



COUNCILLOR/CONSEILLER RILEY BROCKINGTON

Hunt Club Community Association March 6, 2023



Dear Members of the Hunt Club Community Association,

March has always been one of my favourite months because it is a month filled with hope. As we say goodbye to winter in a few weeks and welcome spring, the sunshine will become more bountiful and our thoughts will be focused on getting outside more and more.

I am pleased to host events this month across the ward, one of which recognizes International Women's Day (March 8) and I will celebrate my Irish Heritage on St Patrick's Day (March 17).

Council approved the 2023 City Budget on March 1, 2023. There is significant investment in River Ward and I will release a special e-newsletter by mid-month to share the details.

Please reach out any time, my team and I are here to serve you.

Stay safe, Stay well

Riley Brockington

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY SPEAKER SERIES

March 7 | 6:30 PM

You are invited to attend my annual International Women's Day speaker series event, via Zoom on Tuesday March 7, from 6:30pm to 8pm. Honoured Guest Speakers include:

Rabbi Elizabeth Bolton, Or Haneshamah

Deputy Chief Trish Ferguson, Ottawa Police Services,

Interim CEO Angela Cassie, National Gallery.

Registration: <http://bit.ly/IWDSS23>

BUDGET MOTION PASSED RE: OPL PROGRAMMING

On March 1, the following motion was approved by City Council:

Moved by / Motion de: **Councillor R. Brockington**

Seconded by / Appuyée par: **Councillor M. Luloff**

BE IT RESOLVED that, as a result of greater investment in community development described in the **Ottawa Public Library (OPL) 2023 Budget**, City Council request that the **Ottawa Public Library Board** direct its staff to initiate the activities of the community development function in **Ward 16 - River Ward**, meeting with the **Councillor and community association leaders** to discuss priorities and to consider input regarding the expansion of **OPL programming and services in the area**.

This follows my February 23 appearance at the Ottawa Library Board meeting, that focused on the 2023 Budget. At that meeting, I requested a \$100,000 budget line to focus on expanding OPL services in River Ward and to be based out of, but not limited to, the Alexander CC in Carlington and Hunt Club Riverside Park CC in the south end of the ward.

What transpired over the next few days with the CEO, Chair and Mayor's Office is the motion noted above. I look forward to hosting a consultation session this spring.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

3930-3960 Riverside Dr

Taggart Developments has submitted their revised application for zoning amendment and plan of condominium for their parcel of land at the corner of Riverside Dr and Hunt Club Road. The development proposal consists of a mixed use residential community, comprising of 589 apartments, 53 townhouses and 24 detached dwellings. On February 15, my office hosted a virtual public consultation with city staff, the applicant and the public to discuss the development and concerns. Traffic volumes and the flow of traffic at rush hour were stated concerns. There is currently no date scheduled for the Planning Committee.

You may learn about the zoning amendment application here: [D02-02-23-0004](#)

You may learn about the application for plan of condominium here: [D07-16-23-0001](#)

3750 North Bowesville Rd (Tudor Hall)

The City of Ottawa has received an application for a Zoning By-Law amendment for the former Tudor Hall. Jennings Real Estate and Development propose to construct two, 14 storey residential high-rise buildings and 364 vehicle parking spaces. The applicants are currently responding to comments received from staff and the community, no date has been set for the Planning and Housing Committee.

CITY OF OTTAWA

Vacant Unit Tax declaration deadline - March 16

The March 16 deadline is quickly approaching for those residential property owners who have not submitted their declaration. If a declaration is not filed – even if it is a principal residence – it will be deemed vacant and the VUT will be applied.

An online declaration takes less than five minutes to complete. Visit ottawa.ca/vut, click Submit Declaration, and input the roll number and access code found on your VUT information notice or last year's property tax bill. All residential property owners must provide some basic information on the occupancy of their property, even if it is their principal residence.

Residents registered with MySeviceOttawa can go directly to the declaration from their property tax account.

Alternate and accessible declarations options are available

The City has set up declaration options for residents who require accessibility-related support and for those without access to the internet or digital devices – like computers, tablets and other hand-held devices:

Call Revenue Services at 613-580-2444 and select option 3 to complete a declaration over the phone or to book an in-person appointment at the Mary Pitt Centre at 100 Constellation Drive.

Call 613-580-2400 to contact the City using Canada Video Relay Service. The service uses the internet and mobile phone technology to connect the caller with real-time sign language interpretation.

Learn more about the Vacant Unit Tax at ottawa.ca/vut.

Potholes

Given the unseasonably warm temperatures for this time of year, the City has sprung into action to address what is inevitable with this type of weather pattern, pothole repairs.

Since January, Ottawa has seen all sorts of weather – it started off with freezing rain early in the month, the middle of month brought back-to-back snowfall events, snow squalls, temperatures above zero, and then more freezing rain and rain. We know this winter season will wreak havoc on our roads, sidewalks and winter cycling network as the freeze / thaw cycles take hold this month, bringing with it an increased number of potholes.

Report a pothole on the road

Please call 3-1-1 or you may submit an online report at the following link: [Report a pothole on the road](#)

Rideau River Flood Control Operations

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. The annual operations are carried out before spring in an effort to mitigate the risk of flooding in communities that abut the Rideau River. These operations are officially underway!

A Tiered Approach

Rideau River Flood Control (RRFC) is a multifaceted operation that requires extensive planning and coordination. In a typical RRFC season, work begins with the mobilization of the Rideau River Flood Control team – a select group of highly skilled and trained professionals – whose first task is to gather and prepare the equipment that will be used throughout the operations. Next, the team begins to remove snow from the ice before test holes are drilled at several locations throughout the river corridor. Once the test holes are drilled, keys are then cut into the surface to create long and thin strips of ice that will eventually move down the river and through the falls. As ice makes its way down stream, blasting will be done in strategic and pre-determined locations – such as in close proximity of bridges – to prevent ice from accumulating and blocking the waterflow. Finally, the amphibious excavator will be deployed to help break away any ice that remains on the Rideau River.

This tiered approach has been in place for decades. However, this season operations are going to look considerably different.

A Unique Rideau River Flood Control Season is Upon Us

The ice on the Rideau River is in a condition like we have never seen it before, and our operations have already taken notice.

At this stage of the season, the cutting of the keys would have been completed and we would now be getting ready for scheduled ice-blasting. However, findings from our latest test holes showed that the ice was dangerously thin and made it unsafe for the RRFC team to deploy its key cutting equipment onto the ice. In an effort to keep staff safe, we adjusted our operations and consequently removed key cutting activities from this year's operations.

If this would have been a typical season, next on the docket would have been our scheduled ice blasting operations. But as I mentioned, we are looking at unprecedented conditions and so naturally, we've adjusted our blasting activities in accordance with the patterns we are seeing out on the Rideau River.

Controlled Ice Blasting

For the first year on record, there is no ice near the falls out in the forebay. While ice can be seen further down the river corridor, it remains dangerously thin which limits our ability to go out onto the ice. We are currently navigating uncharted conditions, but the risk of flooding remains and so blasting may occur – but not as we have seen in previous years.

We are keeping the closest eye on the rapidly changing ice conditions and the rate at which the river water is flowing, especially near bridges or in areas where the river narrows. Should an area become at risk, we will perform unscheduled blasting operations in an effort to break the ice, allowing it to continue its course down the river corridor.

AROUND RIVER WARD

Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Centre

Spring Registered Programs

Hop into spring by registering for a City of Ottawa spring 2023 program. Browse online [Home | Register Ottawa | Inscription Ottawa \(activecommunities.com\)](#) for your favourite activity or take up something new. Registration for programs begins on Wednesday, March 8 at 9 pm.

New Drop in Programs

Check out our NEW drop-in schedule online: [Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community Centre | City of Ottawa](#)

- Kindergym
- Open Gym-Family
- Open Gym-Adult
- Volleyball
- Basketball

Drop-in Prices:

- Adult \$4.75
- Child, youth, student, household/family (per person) \$3
- Senior \$4.50

Memberships

The community centre offers group fitness and cardio weight room memberships. More information can be found online [Sports and fitness | City of Ottawa](#) or visit our front desk.

Healthy You Program – South East Ottawa

Join South East Ottawa for a 6 week virtual healthy lifestyle program. (Sign language interpretation by the Canadian Hearing Services)

March 16: Class 1: Introduction, The Truth About Dieting

March 30: Class 2: Being Active, Self Care, Mindfulness

April 13: Class 2 Nutrition Basics

April 27: Food Skills Part 1 – Meal Planning

May 11: Food Skills Part 2 – Label Reading

May 25: Class 6 – Bringing it all together

Where: Zoom

Cost: Free

Registration:

Anette Charron, Dietician. South East Ottawa – annettec@seoche.on.ca

Lisa Gagnon, GSS Counsellor, CHS – Lgagnon@chs.ca

UPCOMING EVENTS

River Ward's March Movie Day

March 26 | 1:00pm Refreshments served | 1:30pm Showtime

I will be hosting River Ward's March Movie Day, with a community partner on March 26 at 1:00PM. Hot dogs & popcorn will be served. Bring your yoga mats, blankets, pajamas and slippers for ultimate comfort!

Location: Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Centre

Address: 3320 Paul Anka Dr

Feature Film: To be announced

Hunt Club/Riverside Community Creative Art Club

Duration | February 1 – May 24 2023

For adults of all ages : bring your thoughts, inspiration, ideas and create with other like minded people from our community. Build a strong connection within yourself and with others.

Use a medium that works for you . Paint, Canvas, Wood, Coloured Pencils, and bring your own supplies from home.

Note: Please no old school oil based paint or toxic materials.

Location: Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Centre, 3320 Paul Anka Dr

When: Every Wednesday from 10 am – Noon

Cost: \$3 weekly drop in free

River Ward Easter Breakfast

April 8 | 9:00AM

I am hosting Easter Breakfast at the Alexander Community Centre, with our partners at Enbridge serving Pancakes and Sausages from 9:00AM – 10:30AM. Saturday morning programming will commence as usual in a shared space.

When: April 8 | 9:00AM (time not confirmed, waiting for Mary to hear back from Sam at ACC)

Where: Alexander Community Centre, 960 Silver St

Admission: Free

River ward Earth Day

April 22 | 10 am

I am hosting my annual River Ward Earth Day event in Carlington, including an e-waste event and other festivities. Activities include: Knife Sharpening, OSEAN, Ecology Ottawa.

Mothers Day High Tea

May 13 | 3:30 pm

I am hosting my second annual mother's day High Tea. Come and join Richard, our harp player for some local music and good food! Please RSVP by May 5, 2023.

When: May 13, 3 pm

Where: 3320 McCarthy Rd (Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Centre)

RSVP: Courtney.McRury@ottawa.ca

Riley Brockington

March 6, 2023