



COUNCILLOR/CONSEILLER RILEY BROCKINGTON

Carleton Heights and Area Residents Association Annual General Meeting September 28, 2021



Dear Carleton Heights and Area Residents Association,

Thank-you to the CHARA Board of Directors and volunteers assisting the Board for your service to the community, it is appreciated, welcomed, and acknowledged. Your volunteer service for the betterment of the community is to be applauded, thank-you.

Although the COVID pandemic continued to keep social interactions under various states of restriction through-out the year, there was no shortage of issues, development, and other projects.

Projects on various roads in Carleton Heights

Claymor north block (Normandy to Meadowlands)

- All underground pipe installations have been completed, including commissioning of the new watermain and removal of all temporary water hoses.
- Curbs, sidewalks and baselift asphalt road paving have been completed.
- Final driveway asphalt, final landscaping and toplift asphalt road paving will be completed in October.

Claymor south block (Falaise to Normandy)

Minor final landscaping will be completed by October.

Senio Ave

- All underground pipe installations have been completed, including commissioning of the new watermain and removal of all temporary water hoses.
- Baselift asphalt road paving has been completed.
- Installation of the “bioretention” stormwater infiltration cells will be completed along the right-of-way in September. I can provide more information on this if needed.
- Final driveway asphalt, final landscaping and toplift asphalt road paving will be completed in October.
- Substantial Completion will be achieved in October as planned, and the contractor will demobilize from site by early November

Debra Dynes Family House

My continued gratitude and appreciation for the work that the staff, volunteers, Board of Directors and donors do each and every day for the residents of this community.

A recent visit this past summer with Barbara Carroll yielded a number of ideas and initiatives I am following up on.

Dynes Road

I continued to work with a group of local residents to add more traffic calming to the street and amend the locations of certain street signs.

Festivals

- The Madonna della Risurrezione parish did not host their annual festival in the spring in 2020 and again in 2021 due to COVID.
- Greekfest offered carryout service again this summer for an abbreviated festival (weekends) only and also permitted on-site dining
- The Rideau Canoe Club hosted the National Canoe and Kayak Championships on Mooney's Bay in August for one week. Public concerns were raised about the closure of the Multi-Use Pathway near the entrance to Mooney's Bay and sections that were not accessible.

Fisher Avenue

1707 Fisher

In May, City Council approved a zoning bylaw amendment to permit the construction of two houses on this parcel of land.

Fisher Paving

Pavement was supposed to be paved this summer, but the City has recently rescheduled most outstanding jobs for 2021 to 2022.

Fisher/Viewmount intersection

As a result of local concerns, I recently had the crossing time of this intersection across Viewmount lengthened and improved the painted crosswalk lines for greater visibility.

Forest Hill

A demolition permit was issued by the City for the former Mulligans Florist shop earlier this year, but the building has not yet come down. My office is not aware of the plans once the shop has been removed.

Green Valley Crescent

As a result of a local resident's recent inquiry, the speed limit on the street will be lowered from a posted 50km/hr to 40km, which is more appropriate for this residential an office street, that dead-ends at the east side of the lane.

Hog's Back Swing Bridge

After extensive repairs to the swing bridge which reopened in 2020, two unexpected malfunctions in 2021 closed the bridge for one and two week periods.

The NCC had remained tip-lipped on the causes, efforts made to avoid issues going forward and how to improve public communications.

I have asked the City to review public requests to install warning lights at Prince of Wales and Riverside, indicating when the swing bridge is open.

888 Meadowlands Drive

The community association and I were disappointed to learn that the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario approved the license for a cannabis dispensary. Spirit Leaf opened their doors early this year.

McGregor Easson PS

The building and property were declared surplus to the school board's needs years ago and was offered for purchase to other local school boards first, before going on the public market. The Ottawa Catholic School Board expressed interest. At this time, the Minister of Education has not approved the sale and as such, the building and land remain vacant.

Moffat Farm

Fireworks use and guests in the parking lot staying well past the park closure time were issues in 2021.

The Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator has recently stepped down and a replacement is needed.

Flex stakes did not return on Kochar this year, due to community opposition on the north side in 2020 and need to relocate the post on the southside due to its impact on a household that is served by homecare.

Peridot Private

River Ward's newest street, off the north end of Prince of Wales by the flashing amber light, is taking shape with a number of units now inhabited with approximately half a dozen in different states of construction.

Factoid: In its essential mineral form, the Peridot is known as the Olivine and can be found all around the world. *Olivine*, is common in lava, meteorites, ultra matic, and mafic rocks. The differential factor that gives it its official name is that rare high-grade sea of golden-green hues.

Prince of Wales

1111 Pow

The zoning application to build a parking lot on the north-end corner of the intersection at Baseline is in neutral at the moment. It neither moves forward, nor has it been pulled.

1598 PoW

A briefing by the owner of this property in the winter identified a vision of building a number of units on the property. No application has been filed and I have not heard from them since.

1821 Pow

After years of bureaucratic hurdles, a home will finally be built on this cleared lot. Work began this past summer.

PoW at Dynes

The cleared land of the former Petro Canada gas station remains vacant. My office is not aware of any long-term plans for this property.



The new Official Plan – Final Meetings are Set

The City of Ottawa's Official Plan provides a vision for the future growth of the city and a policy framework to guide the city's physical development. In 2019, the City of Ottawa began a multi-year process to develop a new Official Plan.

As part of the continued engagement process, the City of Ottawa invites residents to a Public Open House tomorrow, September 29 at 6:30pm to learn more about how the revised draft has changed.

The Public Open House will be followed by the consideration of the draft New Official Plan by Committee and Council on the following dates:

- **Thursday, October 14** – Joint statutory meeting of the Planning Committee and Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee. Public delegations are welcome.
- **Wednesday, October 27** – City Council Consideration of the report on the final draft of the New Official Plan.

Thank-you to CHARA and its subgroup, focusing on Courtland Park for your continued interest, engagement, and advocacy for the community during this process.

There have been countless meetings, a walkabout in Courtland Park this past summer with numerous City officials, a greater awareness of the Official Plan's staff of local issues and the Carleton Heights Secondary Plan has been retained.

Baseline Road Rapid Transit Corridor (Bayshore Station to Heron Station)

Next year will mark one decade 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.

Transportation Master Plan

Ottawa has grown into a city of one million residents. Over the next 25 years, that number is expected to grow to more than 1.4 million. With that kind of growth, the City needs to revisit how people, vehicles and goods move.

As the vision for the updated Transportation Master Plan is set, important decisions are needed to be made as individuals and as a city. We need to have thoughtful and meaningful discussions to ensure Ottawa becomes the most livable mid-sized city in North America.

Transportation decisions affect all of Ottawa's residents and businesses. No matter if you walk, drive, cycle, bus, take the light rail transit or scoot, whether you ship products or have them delivered, or whether you own or share a car, how people and goods move through the city affects you.

The completion date for the TMP Update and new Active Transportation Plan was revised to be the fall of 2023 because of the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The memo can be found in the TMP Document Library at engage.ottawa.ca/transportation-master-plan

A memo to Council was released on June 30, 2021 to inform of changes to the timing of the Origin-Destination (OD) travel survey and the subsequent change to the schedule of the TMP Update.

As noted, the completion date for the network development and prioritization element of the TMP Update is Fall 2024.

In the interest of moving the project forward, the TMP Update will be re-structured into two parts: a policy document; and a capital infrastructure plan for transit, active transportation, and roads. Since the TMP policies are not impacted by the OD Survey, the policy document continues to be developed, and will be brought forward for public consultation in Fall 2021 and to Council for approval in Spring 2022.

The capital infrastructure plan will be developed after the OD Survey, and will be brought forward for approval in Fall 2024.

River Ward Newsletter



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River Ward Office is Still Open

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, 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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