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## Hunt Club Community Association

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Happy May!

The arrival of Spring holds much potential for growth and change. That is certainly true for the Hunt Club community, where there is much news to report for your parks, greenspaces, development and infrastructure, among other topics.

### COVID VACCINATION UPDATE

#### New Community Clinic

- A new clinic located at the Infinity Centre, at 2901 Gibford Drive, is now available. Residents 18 and older in the K1T and K1V hot spots can book an appointment at the centre or any other community clinic in Ottawa through the provincial booking system by calling **1-833-943-3900** between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. seven days a week or visiting [Ontario.ca/bookvaccine](https://ontario.ca/bookvaccine).

The City continues to operate pop-up clinics for residents 18 and older in high-priority neighbourhoods who are not yet eligible to book at community clinics.

#### Eligible Groups

Beginning May 6 at 8 a.m., additional groups will be eligible to book an appointment through the provincial online booking system and call centre, including:

- all Ottawa residents turning 50 and older in 2021.
- Individuals with high-risk and highest-risk health conditions, including pregnant individuals.
- Essential workers who cannot work from home, including elementary and secondary school workers, farm and manufacturing workers, enforcement and

inspection workers, and child-care workers in licensed child-care settings, among others.

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- First Nation, Metis, Inuit populations can call 613-691-5505 for the Wabano Centre for Aboriginal Health or 613-740-0999 for Akausivik.

#### Vaccination at Pharmacies

All residents aged 40 and older are eligible for vaccination through select pharmacies across Ottawa. Supplies are limited so patience is required as you add yourself to the various waitlists. My office has gathered a list of River Ward pharmacies listed as participants on the Province's website and posted it at [rileybrockington.ca/river-ward-participating-pharmacies-for-vaccinations](https://rileybrockington.ca/river-ward-participating-pharmacies-for-vaccinations). As well, some primary care providers have also begun booking appointments for residents aged 40 and older.

#### Second Dose Appointments

If you received your first vaccination dose through an Ottawa Public Health pop-up clinic and are still waiting for the date of your second appointment, Ottawa Public Health is working on creating an efficient booking system for these second appointments. OPH hopes to announce how to register in the coming weeks. They recommend signing up to receive COVID-19 vaccine updates by email as the information will be shared through that, on social media and through news outlets. Subscribe here: [app06.ottawa.ca/esubscriptions/signup-form-en.html](https://app06.ottawa.ca/esubscriptions/signup-form-en.html). Rest assured, the registration system will be up and running before the first residents are due for their second dose.

#### Transportation

Assistance with transportation to Covid-19 vaccination appointments is available through

Ottawa Community Transportation for seniors and adults with a physical disability. You can request a ride at no cost to and from the clinic through Ottawa Community Transportation after you have booked your appointment. Ottawa Community Transportation will contact you directly.

Book a ride at

[communitysupport.covidresponse.ca/transportationvaccination](https://communitysupport.covidresponse.ca/transportationvaccination). If you or someone you know require transportation but do not have online access, please contact 211 and they will help complete the transportation request form on your behalf. Please have your vaccine booking confirmation number available when calling.

Additional COVID-related resources are available on Page 6 of this report.

## LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

### 4160 Riverside Drive

City Council has approved the declaration of the property at 4160 Riverside Drive as surplus and will proceed with transferring it to the Ottawa Community Lands Development Corporation for eventual sale. As mentioned in my April e-newsletter, this parcel has a total area of 33.8 hectares (86 acres) and consists of forested and cleared land. The forested portion is zoned Environmentally Protected Land and is 22.1 hectares (83.5 acres). The City will retain the forested lands in their natural state and sell the remaining 11.7 hectares (28.9 acres) of vacant land. The property is located on the west side of Riverside Drive, south of Hunt Club Road, and across from the MacDonald-Cartier International Airport.

### Shearwater Court

Ottawa Community Housing has a specific block of units at Shearwater Court that require significant investment to ensure they are up to standard. Given the larger piece of land, adjacent to that block, and to the south, OCH is investigating if it would be better to remove the existing block and build new housing with additional units. OCH staff are currently doing their due diligence, and are

going to review the possibilities available. It will be later in the fall when OCH staff will better understand those options and if they will move forward with community consultation.

## LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE

### Kimberwick Stormwater Management Upgrades

On April 12, I received a briefing from the City's Stormwater Management Project Specialist, Senior Engineer and Program Manager regarding the need for rehabilitation work at the outlet of the Kimberwick Stormwater Management Facility, located north of the intersection of Hunt Club Road and Riverside Drive, between Kimberwick Crescent and the Rideau River. The low flow outlet for this facility is comprised of a low flow inlet structure, a low flow control structure and an outfall to the Rideau River. The purpose of this project is to reinstate the low flow inlet structure. As part of the work, modifications will be made to add safety features and improve maintenance accessibility. I requested and have been assured of greater public notification and that public access will be maintained.

The main construction work is scheduled to begin in early June and be completed by the end of June. The precise dates have not yet been determined. The work is expected to take approximately one week, however this schedule is highly dependent on weather.

Turtle exclusion fencing was installed in mid-April as well as tree protection fencing at three locations. No trees are expected to be impacted. At the same time, notification signs were placed at two locations, one at the gate at the entrance off Kimberwick, and a second at the work site at the outlet control structure.

While construction activity is ongoing, the portion of the access road on the west side of the pond will be closed. The access road from Kimberwick Drive to the pond, as well as the pedestrian link along the east side of the pond, will be kept open

as much as possible; however, temporary disruptions should be expected while contractor vehicles and equipment are actively driving on these pathways to access the construction site. These disruptions may occur numerous times daily, but each occurrence should only last a few minutes. Staff recognize that this access road is used as a recreational pathway by local residents and will endeavor to minimize the duration and extent of these closures. Working hours will be between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. in accordance with the City's Noise Bylaw. Any noise generated is expected to be very localized at the outlet facility. When absolutely required, some work may occur beyond these hours.

### **Sawmill Creek Pathway Upgrades**

Three segments of the Sawmill Creek Multi-Use Pathway are scheduled to be rehabilitated this year. One section is at the northern end to the west side of the pond, and west of the north end of the Greenboro Station's park and ride. A second section is on the west side of the centre pond directly west of Loblaws at the South Keys Shopping Centre. The third location is on the east side of the southerly pond east of Michael's at the shopping centre. The exact dates for the pathway's rehabilitation in 2021 are not yet known. A portion of the pathway (the northern part of the loop) is a construction access route for the LRT. Any length of the pathway within the construction access route zone will be reviewed once the LRT construction is completed and the LRT construction team relinquishes the route.

### **Stage 2 Trillium LRT Construction:**

#### **Greenboro LRT Station**

Structural backfilling is ongoing, as are formwork, rebar and concrete works. Progress is being made to install rigid installation - all for the creation of the transformation of this station.

#### **South Keys LRT Station**

Backfilling and waterproofing of the pedestrian tunnels and station walls are ongoing, as are

formwork, rebar and concrete works at the platform level. A slight change in the temporary multi-use pathway was implemented April 21 and will be in place until June 14. This serves as a temporary detour of a segment of the MUP to route pedestrians and cyclists around the work zone and to maintain station access. Throughout the duration of the station's construction, the MUP will be altered to make way for construction. Pedestrians and cyclists will be required to pay attention and adhere to flagging personnel and detour signage to reach their destination.

### **Hunt Club Rail-over-Road Bridge and MUP**

The crane and drill rig have been demobilized from the Hunt Club Road median following the completion of the drilling of the caissons. The remediation work now includes caisson remediation and excavation work to prepare for the column pours. Fencing has been installed around the site to minimize traffic disruptions.

## **PARKS & GREENSPACES**

### **Pollinator Garden**

I am supporting the creation of a new pollinator garden with nine varieties of native wildflowers and two butterfly houses at the front of the Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community Centre this Spring. City staff are also planning to make "pollinators" the theme of the City's summer camps at the centre and have the campers maintain the garden before local residents take over its care this autumn. The new garden is an excellent opportunity for residents of all ages to become involved in their local community, to instill a sense of local pride, support natural ecosystems and the natural beauty of the area. The garden itself will feature astors, butterfly bushes, milkweed, echinacea, yarrow, salvia, black-eyed Susans, daylilies and stonecrop/sedum.

### **Owl Park Tree Plantings - Revised Proposal**

Following my April update, a City of Ottawa landscape architect has revised the tree planting plan proposed for Owl Park. The eight species now include Basswood, Nannyberry, Butternut Hickey,

Tamarack, Prairiefire Crabapple, Australian Pine and White Pine. The originally proposed Harvest Gold crabapple trees have been changed to the Prairiefire variety. Three Basswood have been placed east of the tennis court for more shade on that side, and the originally proposed and a Hickory will replace a Yellowwood tree. The updated proposal has been shared with your executive. 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](mailto:Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca).

### **Wild Parsnip Strategy**

The City's Wild Parsnip Program will begin in late May with the goal of reducing the growth of the plant in highly infested areas without impacting environmentally sensitive areas and public safety. Approximately 935 kms of roadsides and pathways and more than 236 parkland locations will be treated this year. In River Ward, east of the Rideau River, wild parsnip will be treated along the pathway near Cahill Drive West and Plante Drive, as well as along the Brookfield pathway near Brookfield Road East.

## **TRANSPORTATION & TRAFFIC UPDATES**

### **Three-way stop at Owl/Pigeon**

With your board's support, I will be seeking approval from the City's Transportation Committee at its June meeting to install four three-way stop signs in River Ward, including at Pigeon Terrace and Owl Drive. It is in response to safety concerns raised in the community, including its proximity to Bayview Public School and Holy Family School, Owl Park, which is heavily used year round, the presence of pedestrians and cyclists, and due to sightline issues created by parked cars and snowbanks. I had hoped to champion this request last year, however my plans were stalled by the pandemic. I will provide your board with an update following the committee's June 2 meeting.

### **Bank Street Renewal (Riverside Drive to Ledbury Avenue)**

A virtual public information session was held on Thursday, April 22. A virtual meeting for representatives of businesses along the Bank Street corridor took place Tuesday, April 13. The next step is to proceed to the detailed design stage, which is expected to take approximately one year. That process will include designs for grading, traffic signals, streetlights and landscaping, as well as property acquisitions and discussions with property owners regarding their entrances and exits, agency approvals, construction phasing and traffic management, among other elements. For details, visit [Ottawa.ca/BankStreet](http://Ottawa.ca/BankStreet).

## **CITY UPDATES & CONSULTATIONS**

### **Draft Community Emergency Management Tool Kit & Template**

Following the 2018 tornadoes which impacted a number of neighbourhoods, including Hunt Club, a postmortem of the City's response to the crises determined that a number of communities were unprepared to assist or complement the City's response. Members of City Council, including myself, identified the need for resources to be made available to communities to help them better prepare for emergencies. To support communities in understanding how they can increase their preparedness, the City's Office of Emergency Management has developed a 72-hour community plan template and tool kit. The public is encouraged to review the draft Community Emergency Management Tool Kit and Emergency Response Plan Template and complete the survey before **May 28**. These have been designed as a resource for all residents and outline the City's ongoing role in emergency preparation and response and how individuals or community groups can create their own plan for the first 72 hours in the event of an emergency. The draft tool kit and survey are available at [engage.ottawa.ca/community-emergency-management-toolkit](http://engage.ottawa.ca/community-emergency-management-toolkit).

## Short-Term Rental Bylaw

Ottawa City Council approved on April 28 a new bylaw and zoning changes that will govern short-term rentals across the city for the next three years to address community nuisance issues as well as public health and safety concerns. The new bylaw establishes a permit system for local short-term rental hosts, rules for short-term rental platforms and property managers and restricts short-term rentals to principal residences in urban residential zones and rural villages in order to protect the housing supply. The bylaw places the bulk of accountability on the local host. They would need to obtain a host permit from the City, proving the property being rented is their principal residence. Hosts would need to provide guests with instructions about waste management, parking, community nuisances, and safety, and have valid insurance that specifically covers short-term rental activity.

Violations of the bylaw may result in fines for both guests and hosts, allowing the City to issue fines up to \$100,000 each day an offence occurs. The City could also suspend or revoke a host permit for violating the bylaw. To help enforce the bylaw, the City would hire six temporary full-time equivalent positions, funded on a cost-recovery basis through user fees and the Municipal Accommodation Tax.

## Better Homes Loan Program

The City is developing a proposed Better Homes Loan program to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Ottawa. Through the proposed Better Homes Loan program, Ottawa homeowners could get a low-interest loan of up to 10 per cent of the value of their home to cover the cost of home energy improvements. Measures eligible for financing will likely include insulation, window and door replacements, heat pumps and solar panels.

City staff are currently finalizing the program details and would like to get feedback from residents, homeowners, contractors, community groups and organizations on details of the program including:

- Energy efficiency measures eligible for financing
- Eligibility requirements
- The proposed application process

The City would like to hear from homeowners, renters, community groups and organizations, contractors, landlords, real estate agents and mortgage lenders. Fill out the survey at [bit.ly/3exUnFy](https://bit.ly/3exUnFy) by **May 9**.

## EcoHack-A-City

The City of Ottawa is participating in the Canada-wide EcoHack-a-City initiative organized by Earth Day Canada. It features a public panel discussion about local environmental issues concerning municipalities and online hands-on training to solve environmental challenges facing cities. Ottawa will host a regional event that explores the environmental theme of “Accelerating the Transition to Electric Vehicles. Attend the public panel on Thursday, June 3 at 7 p.m. and register for the training at [bit.ly/3vm3wHX](https://bit.ly/3vm3wHX).

## Summer e-Guides

The City recently published its Summer e-Guides online to help you plan ahead. Registration begins May 5. Programs include COVID-19 modified in-person programming at select locations, including low-ratio summer camps for kids ages 4 to 12, cycling and tennis for children and adults, and activities for children, youth and adults with disabilities. Virtual summer camps are available in the arts and technology, as well as virtual fitness programs for adults. To register, go to [ottawa.ca/recreation](https://ottawa.ca/recreation) and click on ‘eGuides.’

Keep an eye out for information on the City’s upcoming spring and summer learn-to-swim and aquatic certification programs and registration dates.

## OTTAWA PUBLIC HEALTH COVID-19 UPDATES

### Parks & Masks

Some park amenities are closed and enhanced restrictions are in effect under the Province's extended Stay-At-Home order. The City has closed some recreation amenities and mask wearing is required within five metres of playground equipment.

### Scam Warning

The City of Ottawa is warning residents to protect their privacy after reports of unauthorized callers offering vaccination appointments. The calls ask for personal information and pretend to arrange COVID-19 vaccination appointments or tests. Ottawa Public Health will not call you directly about a vaccine appointment unless you have asked for a callback.

### 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.

## RIVER WARD SAFETY

### Project NoiseMaker

Ottawa Police launched Project NoiseMaker on May 1 for a second year with a goal to reduce speeding, stunt driving and excessive noise on city streets. Officers will be out at all times of the day and night on weekdays and weekends. Since the start of the pandemic there has been an increase in unsafe activity on Ottawa roads. Last year, officers stopped an average of 10 stunt drivers per week and issued 2,300 tickets, including approximately 1,400 for speeding alone. A stunt driving charge is laid when a motorist is travelling 50km/h or more over the posted limit, resulting in fine starting at \$2,000, a seven-day suspension and a court date. Excessive noise is typically generated from aftermarket modifications to muffler and exhaust systems. A fine range from \$100 for an improper muffler to \$365 for a modified exhaust and missing emissions-control equipment. Report traffic safety complaints to the Ottawa Police Service online at [ottawapolice.ca/en/safety-and-crime-prevention/Traffic-Complaints.aspx](https://ottawapolice.ca/en/safety-and-crime-prevention/Traffic-Complaints.aspx).

### Bicycle Thefts

Last year saw a boom in cycling across the country. With fewer cars on the road, more people decided to take up cycling during the pandemic as a means of travel and exercise. Demand for bikes has also skyrocketed. This year, in an effort to end bike theft in our city, the Ottawa Police Service is releasing incident-level bike theft data for the past six years. This information shows hot spots in the city, as well as information on how to better foil thieves and protect your bike. Find the full data set through Open Ottawa at [open.ottawa.ca](https://open.ottawa.ca).

A key priority for OPS is to raise awareness about bike thefts and how to prevent them. Police are already seeing the number of stolen bikes rising this year. So far, they have received 30 additional bike theft reports than at this time last year (nearly a 70% increase). More bikes are being

recovered thanks to the introduction of 529 Garage.

### **Bike Theft Prevention Tips**

- Use a sturdy bicycle lock (such as a U-Lock);
- Store your bike in a locked shed or garage;
- Register your bike on the 529 Garage bicycle registration app at [project529.com/garage/apps](http://project529.com/garage/apps) to let thieves and potential future buyers know the bike is registered and help police quickly locate and return your bike if it's stolen.

Report stolen bikes online at [ottawapolice.ca/onlinereporting](http://ottawapolice.ca/onlinereporting).  
For more safety tips, visit [ottawapolice.ca/endbiket theft](http://ottawapolice.ca/endbiket theft).

## **RIVER WARD COMING EVENTS**

### **Ottawa Hospital Civic Campus Development Update**

On **Tuesday, May 4** the City's Finance and Economic Development Committee will receive a project update on the Ottawa Hospital's new Civic Campus development. The meeting and presentation can be viewed live that day starting at 9:30 a.m. or anytime following the meeting on the City's Youtube channel at [cutt.ly/PbowAva](http://cutt.ly/PbowAva). If you wish to speak to the committee regarding this topic, please contact my office for assistance in registering as a public delegation.

The new campus, which will be located on Carling Avenue next to Dow's Lake, will serve as the major referral centre for eastern Ontario, western Quebec, parts of Nunavut and as the Eastern Ontario Trauma centre. The facility will also provide a full range of specialized services, research and education for patients with complex injuries and illness, in partnership with the University of Ottawa. Learn more at [newcivicdevelopment.ca](http://newcivicdevelopment.ca).

### **Active Transportation Public Meeting**

Join me, along with City Councillors Jeff Leiper and Theresa Kavanagh for a virtual public meeting on

**Tuesday, May 18 starting at 6:30 p.m.** to discuss Active Transportation in Ottawa. Let me know what you want to see added to your community to make it safer and easier for you to bike, hike, run or skate in our city. To register for the public meeting, please send me an email at [Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca](mailto:Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca).

## **RIVER WARD NEWSLETTER**

Stay up to date on everything happening in your community by signing up for my monthly e-newsletter. Visit [rileybrockington.ca](http://rileybrockington.ca), scroll down to the bottom of the page, enter your email address under 'Connect' on the left, and click 'Subscribe.'

## **RIVER WARD EARTH DAY**

### **E-Waste Depot**

On Saturday, April 24 I hosted my annual River Ward Earth Day Celebration E-Waste Depot at the Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community Centre parking lot. COVID-safety protocols were in full effect for this essential service. Junk That Funk collected more than 30,000 pounds of electronic waste - a new record since I first began hosting this event in 2018.

- 2020: 28,349 lbs
- 2019: 16,860 lbs
- 2018: 29,000 lbs

## **RIVER WARD OFFICE IS STILL OPEN!**

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, my office has continued to serve and advocate for residents. 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](mailto:Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca).