



**COUNCILLOR/CONSEILLER
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**Hunt Club Community Association Meeting
January 10, 2022**



Dear friends and neighbours of Hunt Club Community,

Happy New Year!

I hope 2022 is a blessing for you, your family and our friends and neighbours across Ottawa. It has been my pleasure to serve the people of the Hunt Club Community in 2021 and I look forward to hopefully meeting you in person at various community events in 2022.

Stay safe, stay well.

Sincerely,
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COVID AND OTTAWA PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES

Return to Stage 2 – Provincial Roadmap to Reopen

Whether you require your first, second or third COVID Vaccine dose, please book an appointment today, if you have not already done so, by calling 1-833-943-3900 or online at: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine/>

To further support the vaccination of individuals can call OPH vaccine booking line (613-691-5505) to book their appointment. OPH has a number of appointments still available for this week. Remember, community immunity starts with you!

As of January 5, 2021 at 12:01 for a period of 21 days, and In response to the rapid increase of OMICRON variant of the COVID -19 virus, the Provincial Government has temporarily returned

the province to stage 2 in the “Roadmap to Reopening”, with some modifications to take into account the province’s successful vaccination rates.

As a result of the restrictions, the **Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Centre** has temporarily closed. The Centre is providing continued healthcare services under the Healthcare Services Exemption:

Vaccine Clinic:

Tuesday’s 1-7 pm

Thursday’s 1-7 pm

Foot Care Clinic (By Appointment Only)

Tuesdays 9-3pm

Fridays 9-3pm

Library Kiosk

Tuesdays 9am-8pm

Thursdays 12-8pm

Fridays 9am-3pm

LIST OF RESTRICTIONS

Gatherings and Events

Social gatherings are permitted under the following conditions:

indoor gatherings limited to five people or fewer

outdoor gatherings limited to 10 people or fewer

Organized public events are permitted under the following conditions:

indoor events limited to five people or fewer

outdoor events have no limits on number of attendees, but face coverings and/or masks must be worn when distancing (two metres or more) cannot be maintained

Weddings, funerals, religious services, rites and ceremonies are permitted under the following conditions:

indoor services are limited to 50 per cent the capacity of the room

outdoor services are limited to the number of people who can maintain two metres distance

drive-in (motor vehicle) services permitted

- social gatherings associated with these services must adhere to the social gathering limits

Retirement homes

Retirement homes are **exempt** from organized public event and social gathering restrictions if the home is in compliance with the policies or guidance, if any, issued by the [Retirement Homes Regulatory Authority](#).

Work from home

Businesses and organizations must make sure that all work is conducted remotely, unless the nature of the work requires workers to be on-site at the workplace.

Retail

All retail must operate under the following conditions:

- 50 per cent capacity
- active screening at photography studios and services
- safety measures for vehicle test drives sales, such as a maximum of 10 minutes for a test drive, a maximum of two people in a vehicle, including one sales representative, windows must be rolled down, active screening, masking, etc.
- safety measures for shopping malls, including capacity limits, no loitering, distancing in line ups, food courts closed and active screening.

Camps

Day and overnight camps are closed.

Meeting and events spaces, and food and drink establishments

Restaurants, bars and other food or drink establishments, including those with dance floors (such as nightclubs) and strip clubs must operate under the following conditions:

- indoor service closed
- take out, drive through and delivery allowed
- outdoor areas open with restrictions including, but not limited to:
 - no more than 10 people per table
 - patrons must remain seated

- no dancing or singing
- active screening
- limited hours for the sale, service and consumption of liquor

Meeting and event spaces, including conference centres and convention centres must operate under the following conditions:

- indoor areas closed with exceptions, such as child care, court and government services, social services, health services, collective bargaining and mental health/addiction services up to 10 people, in-person exams for limited fields/occupations up to 50 people
- outdoor areas open with restrictions including, but not limited to:
 - no more than 10 people per table
 - patrons must remain seated
 - no dancing or singing
 - active screening
 - limited hours for the sale, service and consumption of liquor

Sports and recreational fitness activities

Indoor areas of facilities used for sports and recreational fitness activities, including gyms, sporting events and personal training must operate under the following conditions:

- indoor closed with limited exceptions and conditions (such as athletes training for Olympics and Paralympics, select professional and elite amateur sport leagues who will operate via an approved framework from the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health and persons with disabilities for physical therapy)
- outdoor open with spectators limited to 50 per cent capacity and other restrictions
- proof of vaccination required for facilities with a usual capacity of 20,000 or more people

Recreational amenities

Recreational amenities must operate under the following conditions:

- indoor recreational amenities closed
- outdoor recreational amenities open

Entertainment

Concert venues, theatres, cinemas, museums, galleries, zoos, science centres , landmarks, historic sites, botanical gardens and similar attractions, amusement parks, waterparks, tour and guide services including boat tours, fairs, rural exhibitions and festivals must operate under the following conditions:

- outdoor open with restrictions (such as masking on rides)
- spectators at seated events at 50 per cent capacity
- outdoor tours and boat tours at 50 per cent capacity
- drive-in and drive through events permitted with restrictions, such as distancing between cars, only permitted to leave a vehicle in limited circumstances, etc.
- indoor areas of concert venues, theatres and cinemas closed except for rehearsing or performing a recorded or broadcasted performance, artistic event or performance, with restrictions

Commercial film and television production

- studio audiences not permitted
 - Restrictions, including performers must be distanced unless necessary

Casinos and racing venues

Casinos, bingo halls and other gaming establishments will be closed.

Horse and car racing tracks and similar venues must operate under the following conditions:

- indoor areas closed
- outdoor areas open with restrictions, including mandatory reservations, spectators limited to 50 per cent of usual seating capacity and others
- proof of vaccination required for facilities with a usual capacity of 20,000 or more people.

Personal care services

Saunas, steam rooms and oxygen bars will be closed.

Personal care services such as barbers, hair salons, tattoo parlours must operate under the following conditions:

- 50 per cent capacity
- no services where face coverings need to be removed
- by appointment only
- active screening
- music played is not above a decibel level where normal conversation is possible

Short-term accommodation

Hotels, motels and similar establishments must operate under the following conditions:

- open except for any area required to be closed, such as indoor gyms, pools, steam rooms/saunas
- restaurants within the hotel or motel may offer takeout or delivery only

Short-term rentals must operate under the following conditions:

- only open to those in need of housing (does not apply to hotels, motels, lodges, resorts and other shared rental accommodation, including student residences.)
- ice fishing huts permitted with restrictions

Other service providers

Liquor sales and service are permitted under the following conditions:

- sale of alcohol must end at 10 p.m. and no consumption of alcohol on-premise in businesses or settings after 11 p.m., with the exception of delivery and takeout services, grocery and convenience stores and other liquor retail stores

Real estate agencies must operate under the following conditions:

- property viewings by appointment only

- no open houses

Businesses that provide in-person teaching or instruction (such as cooking classes, music classes) must operate under the following conditions:

- indoor areas closed, except for organizations that provide health and safety training (with conditions)
- outdoor areas open with restrictions in place, such as physical distancing

Driving instruction must be conducted under the following conditions:

- limited to in-person instruction for drivers of commercial motor vehicles only.

Libraries and community centres must operate under the following conditions:

- open with 50 per cent capacity, with limited exceptions, such as child care, social services

SITE PLAN CONTROL APPLICATION – OTTAWA HUNT AND GOLF CLUB

Ottawa Hunt and Golf club has submitted a Site Plan Control Application to the City of Ottawa's Planning Committee for consideration of building a one storey, 1952 m² groundskeeper and maintenance facility with 20 parking spaces, located on the southeast corner of the property, known as 3811 North Bowesville Rd.

At present, the current grounds maintenance facility and associated parking are located at the northeast corner of the Hunt Club and North Bowesville Road Intersection (Main Entrance). The proposed site for the new Maintenance and Groundskeepers Facility is an approximately 1.32 hectare portion of the property located on the southeast corner of the property adjacent to Hunt Club Place. The Site is located just south of the active golf course and is presently used for the storage of landscaping materials surrounded by treed areas. It is surrounded to the west and north by the active golf course, to the east and south by lands zoned for low-density residential uses.

Properties located at 605-613 Hunt Club Place are also owned by the Ottawa Hunt and Golf Club, whereas the vacant residentially zoned properties located at 617 and 625 Hunt Club Place are owned by a separate landowner.

A drainage ditch owned by the Department of National Defence is located in the northeast corner of the Site and provides an outlet for area drainage, including the Ottawa Macdonald-Cartier International Airport.

This overall development will include:

- Construction of the one-storey Agronomy Maintenance Facility Building
- Construction of 20 staff parking spaces including one barrier-free space to the east of the building;
- Construction of a new access from Hunt Club Place to the Site;
- Construction of a material yard for the storage of landscape materials, an area for garbage and recycling, an area for fueling of maintenance vehicles, and space for maintenance vehicle parking;
- Installation of an individual septic system;
- Extension of water service from Hunt Club Place, through Lot 613 (also owned by the Ottawa Hunt and Golf Club);
- An on-site stormwater management swale that includes a new stormwater outlet to the adjacent lands owned by the Department of National Defense; and
- Landscaping buffers.

Timelines and Approval Authority

The target date upon which a decision on the application is to be rendered by the Planning and Growth Management Department, via delegated authority, is March 20, 2022.

To view a copy of the site plan and other related materials, please visit www.devapps.ca and enter 3811 North Bowesville Rd

Please provide comments to me by January 20, 2022

Coyotes in our Community

As you are aware, the Hunt Club neighbourhood is home to a number of coyotes. They live in the McCarthy Woods and have been spotted as well along the Hydro corridor, Rideau River corridor and Sawmill Creek pathways. Use caution in their vicinity and please do not run after them, tease or feed them. I have a significant amount of resources on my website about how to

coexists with coyotes in an urban environment. Please visit: <http://rileybrockington.ca/coyotes-what-to-do-if-you-see-one/>

Otto's BMW – Hunt Club Road

In December I spoke with the planning consultant who is leading this application and he indicated there is no new news at this time. The application was pulled in early September to allow additional time to review other alternative sites.

The City Planner confirmed for me that she has not heard from anyone on this file since September.

I have met with and continue to update the grassroots organization, Save Hunt Club Woods, who has led significant public pushback to this application.

I also spoke with MP David McGuinty in December for 30+ minutes. He advised writing to the Airport CEO and Chair of the Board and to facilitate an in-community dialogue with Airport officials.

MTO Office in Hunt Club Centre

On October 18, 2021, the provincial Ministry of Transportation opened a temporary office on McCarthy Road. A backlog in excess of 550,000 road tests across Ontario drove this decision. The temporary road test site is located at 3310 McCarthy Road, Unit 1008 and offers class G2 road tests seven days a week, 7am to 6pm. Prospective new licensed drivers may book road tests online at [DriveTest.ca](https://www.drive-test.ca)

The MTO indicated the temporary location supports drivers from Renfrew, Smiths Falls, Winchester and other surrounding communities.

There is an increase of drivers' education vehicles in the community. Like all of motorists, please use caution.

The office will be in the Centre until at least March 31, 2022. The temporary location may extend its time, if demand remains.

Airport Parkway Expansion Final Design – Formation of Community Working Group

Final design on the Airport Parkway expansion has started. The design consultant is Parsons. The City intends to complete the final design (detailed blueprint) by the end of 2023. The construction is expected to start in 2024 and be completed by the end of 2025. The two-year construction period will be further reviewed during the design phase.

I am meeting with Transportation Staff and Parsons later this week to discuss the project, which will include an update on overall project objectives and schedule, discuss matters of interest to the community, and identify community association representatives and other key community stakeholders to create a Community Working Group for this project. I will know more about the WG and expectations of the community later this week, but this is something the HCCA should consider joining.

MOONEY'S BAY TOBOGGAN HILL

On December 27, 2021, an 11-year old girl , tobogganing with her family at Mooney's Bay Hill, lost her life in an accident when the toboggan she was on, collided with a set of posts that were in place along the paved north-south pathway.

She has gone down the west-facing side of the hill.

Mooney's Bay Hill has been an unsanctioned hill by the City of Ottawa since 2017. Signage has been in place at the summit of the hill warning tobogganers of the risk of tobogganing and also stating the hill is not a sanctioned site.

In addition to signage, the City built a berm along the northern edge of the slope, abutting the Terry Fox Athletic Centre fence line, to slow in-coming tobogganers, trees are wrapped in protective padding and some hay bales are used.

I met with Parks and Recreation staff on January 4 for the first time to discuss the accident, what the City did right away to address safety issues and the plan forward.

I do not believe it is realistic for the City of Ottawa to close the hill permanently. People have come to the Hill for decades and will continue to come. (The day after the accident, Ottawa Bylaw turned away 70 families)

The parking lot will reopen on Monday January 10 and Bylaw's presence will also be complete.

I have asked Parks and Rec to hire a professional company that can do an independent assessment of the Hill, and offer recommendations on how to mitigate risk and make it safer. If the City does not agree to take this path, I will bring a motion to City Council.

We have a second meeting set for January 13 to discuss next steps. I have asked for additional signage to be installed in the park to remind visitors of the risk of tobogganing, including the on-going use of the large solar powered sign at the entrance to the parking lot.

The condition of the hill, ie icy, was a factor in this accident. I have asked staff to consider issuing a public service announcement and even a coloured flag system, to indicate to the public when weather conditions contribute to elevated the risk to tobogganers. Coloured flags are used to inform the public of the condition of the Rideau Canal Skateway and water issues during beach season.

Input from the community is always welcome and if recommendations are made to make physical changes to the hill, I will seek public input before final changes are made.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT – A LOOK AHEAD

South Keys Mall - 2200 Bank Street

In its infancy, the Site Plan Control Application and By-Law Amendment application are proceeding to public consultations for comment. RioCan is proposing to build 2, 21 storey residential apartment buildings with ground floor commercial on the current site. A public meeting was hosted by Councillor Deans on December 6, 2021. At the public meeting, we were told this is Phase 1 of 4 for this immediate parcel of land, due south of the Walmart and beside the South Keys Transit Station.

For more information, visit:

<https://devapps.ottawa.ca/en/search?s=activeOnly&t=2200%2520bank%2520street&a=all&w=all&i=0&b=0,0,0,0&o=default&ob=asc>

Taggart Developments 3930 – 3960 Riverside Dr

Taggart Developments will likely resubmit a new development plan in 2022. Their revised proposal will remove all commercial use elements from their 2018 plan and focus on creating a residential community. The current vision includes 78 townhomes and detached single family homes, 1 low-rise apartment building and 4 mid – and high rise apartment buildings of 6, 9 and 12 storeys with a total of approximately 450 rental units.

Approximately 5 acres will remain as environmentally protected lands. A multi-use pathway is still proposed to run through the property, connecting to the Kimberwick Stormwater Facility.

TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN

Ottawa has grown into a city of one million residents. Over the next 25 years, that number is expected to grow to more than 1.4 million. With that kind of growth, how goods, people and vehicles move through our city, will set the course for the future.

As we set the vision for our updated Transportation Master Plan, we have important decisions to make as individuals and as a city. While some might be easy, others will require more

thought. We need to have thoughtful and meaningful discussions to ensure Ottawa becomes the most liveable mid-sized city in North America.

Transportation decisions affect all of Ottawa's residents and businesses. No matter if you walk, drive, cycle, bus, take the light rail transit or scoot, whether you ship products or have them delivered, or whether you own or share a car, how people and goods move through the city affects you. All the choices we make moving forward will require some give and take. That's why we want to hear from you! Tell us what's important to you, what makes you tick, how you get around and how our transportation system can move us in the right direction for decades to come.

There are 70 draft policies that the city is including in the Master Plan. They focus primarily on:

- building a clean and sustainable transportation system;
- creating a more equitable transportation system;
- using transportation to support the city we want to build;
- maximizing walkability;
- developing a great cycling city;
- expanding and improve transit city-wide;
- providing safe, multimodal streets;
- managing the curb, parking, and the movement of goods; and,
- advancing transportation demand manage.

Stay Involved! There are a series of Survey's designed to engage communities help form our draft policies and guide our city into the future! Click <https://engage.ottawa.ca/transportation-master-plan>

A community information session is being planned with the Riverside Park Community Association for February 2. This may be a good opportunity for the HCCA Board to join in.

City Budget 2022 – Additional Investments in River Ward

\$6 million to repave Hunt Club roads, including:

- McCarthy Road from Hunt Club Road to Paul Anka Drive (may include bike lanes)
- \$1.3 million to improve the intersection of Hunt Club Road and Riverside Drive.
- Hunt Club Road from Paul Anka to Daze Street, and Bowesville Road to Riverside Drive

Roads not completed in 2021 take priority. This is an ambitious list and likely not all will get done in 2022.

\$1.5 million for bridge repairs and culvert

- Rehabilitate the bridge underpass on the Canadian Northern Rail line at the Airport Parkway south of Walkley Road
- Rehabilitate the overpass on Walkley Road above the Airport Parkway
- Design the Airport Parkway underpass south of Heron Road
- Rehabilitate Confederation Heights Bridge north of Walkley Road
- Renew the Prince of Wales Drive culvert north of Baseline Road

Walkley Road Transitway Station

\$560,000 to repair concrete stairs

Parks and Facilities

\$500,000 for upgrades to the Terry Fox Athletic Facility at Mooney's Bay Park

PARKS AND RECREATION

McCarthy Park

Completion of new outdoor, regulation size basketball court with lighting.

Recycling in Parks Pilot Program

The introduction and rollout of new waste stream receptacles in Mooney's Bay Park in 2021 as part of the City's expanded Recycling in Parks pilot program, went smoothly. There are now 59 locations in Mooney's Bay Park with garbage, recycling and organic receptacles and these will be back next summer.

HELP SHAPE THE CITY'S FIRST ANTI RACISM STRATEGY

This year, the City of Ottawa will develop its first Anti-Racism Strategy, which will include strategic actions, key performance indicators and expected outcomes to confront systemic racism in Ottawa's systems and structures.

To help inform the strategy, the Anti-Racism Secretariat is holding virtual resident town halls on Saturday, January 15 and Thursday, January 20. These will complete a series of public engagement sessions the Anti-Racism Secretariat launched last year.

The townhalls will give residents and community stakeholders the opportunity to respond to the What We Heard report, which summarizes the recommendations and feedback received during the sessions about how the City can address systemic racism within the six priority areas previously identified by the community (employment equity, governance, housing, economic development, health outcomes and youth development). Participants can also provide further feedback and highlight any gaps that should be considered in the Anti-Racism Strategy.

To register for one of the following virtual town halls and to read the full [What We Heard report](#), please visit the Anti-Racism Secretariat's [Engage Ottawa page](#):

- Bilingual Indigenous and racialized resident town hall – Saturday, January 15, 10 am to noon
- Bilingual all resident town hall – Thursday, January 20, 5:30 to 7:30 pm

The Anti-Racism Secretariat will incorporate town hall feedback into the Anti-Racism Strategy and present it to Council later this year.

I condemn all forms of racism. Municipal governments play a leading role in identifying and challenging systemic racism. Led by its Anti-Racism Secretariat, the City is committed to advancing a more inclusive and responsive municipal government, to ensure all people are served fairly and free of discrimination.

Riley Brockington
January 10, 2022