



COUNCILLOR/CONSEILLER
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Councillor's Report

Carleton Heights and Area Residents Association November 24, 2020

Draft Budget 2021

The City's draft budget for 2021 was tabled at a special City Council meeting on Wednesday, November 4.

The draft budget includes a 3% increase to the municipal tax rate, which would see the average urban homeowner pay an additional \$115 per year.

COVID-19 has put financial pressure on the City, with staff projecting a \$59.6-million deficit this year. Council received a report on the second-quarter status of [this year's budget](#), along with a year-end budget forecast.

Although the City is currently in a good position with cash flow, a resurgence of COVID-19 could worsen the projected deficit.

If you would like to attend an upcoming committee Meeting and speak to the committees on the 2021 City Budget, please send me an email at Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca and my office will help get you on the speakers list. Remaining Committee meetings include: Planning Committee (Nov 26), Ottawa Board of Health (Nov 30), Finance and Economic Development Committee (Dec 1), Ottawa Public Library Board (Dec 1), Transportation Committee (Dec 2) and Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee (Dec 3.)

Two Noted Draft Budget Highlights for Carleton Heights:

- \$1.1 million for design of integrated road, sewer and water work on Apeldoorn Avenue between Meadowlands Drive East and Falaise Road
- \$480,000 for design for integrated road, sewer and water work on Arnhem Street between Normandy Crescent and Greenbriar Avenue

Design for both of these major infrastructure projects is expected to commence next year with future construction dollars currently earmarked for 2023. I will be sure to include local residents in future design consultations as plans move forward.

Draft New Official Plan

The City of Ottawa is seeking your input as we develop a New Official Plan that will guide the physical development of Ottawa until 2046.

A draft of the New Official Plan is now available for review and comment at ottawa.ca/newop. On the City's website you will find a series of short surveys, arranged by theme, to help guide your feedback depending on your areas of interest. You're welcome to offer feedback on any or all surveys. You can send questions to newop@ottawa.ca.

Some of the themes include: Intensification vs Regeneration, Urban Boundary Expansion, Climate Emergency, Affordable Housing, Infrastructure, Hubs and Corridors, and Greenspace.

The City will collect feedback on the draft New Official Plan until Wednesday, February 17, incorporating input into an updated version of the draft that will be presented in the spring of 2021 for discussion at a joint meeting of the City's Planning Committee and Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee. After that, City Council will consider the New Official Plan in the fall of 2021 and, once approved, it will go to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for final provincial approval.

Cannabis Store Update – 888 Meadowlands Drive

I was recently advised by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) that the application requirements have been met and an application for a retail storefront license is in the queue for issuance at 888 Meadowlands Drive. This is the strip-mall that is home to Shoppers Drug Mart at the corner of Prince of Wales and Meadowlands. The estimated date of issuance is December 7, 2020.

The written notification (letter) outlining the AGCO decision regarding the public interest component is not issued until such time as the application is officially approved and the Cannabis Retail Store Authorization is issued. Due to the restriction on the number of Cannabis Retail Store

Authorizations that can be issued (10/week), there is a queue that these applications are placed into, once they have met all application requirements.

As you know, I have provided a written submission opposing the application. I am concerned with the AGCO ruling and am anxious to read the written decision outlining their reasons for approving the application. I would invite members of CHARA to share their feedback with their local MPP Joel Harden for any additional advice and assistance as this is a provincial matter.

Building Permit Issued for New Construction at 1437 Morley Boulevard

A Building Permit was issued on November 10 for the property at 1437 Morley Boulevard. The permit allows the construction of a two storey detached dwelling on the existing foundation with a new addition at rear. The building plan allowed the demolition of the existing home without a demolition permit down to the foundation level.

Claymor Avenue Construction Update

Base layer of asphalt paving was completed last week to close up Claymor Avenue in anticipation for winter shutdown of the construction site. The road is now in good shape for car travel and winter maintenance. A temporary sidewalk is installed on the east side of Claymor. The City and contractor agreed to defer the installation of the concrete curb and sidewalk this year on Claymor as it is too late in the year and there is significant risk of settlement cracking and potential damage due to salting. It is best to install concrete a minimum of 45 days before the start of winter otherwise scaling of the concrete surface is likely to occur. Pouring the concrete curbs and sidewalk in the spring will produce a better finished product. The contractor will return to complete all road and landscaping works next spring. The work to replace all of the underground infrastructure is complete. In 2021, work will shift to Claymor between Meadowlands and Normandy, as well as Senio Avenue.

Culvert and Pipe Replacement at Morley and Sanford Intersection

The City of Ottawa is working to complete the culvert and stormwater pipe infrastructure at the Morley and Sanford intersection. I was pleased to see this project advanced.

Notice of Water Service Interruption

Residents will experience a water service interruption on Thursday, November 26 due to a fire hydrant excavation and repair on Normandy Cres (north) between Fisher Ave and Ortona Ave. The twenty affected properties have been notified. Work will take approximately 8 hours to complete.

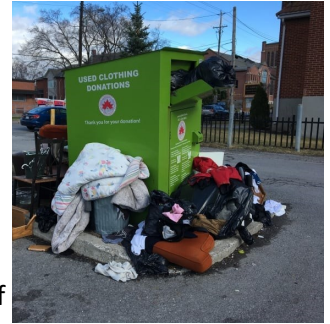
Winter Road Maintenance and Repairs

With the upcoming winter upon us, 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 front grass, 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.

Clothing Donation Boxes Public Survey

As part of the City's By-law Review Workplan, City staff are currently conducting a review of the Clothing Donation Box By-Law.

This review will examine the current regulations with respect to the operation of clothing donation boxes within the City of Ottawa. City staff will use the feedback from the public survey to help shape any future amendments to those regulations. The review will also examine best practices employed by other municipalities within Ontario and across the country. You can participate in the survey [HERE](#).



Register for your Letters to Santa Kit from the City of Ottawa Archives

This year, while we cannot get together in person at the City of Ottawa Archives due to COVID-19, the Letters to Santa program will continue. Register via email

(Archives@Ottawa.ca)

for a 'Letters to Santa Kit'

by November 28. The kit includes activity sheets, paper crafts, letter writing supplies, a hot chocolate packet and links to a special online holiday story. (Note: One kit per child. Maximum 4 kits per family. Limited kits available.)

When you register, indicate which of the following pickup locations you would prefer:

- City of Ottawa Archives, James Bartleman Centre, 100 Tallwood Drive (corner of Woodroffe Avenue)
- Barbara Ann Scott Gallery, City Hall, 110 Laurier Avenue West (Lisgar Street Entrance)



Pick-up times for both locations are:

- Thursday, December 3, 2020 | 3 to 6 pm
- Saturday, December 5, 2020 | 11 am to 2 pm

Christmas Hampers and Toy Mountain Registration Open

In need of assistance this Christmas? To register for gifts for your children from Toy Mountain or a Christmas Food Hamper from the Caring and Sharing Exchange please call 2-1-1.

Sponsor a Hamper with the Caring and Sharing Exchange

The Caring and Sharing Exchange Sponsor-a-Hamper program matches you with a family in need in the community to provide food assistance for the holidays. Through this program, you discuss with the family what they need and put together a food hamper with all the fixings for a festive Christmas meal! Sponsors also arrange a date and time to deliver the hamper to the family. For more information and to register, visit CaringandSharing.ca.

In light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, please consider arranging a porch drop when delivering your hamper, wearing a mask and sanitizing your hands before and after delivery.

COVID-19 Testing Locations Expanded

As of Monday, November 16, the COVID-19 Drive Thru Testing Site on Coventry Road was closed to allow for the relocation of the testing site to the NAC and City Hall Parking Garages. Registered residents will be required to drive to City Hall (Elgin Entrance) first to sign in and then drive to the NAC parking garage, one block north, to be tested. The new Drive Thru site is anticipated to open on Thursday, November 19.

In addition to the new drive thru site, there are a number of other locations available in the downtown core for residents to acquire a COVID test. You can get tested at the Centretown Community Health Centre (420 Cooper St.), the Sandy Hill Community Health Centre (221 Nelson St.), and the Somerset West Community Health Centre (55 Eccles St.) Soon the McNabb Community Centre will also begin COVID19 testing, anticipated to open next week.

All COVID-19 testing sites require appointments in advance. For more information: <https://www.ottawapublichealth.ca/en/shared-content/assessment-centres.aspx>

COVID-19 Vaccination Distribution Task Force

With recent positive news coming from pharmaceutical companies of positive results in the COVID-19 vaccination trials, the City has created a COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force to address the complex issue of vaccination distribution.

This Task Force will develop a plan for vaccine distribution in Ottawa for the orderly and coordinated distribution of vaccines. This plan will include of vulnerable populations, and will include the development of an associated communications plan. The Task Force will also monitor developments and refine its planning in response to updates from senior levels of government, public health authorities, and pharmaceutical companies. This proactive work will ensure a timely and coordinated distribution plan is ready should vaccines become available. In the meantime, it is that all residents continue to adhere to local public health guidelines to limit the spread of COVID-19.

Christmas Events

2020 continues to prove to be a different year. I will not be hosting my annual Christmas Social this December to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Instead, I hope to have various 'pop-up' events at retail locations and residential buildings around the ward during the month of December.

If you would like to suggest your building as a good pop-up location, please send me a note at Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca to connect me with your building's manager.

Winter recreation and arts eGuides

Stay active this winter and register for one or more City of Ottawa COVID-modified winter recreation and arts activities, starting on Monday, December 7 at 9 pm. In advance, browse our winter eGuides, which go online Monday, November 30, and discover our selection of recreation and arts activities.

Winter programming will include:

- Cross-country and skate-ski lessons for all ages and skill levels, including beginners, at the Terry Fox Athletic Centre, located at Mooney's Bay.
- Pottery, dance, digital arts, visual arts, multi-media, and music classes at the City's three arts centres: Nepean Creative Arts Centre, Nepean Visual Arts Centre and Shenkman Arts Centre.

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- PA and winter break day camps for school-aged children between the ages of 4 and 12, featuring crafts, games and other social activities.
- Low-ratio inclusive recreation, PA days and winter break camp programs for children, youth and adults with disabilities.
- French instruction dance classes, PA days and winter break camp programs for pre-school and school-aged children.



COVIDWise Winter Activities

Ottawa Public Health
Santé publique

Outdoor activities are good for both physical and mental health and usually **carry a lower risk of COVID transmission** than indoor activities. Lower the risk of COVID-19 with some of the alternatives below.

The safest option is to choose activities that can be done with just your household contacts or, if you live alone, with one or two of your chosen social support persons. If you get together with others, choose individual sports that can be done with other people, but still allows for 2 metres (6 feet) of spacing.

Outdoor play and leisure

- Build a snowman.
- Build a snow fort.
- Go for a walk to look at holiday lights.



Ice skating

- Sit on a bench outside to put your skates on instead of inside a changing hut.
- Choose open spaces where it is easier to maintain a 2 metre (6 feet) distance from other people.



Downhill Skiing

- Share chairlifts or T-bars only with people in your household or if you live alone with one or two of your chosen social support persons.
- Stay outdoors and on the slopes to avoid the ski resort lodge and crowded places.
- Remember to wear a mask and practice physical distancing when indoors with others.



Tobogganing

- Stay with your household members or, if you live alone, with one or two of your chosen social support persons.
- Keep at least a 2 metre (6 feet) distance from everyone else.
- Avoid crowded hills – come back at a different time.



Cross Country Skiing, Hiking or Snowshoeing

- Find a multi-use winter trail to enjoy with family and close friends but keep a 2 metre (6 feet) distance from people outside of your household or chosen social support persons.
- Carpool only with people in your own household and keep a 2 metre (6 feet) distance with others before and after doing your sport together, such as in the parking lot.
- Avoid any shared snacks or drinks.



Please consider your own risk factors before participating in any outdoor group activity. For an older person or someone with chronic medical problems the best decision may be to not participate in group activities at all, and instead focus on individual activities, like walking. Ottawa Public Health recommends the **Centers for Disease Control (CDC) website** to all persons wishing to better understand their personal risks for COVID-19 infection.

OttawaPublicHealth.ca/SocialWISE

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