



**Hunt Club Community Association Meeting
April 4, 2022**

Dear friends and neighbours of Hunt Club,

With patches of snow here and there if you look closely, we are finally in our first full month of Spring. We also celebrate and observe a number of religious holidays and events this month including Sikh Heritage Month, Ramadan (April 2-May 1), Passover (April 15-23), Good Friday (April 15), Easter (April 17), Earth Day (April 22) and Orthodox Easter (April 24).

On April 23, I will host my annual River Ward Earth Day event, which will include an e-waste depot. See the full slate of activities in this bulletin for more information.

The Ward Office, located within the Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Centre, is open on Tuesdays and Fridays to serve you in-person closer to home. I usually work out of the Ward Office on Fridays and all are welcome.

Have a great month and please reach out any time if the River Ward Team can be of assistance.

Stay safe, stay well.

Sincerely,
Riley

Ramadan Mubarak to all Muslims celebrating Ramadan this month (April 2 to May 2)

Earth Day Celebrations in River Ward – April 23

Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Centre, 3320 Paul Anka Dr

1. E-Waste Depot with Junk That Funk - 10am to 4pm
2. McCarthy Park Clean-Up and Refreshments - 10am to 11.30am
Volunteers Needed, sign up by sending an e-mail to Riley.Brockington@ottawa.ca
3. Worm Bin Composting (Vermiculture) – In Partnership with OSEAN - 10am to 1pm
4. Knife Sharpening – In Partnership with OSEAN - 12pm to 2pm
5. Earthub Collection Point – In Partnership with Earthub

6. **Getting to know Spring Flowers' with Owen Clarkin - 1pm to 2:15pm**

Guided tour of the McCarthy Woods focusing on wild spring flowers with special guide, Owen Clarkin. Meet outside of Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Centre, 3320 Paul Anka Drive at 1PM.

PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

Airport Parkway and Walkley Road Project

As part of the 2013 Transportation Master Plan (TMP), approved by City Council, the Airport Parkway is slated to be widened as part of a 3-phase project.

Phase 1 includes:

- widening the Parkway from Brookfield Road to Hunt Club with a full median,
- addition of a multi-use pathway on the west side of the Parkway,
- a southbound off-ramp at Walkley Road, including a new roundabout at the off-ramp / Walkley Road intersection,
- road modifications to Walkley Road from the Parkway to McCarthy Road to mitigate excessive speed and provide better active transportation (cycling and pedestrian infrastructure).

In 2015 the City of Ottawa undertook a thorough and detailed, provincially required Environmental Assessment (EA). An environmental assessment process ensures that governments and public bodies consider potential environmental effects before a major infrastructure project begins. The provincial government ultimately received the EA study and gave a green light for the Parkway expansion to proceed.

Funding for the Airport Parkway widening will be sourced from Development Charge (DC) revenue and not the property tax base. Preliminary estimates on DC revenue was not realized in the initial timeline which resulted in the postponement of this project for a number of years.

Final design dollars were allocated in the 2022 and 2023 City budgets. Final design is a detailed process that creates the blueprint to be used for the actual construction of this project and to tender the work to interested contractors. Construction is expected to begin in 2024. A public working group has been formed and local organizations, including the Riverside Park Community Association and Hunt Club Community Association are active participants.

A public information meeting, led by the City of Ottawa and their consultant on this project, Parsons, is slated in September 2022 to share the (draft) final design concepts with you.

I am hosting a community information session focusing on the Walkley Road pilot project is planned for April 28, 2022 at 7pm. This session will be virtual and hosted on Zoom.

Please register and sign up for the community information session here:

<http://rileybrockington.ca/events/>

UPDATE – ONTARIO’S REOPENING PLAN

School Immunization Catch-Up Clinics

Ottawa Public Health (OPH) has resumed school immunization catch-up clinics, by appointment only, for youth who attend school in Ottawa who were unable to attend or receive their school-based vaccines (Hepatitis B, HPV, Meningococcal vaccines) at their school clinic in grade 7.

In addition to providing COVID-19 vaccines for residents, the [JH Putman School Community Clinic](#) and [Orleans Ruddy Family YMCA-YWCA Community Clinic](#) will offer the above-referenced publicly funded immunizations for eligible youth who meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Student in grade 7 or 8 who was unable to attend or receive school-based vaccines at their [school clinic](#);
- Student in grades 9 to 12 who has not completed their school-based vaccine series normally administered at school in grade 7 (hepatitis B, human papillomavirus (HPV) and meningococcal conjugate vaccine).

Appointments can be book through OPH’s [online booking website](#) or by calling OPH at 613-580-6744, Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

For more information on the school immunization catch-up clinic services or on immunization for youth and school vaccination, please visit the [Parenting in Ottawa website](#).

Pothole Repairs

Ottawa winters are hard on our infrastructure, and this year in particular, we are anticipating an increased number of potholes. Residents can expect to see pothole crews across the City as the city begins some of the spring road maintenance operations.

For residents wishing to report a pothole, please create a [Service Request](#) online or call 311.

Rainbarrel - Fundraising Opportunity for Local Community Groups

Rain Ready Ottawa is a City of Ottawa program that helps residents manage rainwater where it falls – their property. This helps residents keep their basements dry and contributes to the health of local creeks and the Ottawa River. Rain Ready Ottawa (ottawa.ca/rain) is helping local community groups raise funds while also protecting their local environment.

Rainbarrel.ca handles the logistics of rain barrel sales to help groups raise funds quickly and easily. \$10 from each rain barrel sold goes to the fundraisers.

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 has begun! 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!

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

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.

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.

TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN – Comments Extended until April 5, 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,
- 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.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

Hydro One Reconductoring

Hydro One is leading a reconductoring project along the Hydro One corridor between the Merivale and Hawthorne Transmission Stations; That work is now underway. (<https://tinyurl.com/yc4bwffv>) 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 between the two Stations. While work is being carried out within the existing transmission corridor and, where possible, access to the transmission structures will continue to 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. Hydro one has put in place a temporary mitigation plan to address mud deposits on roadways as their vehicles leave the corridor, until half load season has completed and a gravel roads can be placed where necessary.

3930-3960 Riverside Drive

On March 29, I met with the development team at Taggart Developments to review their revised plan for the 3930-3960 Riverside Drive parcel.

The mixed-use development plan last seen by the community and approved by City Council in April 2019 is off the table.

The revised plan consists of a number of townhouses approximately 80 and apartment buildings. All other factors remain, the preservation of riverside land, a turning lane in to the sub-division off Riverside, a new parking lot for the park and new multi-use pathway that connects to Quinterra-Riverwood. A zoning bylaw amendment will be required to permit the

townhouses and then a site plan.No date for a Planning Committee has been scheduled at this point.

400 Hunt Club Road

Following unanimous support from City Council this past winter directing Planning staff to review viable options for a land swap to acquire 400 Hunt Club Road, there is no detailed update from Planning staff on this matter at this time.

Planning staff must evaluate the value of the land and also determine the environmental risks. Staff also need to scan surplus lands held in the City's inventory that could be put on the table for a swap, this will all take time.

MTO Temporary Office – McCarthy Road

Due to the COVID restrictions in place over 2020-2022, many interested prospective licensed drivers were unable to take their road test to qualify for their license. As a result, by late 2021, there were hundreds of thousands of people in Ontario waiting to take their test. The Provincial government responded by opening three temporary offices, in addition to the regular offices, one of which is located in the Hunt Club Plaza, McCarthy Road.

You may have seen an increase in student driver vehicles in the community.

Residents of Lilloo, Bennett and Erin have been vocal about the volume of cars on their street and have called upon me to close these three streets from student driver vehicles. My office has communicated with MPP John Fraser's office, as well as the Ministry of Transportation and DriveSafe.

DriveTest delivers Driver Examination Services on behalf of the Ministry of Transportation and the ministry's role is to monitor the delivery of services, ensuring adherence to policies and procedures. The Ministry claims, "The ministry and DriveTest are committed to maintaining a positive relationship with residents where driver examination services are provided. When determining road test routes the ministry in conjunction with DriveTest develop more than one test route per licence class. This allows DriveTest to vary the use of the routes to ensure that no particular roads are used excessively."

When speaking with DriveTest, they provided me with the following information/response:

"The Ottawa Off-Site location has four different Ministry approved routes. The driver examiners are assigned routes each day to minimize impact to local residents. There is a complement of seven PT driver examiners employed at that location, with four being scheduled per day to cover the hours of operation (7am to 6pm), Sunday to Saturday. As

there are four different routes, there should be an average of 24 tests conducted per day, per route.

In speaking with the supervisor at the Offsite location, as well as the other Ottawa locations, I can tell you that there are driving instructors who are teaching their students to drive on the same routes that we are using to administer tests. There is currently no bylaw that prohibits driving instructors from utilizing our routes.

We have issued letters to driving instructors, asking them to please practice outside of our testing area, but it cannot be enforced due to a lack of bylaw.”

After additional persistence on my part, on March 25, I received communication from a senior official at DriveTest that the practice route that contains Lilloo, Bennett and Erin has been discontinued. “We want to share with you that we will be removing the testing route that presently uses Bennett, Lilloo and Erin streets. Our route specialist has determined that we will have sufficient test routes even after the removal of this route. That said, there will still be a requirement to utilize Uplands Dr and Paul Anka Dr due to these being main arteries around the temporary location.”

The local office is expected to remain in operation for the remainder of this calendar year. 96 tests are administered per day from this office.

TRANSPORTATION UPDATE - LRT

Hunt Club Bridge

Work on the Hunt Club Rail bridge continues. Construction crews are busy working on approach work and the MUP bridge. Residents in the area can expect construction to resume in the coming weeks.

South Keys Station

The work on the LRT Extension to South Keys is continuing. Construction crew continue to rough in electrical work, continue to work on the Train Operator Building, installation of Cast in Place stairs to provide permanent access from the concourse to the platform and finally, the installation of the structural steel. The community can expect to see the installation of masonry block walls, installation of plumbing and electrical infrastructure and see the physical structure of the station in the coming months.

River Ward Road Repaving:

- Hunt Club Road From Airport Parkway to Paul Anka Dr – May 9 to June 16
 - Westbound Lanes will be completed first
 - Eastbound Lanes will be completed at a later date
- Carling Ave from Merivale Rd to Melrose Ave – May 9 to June 22
- Riverside Dr from Walkley Rd to St Pat’s Home – May 31 to July 22
- Fisher Ave from Meadowlands to Prince of Wales – June 28 to August 22

PARKS AND RECREATION

Spring Cleaning the Capital - Important dates 2022

- **March 15, 2022:** Registration opens
- **April 15, 2022 - May 31, 2022:** Spring Cleaning the Capital campaign
- **April 30, 2022:** Registration closes
- **June 15, 2022:** Deadline to submit your online cleanup report.
- Fill out the online registration form or call 3-1-1 to register your project. If you need supplies, remember to request your project starter kit and to select your desired pickup location while registering.

The importance of registering: If you're cleaning up your neighbourhood or favourite green space, please register with us. People are encouraged to register in order to allow Cleaning the Capital organizers to distribute cleaning supplies, track the areas that have been cleaned and recognize volunteer work.

RIVER WARD EVENTS

Event Name	Location	Date(s)
Christie Lake for Kids Canoe Race	Mooney's Bay Park	June 4
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 14-16 & 21-23
LPGA Canadian Pacific	Ottawa Hunt and Golf Club	August 22-28

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