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Councillor's Report

Carleton Heights and Area Residents Association May 26, 2020

Potential Semi-Detached Development at 1707 Fisher Avenue

On Thursday, April 30, I met (virtually) with the Planning Team for the property owner at 1707 Fisher Avenue. The property is located on the east side of Fisher Avenue immediately north of Normandy Crescent (south). The lot is currently vacant and has been vacant for many years. The owner is proposing a development application for a semi-detached building (2-units) on the property.

At this time, the owner plans to submit a rezoning application in June to accommodate this development. The property is currently zoned R1GG and is designated as low density single family home development. The lot is approximately 70 feet frontage by 190 feet depth.

Prior to the application submission, the proponent asked that I share the details of the proposal with CHARA and its board members for their review, comment, and feedback. These details and a request for comment was provided to the CHARA Board President the afternoon of April 30.

No formal application has been submitted to the City of Ottawa at this time.

Claymor, Falaise, Senio Water and Sewer Rehabilitation Project

The contract for the Claymor, Falaise and Senio major infrastructure rehabilitation project has been awarded to Aecon Construction. The contractor is aiming to begin construction in mid to late June. The project will begin on Claymor, work its way to Falaise in 2020 with subsequent construction on Senio in 2021. I am pleased to see the City invest approximately \$7 million into this much needed local infrastructure project.

As part of this major infrastructure project a number of traffic calming and safety initiatives are being implemented including raised intersections, a raised crosswalk, and a new sidewalk on the north side of Falaise. New speed humps were proposed on Senio Avenue however after my public consultation with residents on Senio Avenue, the proposed speed humps have been removed as there was insufficient support to proceed with their installation.

Wild Parsnip Treatment in Moffat Farm

The City of Ottawa has begun treating Wild Parsnip to reduce the growth of wild parsnip in areas that are highly infested while ensuring that environmentally sensitive areas and public safety are not adversely impacted. In Carleton Heights the Stormwater Management Area south of Moffat Farm Veterans Park is identified for treatment.

Major Events Cancelled Through August 31

The City is extending its suspension of City-permitted special events, festivals and other cultural programs until Monday, August 31.

The major events suspension includes the cancellation of the Madonna Della Rizzareione Festival, Dragon Boat Festival, and Greek Festival. There will not be training at the Rideau Canoe Club for the Dragon Boat Festival this spring.

The City of Ottawa will not be moving forward with the annual parking restrictions within the Courtland Park neighbourhood during the Greek Festival this year.

Slow Down in Your Residential Community

Part of my community outreach this week is to remind motorists to please slow down when driving in your residential community. With the added volume of children and parents at home and out walking, cycling, playing, and attending our parks, it is imperative that motorists please slow down and show some courtesy to their neighbours by helping to foster a safer community.

I have also been in touch with the Traffic Enforcement Sergeant at Ottawa Police Services and have highlighted the speeding and drag-racing issues on Fisher Avenue and have requested an increased presence in the area. I can tell you that there was speed enforcement on Fisher Avenue this morning as well as several times last week north of Baseline.

City Undertaking a Tow Truck Regulation Review

City of Ottawa is taking a closer look at tow truck regulations and are looking for community feedback. There have been several cases in the last few years where residents have been significantly overcharged to recoup their vehicle which had been towed. This is an important regulation review and I invite you to participate by filling out the survey at <https://ottawa.ca/en/news/why-should-you-care-about-tow-trucks>

O-Train Line 1 Temporary Closure

The City has granted permission to RTG to access Line 1 in order to expedite maintenance and repair activities identified in the rectification plan.

O-Train Line 1 will temporarily close on Sunday May 31 to Wednesday June 3, reopening on Thursday June 4. This will be one of several closures this summer that will allow RTG to complete the work associated with the rectification plan.

R1 replacement bus service will be available to customers and will be operating frequently to ensure customers have additional space to practice physical distancing.

Covid-19 Expanded Testing

Any person experiencing any symptoms can now get tested at the Brewer Arena from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., seven days a week, or at 595 Moodie Dr. and 1485 Heron Rd. those same hours on weekdays. You do not have to be within a certain age range demographic anymore to get tested.

Final Property Tax Bills

The 2020 final property tax bills from the City of Ottawa have been mailed with a due date of June 18, 2020. There are a number of programs that are in place to provide eligible property owners with deferral of property taxes including the Hardship Deferral Program.

The Property Tax Hardship Deferral Program is available to eligible residents and businesses with an assessed property value of up to \$7.5M that are financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The program extends the interim and final property tax deadlines of March 19, 2020 and June 18, 2020 to October 30, 2020.

Property owners must apply for the deferral before July 31, 2020 to be considered. More information, including the full list of eligibility criteria can be found on ottawa.ca/taxrelief.