID-19 Testing

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

1. You are showing [COVID-19 symptoms](#). OR
2. 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
3. You are a resident or work in a setting that has a COVID-19 outbreak, as identified and informed by Ottawa Public Health. OR
4. 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

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 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.

Pandemic Parenting

Given the current Provincial restrictions and school closures, this time may be challenging for parents and guardians who have children learning from home as they try to balance that with work obligations, projects, deadlines, meetings and so on. Parents and guardians are encouraged to speak to their employer to ensure they are

aware of their situation and to discuss their options. Employers are asked to be considerate of employee's family situations during this challenging time.

In order to be able to take care of others, parents need to take care of themselves. OPH would like to remind parents that their mental health and well-being are as important as ever and that it's okay to not be okay.

I know parents and guardians are doing their best right now to keep children safe, healthy and entertained. As we try to reduce the currently high levels of COVID-19 in our community, OPH is asking parents to keep the following in mind:

- At this time, playdates and recreational activities with other households are not recommended. We all need to take steps to reduce transmission of the virus in our community, including limiting close contacts with those from outside our immediate households.
- Parents and guardians should be limiting their children's contact with other children except for childcare needs. Licensed centre and home-based childcare remains open with enhanced health and safety measures and emergency child care is available. If required, families would be permitted to have an exclusive contact with another household for the sole purpose of providing support.
- Daily screening of children for COVID-19 symptoms continues to be important, even if children are not attending school in person. If ANYONE in the home has symptoms of COVID-19, everyone must stay home while waiting for COVID-19 test results. Parents can screen their children for symptoms by accessing [OPH's daily screening tool](#).

Ottawa Public Health knows parents/guardians are doing their best right now to balance work and home obligations, their children's virtual learning and their own personal care and well-being. The stress caused by this situation is significant and OPH asks the community to be compassionate, accommodating, and supportive of parents, guardians and one another during this difficult time.

COVID-19 Response Site – Champlain Community Support Network

Seniors and adults with disabilities can access support services during the COVID-19 pandemic through the Champlain's COVID-19 Response Website at

Communitysupport.covidresponse.ca/#AvailableServices.

Information on the following resources can be found on the website:

- Meals on Wheels
- Transportation to medical appointments
- Telephone Safety Checks
- Access to social programs by phone or online
- Help with food and grocery delivery
- Caregiver Support
- Dementia Support
- A Friendly Voice – telephone visiting line for seniors who may be feeling lonely or isolated

Be a Snow Mole!

The Council on Aging of Ottawa is looking for volunteers to be Snow Moles in their communities. A Snow mole is a volunteer who reports on what it is like to walk outside on a winter day in Ottawa. They are looking for all types of walkers, including seniors, children, and residents using mobility aids, to participate in this project. The results from the winter's reporting will be submitted to the City of Ottawa as part of the Winter Maintenance Quality Standards Review. You can learn more about this program at [The Council on Aging of Ottawa - Snow Moles \(coaottawa.ca\)](https://coaottawa.ca).

Coming Events

Women's Day—March 10, 2021

Mark your calendars for the annual River Ward Women's Day Speaker Series on Wednesday, March 10 at 7pm. It will be online this year due to the pandemic and will feature a panel of successful female role models. Watch my monthly e-newsletter for the registration link or send me a note at Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca to be put on the RSVP list.

River Ward Office is still open!

During the last 10 months, 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.

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