



Councillor's Report

Hunt Club Community Association December 7, 2020

Budget 2021

There are a few major items I wish to bring to your attention that will impact our community:

- The budget contains funding to complete the final design of the Airport Parkway widening project. This stage will take two full years. If everything remains on schedule, widening of the Parkway will commence in 2023 and end in late 2024, including a roundabout at Walkley Road, calming measures on Walkley to McCarthy, and a new multi-use pathway, on the westside of the Parkway.
- The LRT Phase 2 – Trillium Line extension will be in full construction mode in 2021, with station upgrades/new construction at all River Ward (served) stations, including Mooney's Bay (upgrade/renovation), Walkley (Brand new station), Greenboro (upgrade/renovation) and South Keys (key south-end station upgrades)
- Riverside Drive between Walkley Road and Ridgewood will be repaved. It is likely that some nightwork will be required.
- \$933,000 is set aside in 2021 to complete the final design of the new Mooney Bay Pavilion. This will also include a new permanent washroom at the Canada 150 playground and a new garage for lawn/park maintenance vehicles. The design money does not include new watermain infrastructure which is also needed to supply the Pavilion. I am working with Parks and Rec to ensure all parties within the City are working together on this project.
- \$920,000 to repave Hunt Club Road westbound between Paul Anka Drive and the Airport Parkway
- Sawmill Creek Pathway rehab and repairs

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.

Bank Street Renewal (Riverside Drive to Ledbury Avenue)

The vision for the Bank Street project is to construct a functioning and safe complete arterial main street with a well-balanced multi-modal transportation network which will cater to pedestrians, cyclists, transit and vehicles. To achieve this goal, some of the following aboveground and underground improvements are proposed:

- Full road reconstruction on Bank Street between Riverside Drive and Ledbury Avenue that includes cycle tracks in both directions and protected intersections

- Introduction of full height and mountable curb medians along sections of Bank Street
- Implement streetscaping features along Bank Street, including but not limited to new street furniture, streetlights, trees, concrete sidewalks, grassed sections and paver stones
- Reconstruction of sanitary sewer, storm sewer and replacement of distribution watermains within the project limits
- Review and improve bus stop and bus shelter locations
- Renewal of Bank Street Sawmill Creek culvert

On November 26, I attended a stakeholder meeting regarding the Bank Street Renewal Project. I was pleased to see the RPCA represented by Terry Wood.

I expressed concern that it was difficult to see the finer details of the project online and felt that an in person public meeting in the winter, with large maps in the Jim Durrell Arena, with controlled times to avoid crowding may be preferable.

I questioned the consultants regarding the lack of buried hydro lines, a traversable median, impact on businesses, the removal of channelized lanes (policy or practice) and traffic management during construction.

Timelines are as follows:

- January 2021 – Preliminary Design Completion
- Winter 2021 – Virtual Public Information Session
- November 2021 – Detail Design Completion
- Winter 2022 – Tender
- Early Spring 2022 – Commence Construction

I appreciate the input from the community and look forward to the winter session.

Plan for 2021: Traffic Calming

Requests from the public for new traffic calming have been received in 2020 for **Cahill Drive West**, southern **Plante Drive** and additional measures on **Gillespie Crescent**. I will investigate the installation of yellow flex stakes of these streets.

Speed issues remain on **Uplands Drive**, entire stretch between Hunt Club and Riverside.

Cut through traffic issues in Quinterra-Riverwood during the afternoon rush hour have subsided in 2020 with the lower traffic volumes. Some cars destined southbound on Riverside get off at Rivergate, Malhotra or Kimberwick to drive through the community to the Kimberwick (south) / Riverside intersection, bypassing the stopped vehicles on

Riverside. During the Taggart zoning amendment application hearing for their property at Riverside / Hunt Club, I was able to get a win from Taggart to contribute towards permanent calming measures once they commence construction. This matter is outstanding and will be addressed.

Proposal: Three Way Stop Sign for Owl / Pigeon

It is my intent to work with the Traffic Services unit of the City to convert the pedestrian crosswalk at the Owl / Pigeon intersection.

This intersection serves a residential community with two fully enrolled schools and the large, well-used Owl Park.

A stop sign will provide increased safety for pedestrians, and slow traffic down on Owl, a street that continues to be challenged by the speed that motorists travel

I am requesting support from the HCCA on this matter.

New Name for Uplands Park

Although I have been musing my desire to see a renamed Uplands Park for a couple years now, I notified the HCCA Board and membership at their Autumn AGM that I would commence this process in December with the creation of a small, community working group (WG).

The WG will review the commemorative naming process used by the City of Ottawa, determine criteria to be used for our process, generate a list of possible new names and discuss the scope of public consultation.

This WG will begin its work in January 2021.

I request that the HCCA nominate up to three persons to sit on the working group. I will also seek an equal number of other local residents to join.

McCarthy Park Amenities

It is my intent to investigate the feasibility of expanding the current size of the basketball court which would include lighting. This has been an on-going request, something further amplified by COVID. The Ottawa Police Service approached me in the summer after community outreach to share with me the number one request they heard from youth was the need for more basketball facilities.

The baseball diamond in McCarthy Park is lit at night. I

believe the basketball court should be treated in the same manner.

Modifications to the park would be paid for by the River Ward – Parks in Lieu account, currently with a balance of \$1.3 million. What other ideas/needs exist in the community – does the HCCA have suggestions? I do not need answers tonight, but remain open for the conversation.

Library Lockers Re-Open at Hunt Club - Riverside Park Community Centre

The Library lockers can now be accessed during business hours of the Hunt Club—Riverside Park Community Centre. The building is staffed from 7:30am to 8pm, Mon-Fri, and 8:30-5 weekends. The doors remain locked at the centre but a simple knock or call to the number on the door will get you access. If you have difficulty accessing the library services at HCRPCC, please let me know.

At the December 1 OPL Board meeting, I inquired about the library kiosk machines (2), and their return to service. The OPL says 'soon.'

While this is done to ensure everyone person who enters the building is properly screened under COVID-19 protocols, I am asking staff to look at other ways to do so without keeping the door locked.

Winter Maintenance Quality Standards

Review

As our first snowfalls are now behind us, the City's Public Works team is looking for your feedback on the Winter Maintenance Quality Standards. On average, 223.5 cm (or just over 7 feet) of snow falls on Ottawa during the winter which is a lot of snow to be cleared by city crews on an annual basis. I would encourage residents to register to participate in the upcoming surveys and consultations to occur over the course of the winter. You Sign up at engage.ottawa.ca/wmqqs.

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.

Winter Fun—Outdoor Skating Rinks abundant in River Ward

River Ward is home to **16 outdoor rinks**. They vary from larger boarded rinks to smaller puddle rinks, but all are managed by volunteers from right in your community.

If you are interested in being a rink volunteer this season, please call my office so we can connect you with your local team. For maps and locations, visit Ottawa.ca.

In alphabetical order, here are the River Ward rink locations:

- Alexander Park, 960 Silver St., boarded rink with puddle rink
- Arnott Park, 691 Hartman Cr., double surface
- Bellevue Manor Park, 1520 Caldwell Ave., double surface
- Carleton Heights Park, 1665 Apeldoorn Ave., boarded rink with puddle rink
- Celebration Park, 200 Central Park Drive, double surface
- Frank J. Licari Park, 1990 Cochrane St., boarded rink with puddle rink
- Geoff Wightman Park, 89 Leopolds Dr., double surface
- Ledbury Park, 1250 Ledbury Ave., boarded rink with puddle rink
- Lexington Park, 1404 Lexington St., puddle rink
- McCarthy Park, 3320 Paul Anka Dr., boarded rink with puddle rink
- Meadowvale Terrace Park, 1205 Trenton Ave., double surface
- Owl Park, 185 Owl Drive, boarded rink with puddle rink
- Paget Park, 801 Springland Dr. (at Hobson), puddle rink
- Pauline Vanier Park, 1015 Harkness Ave., boarded rink with puddle rink
- Raven Park, 1500 Larose Ave., double surface
- Rideauview Park, 960 Eiffel Ave., boarded rink with puddle rink



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.
- 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.

Indoor Public Skating opens

Indoor public skating will be available by reservation at eleven City arenas, starting Tuesday, December 1:

- Bob MacQuarrie Recreation Complex – Orléans
- CARDELREC Recreation Complex – Goulbourn
- Fred Barrett Arena
- [Jim Durrell Recreation Centre](#)
- Manotick Community Centre and Mike O'Neil Arena
- Navan Memorial Centre
- Nepean Sportsplex
- Sandy Hill Arena
- St-Laurent Complex
- W. Erskine Johnston Arena
- Walter Baker Sports Centre

Skating schedules from December 1 to 18 are available online at [Skating | City of Ottawa](#).

Currently, Ottawa is in the orange-restrict category which limits skating capacity to 25 skaters per rink.

You can reserve your 50-minute skate time up to two days in advance.

To reserve your skate:

- go to [Drop-in activities | City of Ottawa](#),
- click on the arena of choice.
- Click 'Schedules'
- In the schedules screen for that facility, you can click 'Reserve a spot for [name of facility]'
- This takes you to the City's Reservation FrontDesk website to reserve your time.

Protect your Mental Health While Staying/Working @ Home



- 1 Maintain a routine.
- 2 Set up a designated workspace.
- 3 Be patient with yourself and others.
- 4 Find humour and joy!
- 5 Limit your time thinking about COVID-19.
- 6 Stay connected with loved ones.
- 7 Seek out more support if you need it.

Letters to Santa

The Letters to Santa kits through the City of Ottawa Archives are 'sold out'. However, I have secured 20 kits and would like to provide them to anyone in River Ward who missed out.

Send an email to Andrea.Ward@Ottawa.ca to get them while they last.



COVID-19 Care and Testing: Heron Road

The COVID-19 Care and Testing Centre located at 1485 Heron Road, is run by the Montfort Hospital in the old St-Patrick High school. It is open, Monday to Friday, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

At the COVID-19 Care and Testing Centre – Heron, they offer two types of services:

1. **Test only:** rapid, usually less than 20 minutes for the entire process
2. **Full assessment with a doctor (and test, if desired):** You will be able to see a doctor on-site who can assess you based on your symptoms and perform basic diagnostic tests. For example, if you have a sore

throat, the doctor can test you for COVID-19 and strep throat, directly on-site and give you the necessary follow-up (prescription or other tests).

More than a testing centre

In addition to COVID tests, the clinic has access to medical evaluations, vital sign evaluations, lung X-rays, ECG tests (for the heart), some blood tests and other diagnostic tests (urine, etc.).

If you meet one or more of the [criteria established by Ottawa Public Health](#) for COVID-19, please feel free to visit the clinic on Heron.

Community members can book an appointment at the clinic, often for the same day or the next day, by visiting the [Montfort](#) website or by calling 613-288-5353, Monday to Friday, from 8 am to 4pm.

Alternate COVID-19 Testing Facilities

- COVID-19 Assessment Centre for Adults at Brewer Park Arena
- COVID-19 Drive-Thru Assessment Centre at the National Arts Centre
- COVID-19 Assessment Centre at McNabb Community Centre
- COVID-19 CHEO Assessment Centre for Infants, Children and Youth at Brewer Park Arena
- COVID-19 Care and Testing Centres- Moodie and Ray Friel locations
- COVID-19 testing at three of the Ottawa Community Health Centres:
 - ⇒ Centretown Community Health Centre
 - ⇒ Sandy Hill Community Health Centre
 - ⇒ Somerset West Community Health Centre
- COVID-19 testing at Ontario pharmacies

All locations are booked by appointment only.

You can find the links and more information at <https://www.ottawapublichealth.ca/en/shared-content/assessment-centres.aspx>

STAY IN TOUCH

Did you receive my monthly e-newsletter?

Sign up to receive it directly to your inbox by sending me an email at Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca. My newsletter contains updates on city decisions, planning files, community initiatives and more.

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Trillium Line Noise Bylaw Exemption Requests

As received from the project manager. For your information.

Date Received	Area	Works	Start Date	End Date	Councillor(s)	Conditions	Status
28-Sep	Hunt Club Rd North	Utility Relocation	04-Oct	23-Oct	Brockington, Deans	under 85 dBA	Approved (Oct 1)
29-Sep	South Keys Station	Welding	02-Oct	30-Oct	Brockington, Deans	under 85 dBA	Approved (Oct 1)
01-Oct	Hunt Club Rd South	Utility Relocation	03-Oct	09-Oct	Brockington, Deans	under 85 dBA	Approved (Oct 1)
01-Oct	Lester	Bridge Deck Construction	30-Oct	30-Nov	Deans	under 85 dBA	Approved (Oct 1)
16-Oct	South Keys to Airport Stations	Bridge Deck Construction	19-Oct	20-Nov	Deans	under 85 dBA Notify	Approved (Oct 19)
16-Oct	Hunt Club Rd North	Utility Relocation	24-Oct	31-Oct	Brockington, Deans	Hand-delivered notices to Millstream, Pimlico and Mac	Approved (Oct 19)
16-Oct	South Keys Station	Welding	30-Oct	30-Nov	Brockington, Deans	Under 85 dBA	Approved (Oct 19)
26-Oct	Hunt Club Road	Site Preparation (barrier installation, line painting etc.)	10-Nov	20-Nov	Brockington, Deans	Under 85 dBA	Approved (Nov. 10)
19-Nov	Hunt Club Road	Site Preparation (crane pad preparation)	23-Nov	28-Nov	Brockington, Deans	Under 85 dBA	Approved (Nov. 23)
24-Nov	South Keys to Airport Stations	Bridge Deck Construction	25-Nov	25-Dec	Brockington, Deans	Under 85 dBA	Approved (Nov. 26)
30-Nov	South Keys Station	Welding	07-Dec	18-Jan	Brockington, Deans	Under 85 dBA	Approved (Dec. 4)



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.

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