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COVID VACCINATION UPDATE

Vaccines

- The City of Ottawa launched the start of its Phase 2 vaccination program Wednesday, April 7, permitting all eligible Ottawa residents 60 and older to book their first vaccine dose with the City's community clinics. Those can be booked through the provincial booking website at [Ontario.ca/bookvaccine](https://ontario.ca/bookvaccine) or by calling 1-833-943-3900 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. seven days a week. Appointments are being added until April 30. More appointments will become available after that date as the City receives more vaccines.
- As well, Ottawa residents 55 and older can now book an appointment at participating pharmacies across the city - that list has also been expanded - to receive their AstraZeneca vaccine. They must book directly with participating pharmacies. This program is separate from the City of Ottawa and Ottawa Public Health's vaccination program. Here is that link, which includes a link to the list of pharmacies: www.ottawapublichealth.ca/en/public-health-topics/covid-19-vaccine.aspx#AstraZeneca-vaccine-in-select-pharmacies-for-adults-55-years-of-age-or-older.
- On Friday, April 9 the Province extended vaccine appointments at community clinics to residents aged 50 and older living in high-priority neighbourhoods with postal codes starting with K1T, K1V and K2V. Appointments can be arranged through the provincial booking system. There is not enough vaccine supply for everyone in that age group living in these neighbourhoods to book an appointment through the provincial

booking system. As the City receives more vaccines from the province, more appointments will become available after April 30.

- The City will continue to focus its future pop-up clinics on the high priority neighbourhoods previously identified. The City is planning mobile and pop-up clinics for residents and essential workers in these neighbourhoods, as well as adult home health care recipients. More information on these will be available soon.
- Next steps in the vaccine roll-out: Residents of all ages who are not yet eligible for the vaccine are encouraged to follow City of Ottawa and Ottawa Public Health websites and social media channels to learn when they can receive their vaccine. Residents can sign up for the City's COVID vaccination update e-subscription for the latest news: Visit app06.ottawa.ca/esubscriptions/signup-form-en.html, enter your email, check the first topic 'COVID-19 vaccine updates' and then scroll to the bottom of the page and click "subscribe."
- Additional COVID-related resources are available on Page 6 of this report.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

3930 & 3960 Riverside Drive

Taggart Realty Management's proposed development for 3930 and 3960 Riverside Drive at Hunt Club Road is on hold and the company does not anticipate advancing in the next 12 months.

3071 Riverside Drive - Canoe Bay Seniors' Village

The Canoe Bay development in the Riverside Park neighbourhood next door to your community has stalled. During my March 9 meeting with Canoe Bay's CEO and CFO, they indicated their financial situation changed due to the fallout from the pandemic. Since then, they have been contemplating some design changes and alternate financing arrangements. A redesign is also coming to the retail space fronting Riverside Drive. They are considering reducing the retail component, replacing it at the front with townhouses or condos and moving professional services to the front of the building in the centre of the village. That redesign may prompt a site plan amendment. The other layout redesigns of the retirement apartment suites may be dealt with through the building permit process. Beyond that, additional delays are not anticipated. If approvals go through as expected, work at the site may begin this autumn, beginning with two to three months' worth of site servicing, including interior roads, sewers and water. The retirement residence and seniors' apartments would be the first to go up, closely followed by the townhomes and bungalows.

LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Stage 2 Trillium LRT Construction:

Walkley LRT Station Update

The construction team has finished pouring the platform footing and constructing the crane pad for the shoring wall and 16 piles have been drilled for the shoring wall. Ongoing work includes: installation of the formwork for the footing walls, placement of the footing walls rebar placement, excavation of the station area, and lagging installation has begun in sequence with the station excavation. Upcoming work includes completion of the construction of the shoring wall, relocating the watermain, completing the forming and concrete pouring of the platform walls and installing the duct banks in the platform area.

Greenboro LRT Station

Teams have completed sandblasting and coating the existing platform and they have poured a portion of the foundation footing. Foundation work is ongoing. Next steps include the foundation footing for the platform extension and putting in lightweight full up to the solid concrete covering for the new platform.

South Keys LRT Station

Foundation work is complete, utilities have been temporarily relocated and the walls on the north side of the station have been waterproofed. Ongoing work includes forming and reinforcement for the platform support walls, formwork for the concrete roof slabs, installing fill north of the MUP, and interior wall work.

Hunt Club Rail-over-Road Bridge and MUP

The crane and drill have been demobilized from the Hunt Club Road median, as of mid last week. The drilling of the caissons and the pouring of the below ground supports have been completed. The team will be moving into the next stages of the project, which means less noise and vibration are anticipated going forward. Upcoming work will include constructing the columns, pier caps, girders, and the installation of the bridge deck throughout the year.

Fibre Optic Installation Projects

Uplands Drive: Expercom, the company hired to do the repairs to Uplands Drive following the fibre optic installation for Telus, still has quite a bit of work to do in repairing the right-of-way, which is dependent on supply availability and weather. Their goal is to be completed by late May. Sand has temporarily been backfilled into some of the holes along the work site as it is still too early to acquire topsoil. The sand was applied just recently as a top up for safety due to impacts caused by the last major rainstorm. As well, hot mix asphalt is not available through the winter so the asphalt they do place is temporary cold patching. This will be removed and replaced in early to mid-May.

Quinterra-Riverwood: Aecon Construction has been contracted by Bell Canada to install a fibre optic network (gigabit fibre) in the right-of-ways along Malhotra Court, Crowsnest Avenue, Tattersall Way, Kimberwick Crescent, Quinterra Court and Chancellor Court. The work was scheduled to begin Tuesday, April 6 starting at the Malhotra end and working towards Crowsnest and beyond. The typical work schedule is Monday to Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Typically, there is directional drilling on one side of the roadway and micro trenching on the other side, which reduces the duration of construction. Workers will also be replacing and installing pedestal boxes at the right-of-ways, which house both copper and fibre. Aecon will also be running fibre service wire to the homes of consenting owners at no cost. Grade-level boxes will be added for future fibre connections, thus avoiding the need for future digging. The plan includes removing approximately 3.5 inches of the asphalt at the curb and replacing it with hot asphalt. Lawns will not be impacted. The service flags residents may have on their lawn are to note the locations of previously installed utilities so that these won't be impacted during construction. Homeowners will have access to their driveways. Some excavation will be required where there are utility services below ground so that crews can work around these. The work is expected to take eight weeks depending on drilling conditions and weather. Bell typically does the repairs in sections as they go. Bell plans to do an inspection after construction to make sure all restoration is complete. No impacts to motorists are expected and vehicular detours are not required. Aecon will have crews on site. For urgent issues, homeowners can speak to the foreman in the white hat, or email aeconftthinquiries@aecon.com. Bell has inspectors on site every day.

Hunt Club Place to Royal Hunt Crescent: Bell is also planning to do a similar fibre optic installation along Hunt Club Place, Hunt Club Road, Boone Crescent, Lillico Drive, Uplands Drive, Bennett Street, Sample Road, Paul Anka Drive and Royal Hunt Crescent. A Bell construction manager will contact my office weeks before work begins. Once

the contractors schedule the project, Bell will notify me as well as all homeowners along the affected streets. A start date has not yet been confirmed. Typically, these projects take eight weeks, plus restoration of the site. There will not be any scheduled servicing interruptions, nor traffic impacts and the noise levels will be within the bylaw. Construction will be within the 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. range. Bell will have a representative on the site every day.

Hydro Pole Replacement

Hydro One has initiated a class environmental assessment to refurbish three aging wood poles along the existing transmission line between the Billing's Bridge and Uplands junctions. One is in River Ward along the hydro corridor about half way between Lillico Drive and Hunt Club Road. The other two are in Gloucester-Southgate Ward along Uplands Drive, one just north of Gibford Drive and the other further south. Replacing these structures will ensure the continued reliability and integrity of this transmission line and electricity supply to the area. This type of project is considered routine maintenance work with relatively minor effects. Contingent on the outcome of the environmental assessment process, the replacement work may begin as early as May 2021. Hydro One will be notifying property owners adjacent to the work areas. For details, visit hydroone.com/woodpoles and email questions to community.relations@hydroone.com.

Hunt Club Resurfacing

Hunt Club Road westbound from the Airport Parkway to Paul Anka Drive is scheduled to be resurfaced sometime this year. The project has yet to be finalized. Once it is, it will then go through the tender process and a contract will be awarded. Staff will keep my office updated and I will share information about the schedule and traffic impacts with the association and local residents.

Bank Street Renewal (Riverside Drive to Ledbury Avenue)

A virtual public information session will be held on Thursday, April 22 at 6:30 pm. If you wish to participate, please go to the project website at ottawa.ca/bankstreet where there is a link to register for the session. Participants are encouraged to submit their questions to the project contacts in advance of the session. A virtual meeting with businesses along the Bank Street corridor is slated for Tuesday, April 13 to form a Business Advisory Committee. I have been assured that businesses will be consulted throughout the detailed design stage, and that feedback from businesses and property owners will be taken into consideration prior to finalizing the detailed design.

Airport Parkway Expansion

City staff are currently finalizing the project charter for the first phase of the widening, from Brookfield to Hunt Club Road. A consultant will be hired by this fall or winter to do the preliminary and detailed designs. Funding for construction will be sought in the 2023-24 budget and construction could begin in 2024 and finish in 2025 depending on several factors. As part of the widening project, an off-ramp to Walkley Road and a roundabout will be built. Modifications to Walkley Road between the off-ramp and McCarthy Road are included. When the off-ramp at Walkley opens, there is a proposal to shrink the number of travel lanes from 4 to 2 between the Parkway and McCarthy Road. Separate from the Parkway widening, there is also a bike lane proposal for the entire stretch from Bank to Riverside that is ambitious with its plan. A possible autumn public meeting this year may shed more light on the proposal.

PARKS & GREENSPACES

Renaming Uplands Park

May I take this opportunity to thank all members of the Uplands Park Working Group who met on three separate occasions to discuss various names

for the park. The members of the Working Group are: John Sankey, Zane Oueja, Peter Foulger, Ijeoma Udechukwu, Dianne Nahal, Shakir Ishak and Karyn Cornfield. The recommended new name is ***Shirley Seward Park***.

Shirley Seward served for 8 years as River Zone 11's School Board Trustee and 4 years as Chair of the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board. Ms. Seward served for 8 years as River Zone 11's School Board Trustee and 4 years as Chair of the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board. Early on in her career, she was a high school and elementary school teacher in Montreal. She then added international development work to her passions. She earned a Master's degree in International Affairs with a focus on development. She was then recruited by the International Development Research Centre and worked in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, the Caribbean and South America for a decade. She worked as an advisor on social policy and women's issues in Prime Minister John Turner's Office. Her resume also includes director of social policy at the Institute for Research on Public Policy, then 15 years as CEO of the Canadian Labour and Business Centre. The former Hunt Club resident then joined the parent council at Lisgar Collegiate Institute and Glashan Public School before she ran for trustee. She retired from that role in October 2018.

Next steps in the renaming process will include the formal application to the City, followed by vetting the name and a month-long public consultation process. I will keep you updated about that process. As I previously mentioned, the renaming is the product of a committed Working Group of volunteers who dedicated their time to research potential new park names. The Group also wishes to preserve the historical and local significance of the Uplands name with a plaque or other marker.

McCarthy Park Basketball Court

Plans are moving forward to construct a regulation-size basketball court at McCarthy Park where the outdoor rink is located each winter. This is in response to the popularity of the court that is

there but which is not lit. The new court will feature lighting. As per direction given at your last board meeting, I undertook additional consultation with the Quarry Co-Op and the nearby Ottawa Community Housing neighbourhoods and received one comment back. The plan is to issue the tender this summer for construction in the fall. Final calculations for lighting are needed and geotechnical testing has not yet been completed. After that, the design consultant will create the design specifications for the new court.

Community Centre Pollinator Garden

I have secured and am contributing funding and have been working with City staff to install a pollinator garden in a section at the front of the Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community Centre east of the parking lot and west of the sidewalk at McCarthy Road. This has been in the works for some time. I will share the design illustrations with the community and the association when ready.

Owl Park Plantings

A City of Ottawa landscape architect recently visited Owl Park to review the site for ideal locations for tree plantings this fall. Attached is the proposed tree planting plan for Owl Park. It includes eight species, including Gold Harvest crabapple and Ohio Buckeye. A copy of the proposed plan was pre-circulated to your executive today. Feedback from the association and local residents would be appreciated and can be shared directly with me as soon as possible by emailing Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca.

CITY UPDATES & CONSULTATIONS

Potholes and Catch Basins

Please call 311 or submit a report at bit.ly/3w49P4k concerning potholes on your street, especially if they pose an immediate hazard. You can also call 311 or visit bit.ly/3tY9Wwg to advise the City of a blocked, sunken, raised or broken catch basin or a drain where the cover is broken or missing. You can also let my office know of pothole and/or catch basin

issues and a service request will be made on your behalf.

Street Sweeping

In some parts of the city, street sweeping operations have already begun – an early start this year due to the exceptionally warm weather we experienced last week. Suburban street sweeping begins as early as the weather will allow in the spring. Signage will be posted to alert residents to our concentrated street sweeping operations. The phased work includes sidewalks, bus stop pads and medians, followed by roadways. If vehicles are parked on the street, the unswept area is noted and crews will return to sweep that portion at a later date. Residents are reminded to not rake or blow leaves, lawn clippings or other debris onto roadways in violation of the City's Use and Care of Roads Bylaw. Residents are also reminded to observe all posted signage and to remove their vehicles in designated areas to allow street sweeping teams to complete their work.

OC Transpo Service Adjustments

The Transit Commission, of which I am a member, received an update on March 31 about service adjustments that will go into effect on June 20. We heard that the adjustments will result in a reduction in OC Transpo operations by approximately 2,170 service hours per week and a cost saving of approximately \$5.5 million this year in addition to the already approved \$30 million in savings in the 2021 budget. If the effects of the pandemic continue into the full year of 2022, OC Transpo will see a cost savings of approximately \$11 million. By the end of 2021, there will be approximately 70 fewer staff members funded from the transit operating budget than there are currently. Workforce reductions will be achieved by attrition and reassignment. There are no layoffs associated with this workforce reduction plan.

Through 2020 and continuing into 2021, staff have been reducing operating expenses and capital spending while still maintaining service across the entire transit network. The service adjustments

coming into effect in June are required to better reflect current ridership and help decrease costs.

These adjustments include:

1. The temporary suspension of select peak-period routes with very low ridership and where there are other nearby transit service options available.
2. Frequency reductions on certain routes to better match actual current ridership levels.
3. Routes being shortened where parallel service is available.
4. Service improvements on several routes, including those serving hospitals, shopping districts, and growing employment areas, to respond to current travel needs.

No routes in Hunt Club will be impacted.

The intent is for the Transit Commission to receive quarterly updates if routes need to be drastically changed. At the recent special Transit Commission meeting, I stated that going forward better public engagement is needed in advance of our meetings.

Later this month, the Transit Commission will receive a presentation about the criteria used to decide future service reductions that are a response to a very challenged budget situation.

Official Plan

The City of Ottawa's Planning Department hosted a New Official Plan question-and-answer session for the public on March 24, from 6 to 8 p.m. Just prior to that on Monday, March 22, I organized a virtual meeting for all community association representatives to join City staff so they could ask specific questions about their neighbourhoods in the context of the first draft of the Official Plan. There has been an unprecedented level of public engagement on the draft plan, far surpassing anything projected and what occurred during the last Official Plan update. The highest concentration of comments focused on a few specific areas,

including the new transect approach and intensification.

Further public consultation on the next version continues and will include a Public Open House followed by a Joint Planning and Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee meeting Sept. 13, 14, and 15. Stakeholders can also present at that meeting. More details can be found here:

engage.ottawa.ca/the-new-official-plan.

Paint it Up! Mural Program

The Council-approved Paint it Up! Mural program launched in 2010 as a partnership between the City and Crime Prevention Ottawa to empower youth through the creation of murals to deter graffiti vandalism. To date, approximately 2,700 youth and young adults, ages 12 to 25, have been involved in almost 85 murals across Ottawa, for which grants are distributed. The program was delivered in 2020 with Ottawa Public Health guidelines in place. Paint it Up! launched again this year March 9 and applications will be accepted until **April 23**. For details, visit Crime Prevention Ottawa at bit.ly/3fi5QLy.

OTTAWA PUBLIC HEALTH COVID-19 UPDATES

Vaccines

- The Province has expanded pre-registration of the COVID vaccine to include non-frontline priority health-care workers. Pre-registration remains open for the highest priority, very high priority and high priority health-care workers and eligible faith leaders. Non-frontline health-care workers can book their appointments through Ottawa Public Health.
- **Second dose appointments:** Ottawa Public Health is currently only booking second doses for First Nations, Inuit and Métis community members. All other individuals who received their first dose at an Ottawa Public Health clinic and are waiting for their second dose, are encouraged to sign up for the City's

COVID-19 Vaccine e-subscription at app06.ottawa.ca/esubscriptions/signup-form-en.html and to follow local news sources for details. When second dose appointments are available, the City will communicate this to the public. Individuals who use the provincial booking system are asked to schedule their first and second doses when they make appointments. Please note, you will receive your appointment for a second dose when you book your first dose through the provincial booking system.

- The St. Laurent Complex community clinic at 526 Coté Street is offering vaccines to First Nation, Inuit and Métis, aged 40 and older by appointment only. Call 613-691-5505 to book an appointment. Walk-ins are not accepted, and proof of Indigenous identity is required.
- If you are Inuit and live in the Ottawa area, the Akausivik Inuit Family Health Team is offering COVID-19 vaccines at their clinic at 300-24 Selkirk Street. To book an appointment, call 613-740-0999, Monday to Friday, 9 am to 4 pm.

Extended weekend hours at testing sites

To meet growing demand in recent weeks, a number of assessment centres in Ottawa have extended their weekend hours until further notice, including the CHEO Assessment Centre, Brewer Assessment Centre for Adults, and the Moodie and Ray Friel testing sites. Over the coming weeks, the Taskforce and its partners will continue to evaluate and respond to assessment centre volumes in an effort to maintain accessible COVID-19 testing for Ottawa residents. The Howard Darwin Centennial Arena at 1765 Merivale Road opened on Monday, April 5 as an additional COVID-19 assessment site for residents age 4 and older to meet rising demand. Appointments can be booked for this site by calling 1-877-232-8828 and selecting 2 for 'test booking' seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. The online booking link is available at: www.ottawapublichealth.ca/en/shared-content/assessment-centres.aspx.

Vaccine Information in Sign Language

OPH now has a webpage that provides COVID-19 resources to Ottawa's deaf and hard of hearing community. Visit bit.ly/3IWTb1V.

Mental Health Supports

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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Income Tax Clinics

South-East Ottawa Community Health Centre is again offering Free Tax Clinics to residents of low income with simple tax situations in their catchment area. To book an appointment, call 613-737-7195 ext. 6009. www.seochc.on.ca

Spring Cleaning the Capital Program

The 28th year of Cleaning the Capital, a popular City of Ottawa campaign that leverages corporate sponsorship and resident engagement to help keep our city clean and green, is on hold given the

recent Ontario-wide shutdown. Almost 700 cleaning projects are registered, but the City is pressing pause on the spring campaign until further notice in keeping with the shutdown and to be in line with public health measures and safety guidance. Registration remains open until May 15, however, registrants who already received clean-up kits are asked to wait before scheduling clean-ups. As well, kits won't be available for pick-up until City facilities can safely accommodate their distribution.

Summer Camp Programming

The City of Ottawa's summer program information will be posted on Ottawa.ca/Recreation on April 19. Online registrations will open on May 3 at 9 p.m. for summer swimming lessons, and on May 5 at 9pm for camps and all other summer offerings.

Council on Aging in Ottawa

The Council on Aging offers ongoing online social and fitness events as well as classes and workshops for older adults. Upcoming topics in April include online chair fitness, funeral planning, virtual book club, retirement living, fit minds, virtual coffee mornings, virtual cooking classes, online trivia and a sweet treat drive-through event. If you need access to technology to be able to participate in these programs, please contact Stephanie Cadieux at 613-789-3577 ext. 4 or s.cadieux@coaottawa.ca. Register at coaottawa.ca/cat/coa-events.

RIVER WARD SAFETY

Due to some recent thefts of catalytic converters in the neighbouring Riverside Park community and in speaking with the Riverside Park Community Association, we have obtained the following safety message from Ottawa Police:

Ottawa Police have seen an increase in the theft of catalytic converters across the city this year. Vehicle makes and models predominantly being targeted are the Hyundai Tucson, Ford F150 and Honda CRVs. Call police immediately if you see or hear anything suspicious.

The RCMP has some tips to prevent this crime of opportunity:

- Park in well lit areas and close to building entrances, when possible.
- Park your vehicle inside your garage, and keep all garage doors shut and locked.
- Business owners should secure their vehicles behind locked fences or inside a locked building.
- Set your vehicle alarm to go off when it detects vibration.

Insurance companies also have preventative strategies to protect your vehicle:

- Park in a way that makes it harder to access the vehicle's underside, such as against a wall or by other vehicles.
- Install vehicle alarms and security cameras.
- Use devices that are designed to deter and prevent these types of theft: install a wire cage around the converter or a Kevlar fabric trap with steel cables, for example.
- If your catalytic converter is bolted on, you can ask for your local garage to weld the bolts to make it more difficult to remove.
- Ask your mechanic to etch a licence plate number or your vehicle identification number (VIN) as a deterrent. This may alert a scrap metal dealer that it was stolen and this will also make it easier to identify the owner.

RIVER WARD WOMEN'S DAY

Women's Day Speaker Series

On Wednesday, March 10 I hosted my annual River Ward Women's Day Speaker Series. My special guests provided great insight into their personal and professional challenges and successes. They included City Councillor Theresa Kavanagh, my co-host and the City's Liaison on Women and Gender Equity; Suzanne Obiorah, Director of Gender and Race Equality, Inclusion, Indigenous Relations, and Social Development Services, City of

Ottawa; Her Excellency Natasha Smith, High Commissioner, Australian High Commission in Canada; and Kathleen Wynne, MPP Don Valley West and former Premier of Ontario.

RIVER WARD COMING EVENTS

River Ward Earth Day E-Waste Depot

River Ward's Earth Day Celebration E-Waste Depot takes place at the Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community Centre parking lot at 3320 Paul Anka Drive on **Saturday, April 24, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** COVID-safety protocols will be in place. The Junk That Funk crew will be wearing masks and gloves. Customers must stay with their vehicle and follow directions once on site for where to park. Items will be removed from the vehicles. E-waste Items can include everything from televisions and computers to cameras, copiers and cellphones. They will not accept cardboard, plastics, garbage, lightbulbs or hazardous material, such as solvents and paint.

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.

RIVER WARD OFFICE IS STILL OPEN!