



COUNCILLOR/CONSEILLER RILEY BROCKINGTON

Hunt Club Community Association June 7, 2021



Happy June Hunt Club residents,

Change has been a constant theme of 2020 and 2021 and more is in store as we head into summer. Step One of the Ontario government's reopening plan begins June 11. June is also a busy month on the vaccination front and it's anticipated that pace will continue through what is hoped will be a two-dose summer for many.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

380 Hunt Club Road

There is interest in establishing a medical centre and associated pharmacy at 380 Hunt Club Road, which is currently a two-storey office building with approximately 50,000 square feet. Skyline Commercial Real Estate Holdings, which owns the property, is planning to seek a rezoning to permit the additional uses of a medical facility and retail at the property. The building footprint, facade and exterior will not be altered. I am supportive of this application.

Otto's BMW - 400 Hunt Club Road

Otto's has applied for a rezoning and site plan approval to develop a parking lot/storage yard associated with their existing dealership on Hunt Club Road. The parking lot/storage yard will be located immediately west of the creek that borders the existing dealership, necessitating the removal of trees from the currently forested property. The property will be leased from the Ottawa International Airport Authority. The parcel of land to be leased is approximately 1.57 hectares or 3.88 acres. Otto's is proposing to use the leased property for employee parking and to store inventory. The company has applied for a rezoning to allow a "storage yard" on this site, in addition to a permitted parking lot. The parking lot/storage

yard has been designed to accommodate circulation for car carriers so that deliveries can be made in the parking lot/storage yard, rather than on Paul Anka Drive or on the dealership property. The landscape plan submitted with the site plan application will provide replacement trees and shrubs along the Hunt Club frontage of the property.

REOPENING PLANS



As the Provincial government shifts to its three-step reopening plan, the City of Ottawa has resumed several in-person counter services as of **June 7**. For more info on locations and services being offered visit ottawa.ca/en/news/city-will-reopen-some-person-counter-services-june-7.

COVID VACCINATION UPDATE

- As of June 4, more than 600,000 doses of vaccines have been administered in Ottawa and 66% of adults have received at least one dose.
- Starting May 31, the City and Ottawa Public Health launched a new series of pop-up clinics to reach residents of priority neighbourhoods.
- As of May 31, residents 80 and older could either book their second dose appointments or reschedule an existing appointment to an earlier date 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. However, due to issues with the provincial booking system on May 31, all vaccine appointment bookings in Ottawa were temporarily paused until June 3.

- Residents 80 and above without a second dose appointment will be contacted directly by Ottawa Public Health throughout the month of June for guaranteed access to an appointment within the standard second dose interval of 16 weeks.
- Residents 70+ can also begin booking for their second dose appointments, also through the provincial booking system.
- Beginning May 18, the Province extended vaccine appointments to residents 18 years and older. As of May 23, youth between 12 and 17 years of age are eligible to book a vaccine.
- Are you wondering how to talk to your children about getting the COVID-19 vaccine? [KidsHealthFirst.ca](https://kidshealthfirst.ca) has resources to help you and your family feel more confident about COVID-19 vaccines.
- Sign up for the City's [COVID-19 vaccination update](https://app06.ottawa.ca/esubscriptions/signup-for-m-en.html) e-subscription for regular news on the vaccine roll-out: app06.ottawa.ca/esubscriptions/signup-for-m-en.html.

LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Kimberwick Stormwater Pond

Rehabilitation work at the Kimberwick Stormwater Management Facility is scheduled to begin June 14. The infrastructure that facilitates the flow of water from the pond to the river needs to be upgraded. As part of the work, modifications will be made to add safety features and improve maintenance accessibility. Construction is expected to take approximately one week depending on weather. A 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. Temporary disruptions can be expected.

Gas Line Rupture

On May 20, a gas line was punctured at the northwest corner of Uplands Drive and Paul Anka Drive. Ottawa Fire Services went door-to-door within a 500-metre radius. Later, some homes did have to be evacuated, which necessitated the deployment of an OC Transpo bus. I also facilitated the opening of the Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community Centre for access to shelter and washrooms. All work done to repair the leak required proper permitting, specifically a road cut permit and all reinstatement of the City's right-of-way would be to the City's standards.

PARKS & GREENSPACES

Pollinator Garden



Photo credit: Zivana Pavic

On May 27, City staff installed a pollinator garden outside the Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community Centre. It features two butterfly houses and a variety of native plants, ranging from coneflowers and asters to day lilies and asters. Milkweed will be planted by the middle of June. The plan is for

summer campers to tend to the garden and for local residents to adopt it this fall.



Photo credit: Zivana Pavic

Get Growing Hunt Club

I want to pay special tribute to Get Growing Hunt Club whose members spent months on their initiative earlier this Spring to distribute free veggie plants and seed packs to residents in Hunt Club and beyond. I was pleased to take a delivery shift in support of this endeavour. Their efforts to promote gardening and food security should be commended.

Mooney's Bay Park - Waste Stream Pilot

Mooney's Bay Park is being added to the City's Recycling in Parks Pilot for 2021. As a destination park, Mooney's Bay will receive three waste-stream receptacles for garbage, recycling and organics in July. The pilot, which will see the three-stream receptacles installed in 33 parks, will continue until June 2022 where possible. As a member of the City's Environment Committee, I have championed the requirement for parks, public spaces, special events and festivals to incorporate recycling and organic waste collection.

Protect Yourself From Tick Bites

There are many health benefits from being active and enjoying the outdoors; however, if you are in outdoor areas suitable for ticks, for example, wooded areas or areas with tall grasses, you need to be aware of the risk of Lyme disease. To help prevent Lyme disease, Ottawa Public Health monitors ticks and human

illness trends and increases awareness of Ottawa residents of the risks posed by ticks and educates on how to prevent Lyme disease. Preventing tick bites is key to the [prevention of Lyme disease](#), you can do this by:

- Applying an [approved insect repellent](#) containing DEET or icaridin
- Doing a [tick check](#) on yourself, your children, and pets
- Checking your pet daily for ticks, especially if it spends time in wooded or overgrown areas
- [Removing ticks](#) as soon as possible. If you find a tick on your body, using fine-pointed tweezers, grasp the tick's head as close to the skin as possible and pull slowly until the tick is removed. Do not twist or rotate the tick. Do not use a match, lotion or anything else on the tick.
- You can reduce the risk of ticks in your yard by keeping the grass mowed, adding a wood chip, gravel or stone border, removing brush and fallen leaves from the edges of your property, cleaning under and around bird feeders and keeping your woodpile neat, dry, off the ground and away from your house.

Please contact my office if you require a tick removal package, courtesy of Ottawa Public Health.

TRANSPORTATION & TRAFFIC UPDATES

All-Way Stops

On June 2, the Transportation Committee as unanimously approved the recommendations in my Councillor's Report to add four new all-way stop signs in River Ward at:

- Owl & Pigeon
- Southmore West & Fielding
- Trent & Chevrier
- Laperriere & McBride

The Committee's recommendations will go before City Council on June 9 for ratification. I want to thank residents, school principals,

school councils and community associations, including the Hunt Club Community Association, for their support of these community and school zone safety initiatives.

Painted Street Messaging

I am working with staff to paint new messaging on Uplands Drive in both directions in the approach to the Country Club and Huntwood intersection indicating there is a stop sign ahead. Despite a decrease of traffic volume due to the pandemic, instances of speeding and other traffic violations remain high. Stop sign running needs to be reported to the Ottawa Police Service online at www.ottawapolice.ca/en/contact-us/Online-Reporting.aspx or by calling their non-emergency line at **613-236-1222 ext. 7300**. These reports are reviewed every month and based on volume, additional resources are then directed to hot spots.

Summer 2021 Transit Service Changes

In addition to the typical summer adjustments, COVID-19 service adjustments are being made to align connectivity and capacity with the current needs of transit customers while ridership levels remain low. These adjustments include the temporary suspension of service on select peak-period routes, reductions in frequency on certain routes to match current ridership levels, the shortening of some routes where they operate in parallel to other, busier, routes, and service improvements on select routes to accommodate customers' current and emerging travel patterns. Service will be reinstated as ridership returns closer to normal levels. In total, 95 routes will have some type of service change as part of the summer 2021 schedules. The summer service changes also include service adjustments for construction and seasonal service changes.

Changes include:

- Temporary suspension of select peak-period routes,
- Frequency reductions,

- Eight routes shortened where parallel service is available,
- Service improvements to better support current travel needs with an emphasis on hospitals, shopping districts and growing employment areas,
- Service adjustments for construction,
- Seasonal adjustments, including frequency reductions and summer weekend service to seasonal destinations.

These service changes go into effect June 20.

Stage 2 Trillium LRT Construction

Work on the Trillium Line, which is extending south 16 kilometres from Bayview to Limebank in Riverside South, is progressing. This massive project includes eight new stations, renovations to five existing stations, a new Walkley Yard Maintenance and Storage Facility and an airport link. To date, the Stage 2 LRT Construction Team has installed 127 girders on 14 rail and pedestrian bridges across the entire O-Train South extension.

TNext, the consortium constructing the Trillium Line extension, will be increasing work hours and days at various locations across the project to maximize the 2021 construction season. Starting in the next few weeks and extending over the summer/fall construction period, additional staff will be deployed across the project for double shifts and/or weekend work, including at the Hunt Club Rail Bridge.

Greenboro Station



Foundation work is ongoing for both the new platform and existing platform. Excavation for the platform emergency stairs is underway.

South Keys Station



Forming and reinforcement for the walls

supporting the platform are complete. Concrete for the roof of the station is now complete. The placement of concrete slabs for the base of the guideway is ongoing. Watermain installation for the station has started. Underground mechanical and electrical for the base slab are ongoing.

Hunt Club Rail Bridge and Pedestrian Bridge

Two caissons in the middle of Hunt Club Road are now poured. Excavation work is resuming in the median in preparation for column work. The south abutment will be completed in May, and the north abutment work is ongoing.

Airport Parkway Rail Bridge

Formwork, rebar and concrete installation for approach slabs is ongoing. Guideway aggregate placement is ongoing. Installation of permanent guardrail is ongoing.

CITY UPDATES & CONSULTATIONS

City's Cooling Centres

Given that pandemic restrictions continue to limit access to some of the usual public spaces where people cool off – and noting that high temperatures are persisting – the City of Ottawa has mobilized four emergency cooling centres. Opening hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

- Plante Recreation Centre (930 Somerset Street West)
- Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community Centre (3320 Paul Anka Drive)
- Ron Kolbus Lakeside Centre (102 Greenview Avenue)
- Pat Clark Community Centre (4355 Halmont Drive)

In addition, for those residents living in Ottawa Community Housing only, lounges began to be re-opened starting today, June 7, to provide an additional option for OCH residents to seek relief from the heat.

City Launches Women & Gender Equity Strategy

On May 28, the City celebrated the official launch of its brand new Women and Gender Equity Strategy. It was developed to ensure the City's services, strategies and plans integrate a women and gender lens and promote women and gender equity. A gender lens is a process of assessing the implications for women and other gender groups of any planned action, including legislation, policies or programs and resource allocations in all areas and at all levels. This strategy recognizes that people's lives are shaped by their multiple and overlapping identities and social locations, which, together, can produce a unique and distinct experience for that individual or group. Therefore, strategic priorities and outcomes address the need to meet the unique needs of Indigenous, racialized, older women, immigrant women, and gender-diverse persons.

Parks and Recreation Facilities Draft Master Plan



The City wants to hear your feedback on its draft of Ottawa's first-ever combined Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan, in support of the new Official Plan. Visit engage.ottawa.ca to see the preliminary recommendations and provide your feedback before **June 17** by completing a survey or by attending one of four online sessions.

Earlier this year, residents shared their knowledge and experiences through online surveys and virtual public consultations to help develop these recommendations for future growth, which focuses on the quantity and ratio

of parks and recreation facilities and amenities – such as pools, ice pads and tennis courts – for every 1,000 residents. The Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan provides a roadmap up to 2031 on how to develop new parks and recreation facilities to meet the demand from our growing community.

If you are new to this plan or need a refresher, the [Engage Ottawa](https://engage.ottawa.ca) page has frequently asked questions, as well as highlights of the plan. This will provide participants with some great context before taking part in the survey. To participate, complete the online survey at [Engage.Ottawa.ca](https://engage.ottawa.ca) by **June 17** or register for one of the following virtual bilingual consultation sessions:

- **Tuesday, June 8, 2021** from 7 to 9 pm; [Register here](#) (co-hosted by the Ottawa Sport Council and will focus on sports fields and the wide range of outdoor and indoor sports courts and amenities and the needs of sport clubs and organizations)
- **Wednesday, June 9, 2021** from 9 to 11 am; [Register here](#)

If you require a disability related accommodation to fully participate in this event, please contact 613-580-2424 ext. 25192 or email RCFS-PublicEngagement@ottawa.ca. For deaf community members, City facilitators can engage using [Canada Video Relay Service](#) or via the chat within the meeting. For those who cannot attend the live virtual sessions, email RCFS-PublicEngagement@ottawa.ca or mail a note to:

City of Ottawa c/o Parks and Recreation
Facilities Master Plan, Attention: 26-51,100
Constellation Drive, Ottawa, ON, K2G 7E6

The plan will go to the Community and Protective Services Committee and Council for approval in Fall 2021.

Draft New Official Plan - As We Heard It Report

The city-wide As We Heard It Report is scheduled to be released soon. This interim report will highlight the areas of concentrated public interest and outline how such input has led to changes in the proposed New Official Plan policies. There will be a series of ward-specific reports released later in June. That same month, five transect-based public meetings will be organized to engage with residents on the content of the reports. The Outer Urban Transect public meeting is slated for **June 23** and the Inner Urban Transect public meeting is scheduled for **June 28**. I will share the meeting details once they are finalized. The plan is for the As We Heard It Report to be posted to engage.ottawa.ca/the-new-official-plan.

Proposed Vacant Unit Tax update

The City's Finance and Economic Development Committee received a preliminary framework for a [vacant unit tax program](#), which would help increase Ottawa's housing supply by encouraging homeowners to occupy or rent their properties. If adopted, owners of residential properties that are vacant more than 184 days per year would pay a one-per-cent tax as part of their final property tax bill each year. The tax would not apply to an owner's principal residence. The Committee directed staff to develop a tax regime that would be implemented in 2022, with billing to start in 2023. While a one-per-cent tax rate is estimated to bring in about \$6.6 million in revenue in its first year, the tax is not intended to be a major revenue generator for the City. In addition to returning more vacant properties to the housing market, it would also help reduce the amount of vacant homes with property standards issues, such as disrepair and dereliction.

Anti-Racism Secretariat

The City's Anti-Racism Secretariat targets systemic racism by applying an anti-racist approach to the way the City develops policies, makes decisions, evaluates programs, and

measures outcomes, and is responsible for developing the first Anti-Racism Strategy for the City of Ottawa. The Anti-Racism Strategy will be guided through a broad and comprehensive multiphase engagement plan, which began early this year with consultations and a survey. City staff will be conducting more public engagement before presenting a report with recommendations for strategic actions to Committee and Council in 2022.

Ottawa South Active Transportation

On May 27 I co-hosted an Ottawa South Active Transportation meeting with Councillors Deans and Cloutier. It was an opportunity for the public to identify missing links - sidewalks, multi-use pathways, cycling lanes - in the active transportation network. Ottawa's updated Active Transportation Plan will combine the Ottawa Pedestrian Plan and the Ottawa Cycling Plan into one. I also co-hosted an Active Transportation meeting on May 18 with Councillors Leiper, Kavanagh and Chiarelli. Both consultations were well attended and I appreciate the feedback I received from residents.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING

Library Services

Library branches are scheduled to reopen **June 14**. In the meantime, the Ottawa Public Library has put in place safe access to printing, WiFi and computers to help address the disparity in access to technology in our community. Printing services are available. Customers can submit a [print request using the form on the OPL website](#). Chromebooks are available for 3-hour loans with outdoor WiFi access at 22 branches. Chromebooks can be reserved up to 3 days in advance via the [OPL website](#) or by calling InfoService at 613-580-2940. Additional WiFi hotspots will be available based on community need, as supply increases. Homebound and Bookmobile services continue. The OPL website is available 24/7 for virtual browsing of the catalogue, varied digital resources and a wide

range of virtual programs. Reservations can be made via the OPL website at www.BiblioOttawaLibrary.ca or by calling InfoService at 613-580-2940.

National Indigenous History Month



Indigenous
History Month

June 1 marked the beginning of Indigenous History Month. As we take this moment to recognize and celebrate First Nation, Inuit and Métis cultures we also honour the lives and memories of the 215 children whose remains were buried in unmarked graves at the site of the former Kamloops Indian Residential School. The City will continue working with its partners to learn and take steps to reconciliation. The Ottawa Public Library is again celebrating First Nation, Inuit and Métis communities across Canada with Indigenous reading lists, an online musical concert **June 16** and children and teen storytelling on **June 19**. For details, visit: bibliottawalibrary.ca/en/blogs/national-indigenous-history-month.

Summer e-Guides

The City has published its Summer e-Guides to help you plan ahead. 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 and click on 'eGuides.'

Aquatic eGuides now online



With hopes to dive back into better days this summer, the City's 2021 Summer Aquatic eGuides are now online at Ottawa.ca/Recreation. Registration for the COVID-modified aquatic program offerings is now open. Start dates for summer aquatic programs are dependent upon current COVID-19 restrictions being relaxed sufficiently to allow swimming and pool activities. It is important, however, to proceed with aquatics registration to allow enough lead time to help residents, especially parents and guardians, to plan for the summer months. Low-ratio programs will be offered in French and English for all levels at select locations.

Before-and-After-School Programming

The City's September 2021-2022

Before-and-After-School programs at various locations are now available to browse online. Registration will take place on **June 9 at 9 p.m.** Programs are offered in English and French. The start of Before-and-After-School programs are dependent upon COVID-19 restrictions being relaxed sufficiently to allow in-person learning this September. It is important, however, to proceed with registration for these programs to allow enough lead time to help residents, especially parents and guardians, to plan for the upcoming 2021-2022 academic year. Prior to the program beginning, parents will receive a Before and After School Parent Handbook with additional information on expectations and protocols. Registration is available at ottawa.ca/en/recreation-and-parks/recreation-programs#register.

RIVER WARD SAFETY

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.

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. 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 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.
For more safety tips, visit ottawapolice.ca/endbiketheft.

RIVER WARD EVENTS

Urban Cycling Workshop



Join me for Urban Cycling - a Virtual Workshop presented by EnviroCentre's Let's Bike Program on **June 21 at 6:30 p.m.** Delivered by an experienced cyclist, this workshop will provide participants with tips on incorporating cycling into their everyday lives. You'll learn helpful hints, rules of the road, and receive advice on choosing a route to your destination. This workshop is adapted for cyclists of every age and ability. Register at: tinyurl.com/CycleWithMe.

Household Hazardous Waste Depot

The City's first Household Hazardous Waste Depot of the year takes place at the Conroy Snow Dump (3100 Conroy Road), from **June 22 to 26, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

RIVER WARD STAFFING CHANGES

Andrea Ward, my office manager since Day One, has moved on to Infrastructure Services with the City of Ottawa. Her last day was May 28. Andrea's contributions to my office and to River Ward's neighbourhoods, communities and residents made a world of difference. She was, without a doubt, my rock, and she will be missed. But I am excited for her new chapter at the City and I am also pleased to welcome Rhiannon Wilson as my new office manager, who is settling in nicely. Be sure to welcome her

to River Ward the next time you call or email my office.

RIVER WARD NEWSLETTER

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

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.