

COUNCILLOR/CONSEILLER RILEY BROCKINGTON





Dear friends and neighbours of Hunt Club Community,

The month of March has always been a month of hope for me, the arrival of Spring, warmer temperatures and a visit to a sugar bush for a sweet treat.

March is a busy month. Many Christians are now observing the period of Lent. International Women's Day is tomorrow, while those with Irish heritage are keen to celebrate St Patrick's Day on the 17. It is also the 'Mois de la Francophonie' a time to recognize the richness and vitality of La Francophonie around the world.

On a more serious tone, last month was quite contentious in Ottawa, particularly with the 3+ week occupation of the downtown core by those calling themselves the Truckers Convoy. Although the occupation has come to an end, many questions remain. City Council and the Ottawa Police Services Board have both passed motions calling for a thorough and independent assessment of what happened, the planning that took place in advance and how the operation was managed. Personally, I am not looking for a witch hunt. I want to know what went well, what went wrong and make significant and immediate changes to procedure to ensure that when this happens again all parties are much better prepared. I also want a better understanding of how the various police services collaborate together and whether Wellington Street should become the jurisdiction of the federal government or remain a municipal street.

A private class action lawsuit has been launched against the participants of the occupation and under the Ontario Police Services Act, organizers of the occupation may be held liable for the policing costs. Last week, the policing costs alone eclipsed \$30 million. City Council has passed approximately 15 motions related to the occupation, if you are interested in understanding more, please reach out to me.

Following a special statement I issued at the beginning of February, some residents accused me of not supporting people's right to protest – nothing could be further from the truth. Protesting, speaking out against a government or government policy is fair game, I will always defend that right.

Stay safe, stay well.

Sincerely, Riley

RIVER WARD WOMEN'S DAY SPEAKER SERIES

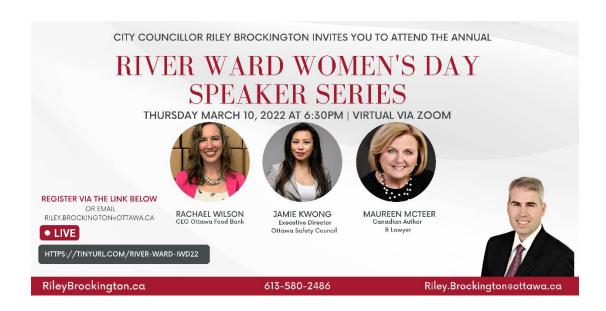
You are invited to attend my annual International Woman's Day speaker's event virtually via Zoom on Thrusday March 10, 2022from 6:30 to 8pm

 Date:
 March 10, 2022

 Time:
 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

 Location:
 Virtual (Zoom)

Registration Link: https://tinyurl.com/RIVER-WARD-IWD22.



TRIVIA NIGHT

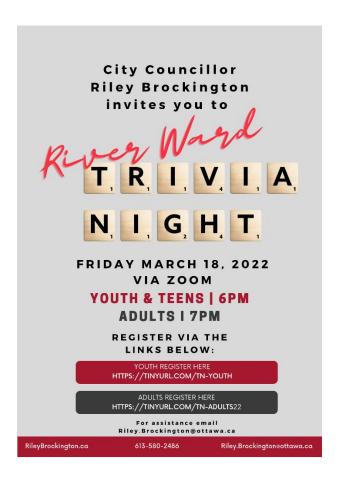
You are invited to test your trivia knowledge for a night of fun! We have a special Youth session planned and another to follow for Adults.

See links below to register!

Date: March 18, 2022

Time: 6pm Youth Session - https://tinyurl.com/TN-Youth

7pm Adults Session - https://tinyurl.com/TN-Adults22



COVID AND OTTAWA PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES

Provincial Restrictions

Update: Ontario's Reopening Plan

As of March 1, Ontario has taken additional steps to ease public health measures due to the improvement of public health and health system indicators. This includes lifting capacity limits in all remaining indoor public settings.

Ontario has also lifted proof of vaccination requirements for all settings at this time. Businesses and other settings may choose to continue to require proof of vaccination. Certain settings will continue to require proof of vaccination like Health care and Long Term Care Homes. Masking requirements will remain in place at this time, with a specific timeline to lift this measure to be communicated at a later date.

To manage COVID-19 over the long-term, public health units can deploy local and regional responses based on local context and conditions. Ottawa Public Health with continue to operate Community Vaccination Hubs in order to provide community immunity. In River ward:

Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Centre

3320 Paul Anka Dr

Tuesday and Thursday: 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Heatherington Public Health Neighbourhood Vaccination Hub - Ledbury Pavilion

1250 Ledbury Ave

Saturday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm (Closed 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm)

Caldwell Public Health Neighbourhood Vaccination Hub - Bellevue Communtiy Centre

1475 Caldwell Avenue

Thursday: 1 pm to 7 pm (Closed 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm) Friday: 10 am to 4 pm: (Closed 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm)

SAFETY REVIEW OF MOONEY'S BAY HILL

At my insistence, the City of Ottawa obtained an independent third party to review the various risks of tobogganing at Mooney's Bay Hill, following the tragic death of an 11 year old girl on December 27, 2021. The Hill was visited in person on January 22 and a final review was delivered to the City on January 31.

The Regional Coroner also met with the City of Ottawa Parks and Recreation Senior staff. This meeting took place on January 26. The Coroner delivered a set of recommendations to the City on February 7 and a written reply is required by August 10, 2022.

I was briefed by the City of Ottawa on the independent risk assessor's findings on March 1. The report identifies several risks with tobogganing at Mooney's Bay Hill and also provides a recommendation on how to facilitate public use of the Hill should this be the direction taken. The City is having on-going dialogue with the NCC, the landowner.

The City will take both reports' recommendations as well as the NCC in to consideration as it develops next steps.

I have been clear to the City, even if parts of the Hill need to be restricted from tobogganing, some use, with risks mitigated, is better than a full-scale closure cordoned off from the public. I have requested that the report be publicly released.

Rideau River Blasting

Every year, the City of Ottawa works in partnership with the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority to prepare for its annual Rideau River Flood Control operations and blasting. These operations are critical to mitigating the risk of flooding in the communities along the Rideau River.

On January 31, a portion of the Rideau River Flood Control Team was mobilized and began preparing equipment and drilling test holes at several locations throughout the river corridor. With these preliminary steps concluding on February 4, the remainder of the Team began working on clearing snow and cutting keys in the forebay, before working their way towards Porter Island.

To ensure everyone's safety as we continue preparing for these operations, we are reminding everyone to stay off the ice for the remainder of the winter season.

The Rideau River Flood Control Team is actively working on preparing the area for blasting and clearing snow from its surface is included as part of these operations.

Weather and ice conditions permitting, blasting on the Rideau River commenced on **February 26**.

How to Report a Pothole

Spring is in the air! With warmer weather upon us, pot holes are appearing. Report a pothole to the city by calling 3-1-1 or by following the link:

https://so311.serviceottawa.ca/selfserve/?reqId=2000164&lang=en&form=Road Maint Surface.Pothole

OC Transpo expands free service to O-Train Line 1 and restores additional downtown bus service

OC Transpo is offering O-Train Line 1 service for free, for a limited time. Downtown bus service has also been restored to parts of Albert and Slater streets, the Mackenzie King Bridge, and only minor detours remain in effect.

Free O-Train Line 1 service is in addition to free service in effect for 15 downtown bus routes, and for Para Transpo trips to and from Rideau-Vanier and Somerset wards. Free bus service includes routes 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 55, 56, 85, and 114.

This service is being offered to customers in recognition of the significant disruption to transit travel in the downtown core due to recent road closures and detours. Free service will be in place for 30 days, with regular fares resuming on March 27.

When using these no-charge routes, do not tap your Presto card or pay a fare when boarding the bus – the Operator will let you on without requiring a fare. Customers boarding these routes will not receive a printed transfer. Fares and transfers will continue to be required for access to Line 2 buses and all other bus routes, and Société de transport de l'Outaouais (STO) buses.

Para Transpo service is free for all trips booked to or from addresses in Somerset and Rideau-Vanier wards.

Stay up to date on the latest transit information by visiting <u>octranspo.com/alerts</u> or following <u>OC Transpo's Twitter accounts</u>.

MARCH BREAK AROUND THE CITY

March Break Camp

The Alexander Community Centre is the place to be for March Break. Your children will enjoy an action-packed week of fun activities, including gym games, outdoor play, cooking, drama games, movies and lots more!!!

All activities will be following COVID guidelines.

Details:

March 14-18, 8am-5pm, Ages 4-12 Barcode: 1614060, Cost \$102.25

Please note, the March Break Camp at the Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Centre has already sold out.

A March break filled with fun and creativity at OPL

March Break is just around the corner! We are offering virtual, fun, educational, and free programs for children ages 4-12 from March 14-18.

This year's March Break theme is "It's a Great Big World!". We are inviting children to join us for a March Break bursting with creativity where they can let their imagination run wild. The week will be filled with yoga and dance, arts and crafts, writing and reading, laughter, beautiful encounters, and magical moments.

You can use your library card to register your kids for the many <u>creative activities</u> planned for March break. The fun awaits!

- Monday, March 14, at 10:30 am: <u>Imagin'Action</u>
- Tuesday, March 15, at 12 pm: <u>Sketching for Self-Care for Children</u>
- Tuesday, March 15, at 2 pm: Swordplay
- Wednesday, March 16, at 10:30: Ottawa Swordplay Show and Tell
- Wednesday, March 16, at 11 am: <u>Dance with Luv2Groove</u>
- Wednesday, March 16, at 2 pm: Yoga for Kids
- Thursday, March 17, at 2 pm: <u>Dance with Luv2Groove</u>
- Friday, March 18, at 10 am: <u>Learn Bandlab</u>
- Friday, March 18, at 2 pm: <u>Visions of Turtle Island: Tribal vision</u>

PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

Airport Parkway

The City of Ottawa, in consultation with Parsons, has struck a Community Working Group in regards to the final design phase of the Airport Parkway widening project. The first meeting of the group was March 2, 2022 with the purpose of hearing the communities' concerns regarding the aspects of construction, design and implementation. A final design is expected October 2023 and construction will begin in 2024.

It would be great to have the HCCA as part of the Working Group.

Walkley Road Modifications

In partnership with the RPCA, I will host a public information session for interested residents of Riverside Park and Hunt Club communities on the proposed redesign of Walkley Road in April, and the intended pilot project will proceed in June. The pilot will measure a number of metrics that will be used to further refine the Airport Parkway design project.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

Hunt Club Road Red Pine Plantation

On February 23, City Council unanimously approved my 3-part motion:

- 1. Request that the National Capital Commission review its authorities under section 12.1 and 12.3 of the *National Capital Act* to assess whether it can require the Airport Authority to pause any removal of trees and prior to approval of a new plan for the Hunt Club frontage by the Commission that would retain more trees and connectivity to the remaining forest; and
- 2. Request that a delegation of Council comprised of the Mayor or his designate, one of the co-Chairs of the Planning Committee, and Ward Councillors Deans and Brockington meet with the City's nominees to the Board of the Airport Authority to express Council's concern with proceeding with tree cutting before further negotiations on the future of the red pine forest are completed; and
 - 3. Authorize the General Manager of Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development and his designates to explore the feasibility of a land swap and report back to Council on their findings.

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 to 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.

I have requested an update from the developer. I hope to acquire the latest information this week.

Ottawa Hunt and Golf Club Maintenance Facility

A Site Plan Control Application has been submitted to construct a one-storey, 1,958 m2 (sqm) Maintenance and Groundskeeping Facility with 20 parking spaces on the southeast corner of the property adjacent to Hunt Club Place. The site is south of the active golf course and is currently used to store landscaping materials and outdoor storage of golf course vehicles. It is anticipated that construction will take place in the summer of 2022.

TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN – Comments Extended until March 18, 2022

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 livable 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,
- o advancing transportation demand manage.

Stay Involved! There are a series of surveys designed to engage communities help form our draft policies and guide our city into the future! Click https://engage.ottawa.ca/transportation-master-plan?tool=survey_tool#tool_tab and complete the surveys.

SOLID WASTE MASTER PLAN

The City of Ottawa is developing a new Solid Waste Plan which will provide the overall framework, direction, and goals for solid waste management, including reduction and diversion policies. In 2019, Council approved the Solid Waste Master Plan Roadmap report (ACS2019-PWE-GEN-0007) which recommended a three-phased approach, with each phase based on research, data, best practices and extensive consultations with key stakeholders and the public:

Phase 1 (Where We Are): Overview of waste management in Ottawa and tools available to influence the City's waste management system

Phase 2 (Where We Are Going): Proposed vision statement, guiding principles and goals, and overview of future waste management needs, options to meet those needs, and evaluation methodology

Phase 3 (How We Are Going To Get There): Recommended options and five-year implementation plan and targets for final Waste Plan

Following Council's July 2021 receipt and approval of Phase 2, the technical consulting team began evaluating the long list of options. The presented Council with a technical briefing of 57 options categorized in 27 "option suites" for consideration that will be presented to the public for engagement. They will affect single family households, multi-residential households, City Facilities, and/or parks & public spaces.

Engagement Series 2 begins today! It has a focus on **developing a plan to manage solid** waste over the next 30 years.

https://engage.ottawa.ca/solid-waste-master-plan

Save the Date to Engage!

There will be multiple ways for the public to engage with the plan, and we encourage you to get involved!

Public Meetings and Discussion Groups:

Want to join a public discussion group or information session to learn more and provide feedback on the Waste Plan options? Registration links to sign up for the sessions will be made available in the next few weeks. All sessions will be facilitated in both English and French.

Waste Plan Options Information Session

March 21, 7-9 pm

April 13, 7-9 pm

This information session will allow participants to receive more information on the Waste Plan options that will be found in the public survey. The session will also feature a Q&A period so residents can better understand the Solid Waste Master Plan prior to completing the public survey or participating in other discussion groups.

Taking the Lead: City of Ottawa and Partners

March 24, 7-9 pm

This session will focus on how the City of Ottawa and partners can take action to influence and support community strategies, programs, and incentives towards a circular economy.

Beyond Curbside Collection: Finding further ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle

March 28, 7-9 pm

This session will discuss how willing residents are to prioritize the implementation of programs related to reusing, reducing, and recycling. This session will explore the Waste Plan options related to sharing spaces, community reuse events, expansion of the Take It Back! program, food waste reduction strategies, textile waste diversion, temporary drop off depots, and onsite organics.

What to do with the rest? Exploring residual waste technology options

April 4, 7-9 pm

This information session will allow participants to better understand and provide input on how far, how fast, and at what cost are residents willing to implement Waste Plan options related to mixed waste processing, mechanical biological treatment, incineration, and emerging technologies to manage non-recyclable and non-compostable waste materials.

Out in public: Bringing change to public spaces, municipal facilities and events April 7, 7-9 pm

This session will explore options related to how and if the City should prioritize the implementation options related to alternate collection containers, recycling in parks and public spaces, guidelines for waste receptacles at events, and improving City facilities to lead by example.

Options with a Focus on Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions

April 11, 7-9pm

This session will focus on the Waste Plan options that relate to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, such as anaerobic digestion (AD), co-digestion, and zero waste City fleet.

Let's Talk: Multi-Residential Properties and Waste Options

May 3, 7-9 pm

This session focuses on the Waste Plan options related to chute closures, multi-residential building development standards, and increasing participation in the Green Bin program. Multi-residential properties are properties with 6 or more units. This session is open to all residents, tenants, landlords, property managers and staff.

INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES

McCarthy Rd / Impala Hydro Corridor

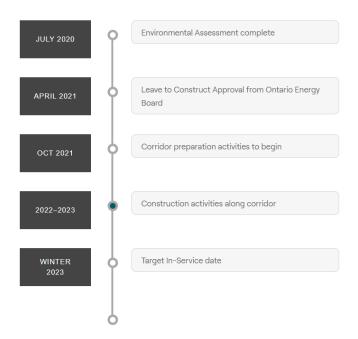
Hydro Ottawa is conducting a civil reconductoring project on McCarthy Rd and Impala Cres using the contractor 'Teraflex Ltd'. They will be replacing transformers and lines in the residential neighbourhood. This means that residents will experience the presence of Hydro Otawa Crew Members in their back yards, on their roads and in their neighbourhoods. Hydro Ottawa expects this project to run from March 15 – June 30 where residents can expect intermittent power interruptions. Residents will be notified of the interruptions 5 days in advance, with an exact date, start time and duration. As the they are replacing wires, each resident is expected to only experience one outage for the duration of the project.

Hydro Ottawa has made available 70 battery packs, obtainable for free, to the surrounding community, by signing up through your Hydro Ottawa Online Account. Hydro Ottawa, will then deliver the batteries to each resident who has signed up.

Hydro One Reconductoring

Hydro One is completing reconductoring work along its corridor just north of the McCarthy Woods. The project involves the replacement of the existing conductor (wire), reinforcement of the existing transmission structures where necessary and the installation of temporary bypass structures to facilitate the construction process. Work will be carried out within the existing

transmission corridor and, where possible, access to the transmission structures will be gained using existing roads, transmission corridor and trails. There will be little noticeable difference in this transmission line after the project has been completed and no residential outages are planned.



COMEMMORATIVE NAMING APPLICATIONS

An application has been submitted to the City's commemorative naming team for consideration of naming the weight room in the Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Centre the *David and Anita Mitchell Weight Room*. The next phase will be a 30-day public consultation period.

ROADS AND LRT

Next month, I will provide updates on the Trillium Line expansion project as well as road repaying projects.

RIVER WARD SPRING / SUMMER FESTIVALS

Below is a list of confirmed festivals in River Ward.

Event Name	Location	Date(s)
Ottawa Dragon Boat Festival	Mooney's Bay Park	June 23-26
Ottawa Lebanese Festival	700 Ridgewood Avenue	July 13-17
HOPE Volleyball Festival	Mooney's Bay Park	July 16-17
Capital Ukrainian Festival	952 Green Valley Cres	July 22-24
Ottawa Greek Festival	1315 Prince of Wales Drive	August 12-21

RIVER WARD EVENTS

Earth Day Event in Hunt Club

I will be hosting my annual Earth Day Event on April 23 from 10:00am – 4:00 pm. I will host a number of events including a McCarthy Park clean-up, E-waste depot partnership with Junk That Funk, forest walk and refreshments for volunteers.

I look to recruit a dozen community volunteers to assist in cleaning up McCarthy Park. Please reach out to me if interested.

Riley Brockington March 7, 2022