



# COUNCILLOR/CONSEILLER RILEY BROCKINGTON

## Hunt Club Community Association October 16, 2023



**Dear Members of the Hunt Club Community Association,**

Wishing you the very best during the month of October.

We are blessed to be surrounded by such natural beauty here in Hunt Club and as the leaves turn this month, we are reminded again and again how beautiful it is.

If the River Ward Team can assist with anything please let me know, and remember, the ward office is open in the community centre and we would be happy to welcome a visit.

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

Stay safe, Stay well

Riley Brockington

### **River Ward E-Waste Depot**

Electronic waste accepted: Televisions, Desktop computers / terminals, Monitors, Laptop computers, Desktop printers & Scanners, Copiers and Fax machines, Disk Drives & CD-ROM drives, Telephones and Cellphones, VCR and DVD Players, Keyboards and Mice, Amplifiers, Stereos and Speakers, Receivers, Cameras and Digital Cameras, Pagers, Batteries: AA,AAA, 9V & D and Radios.

**When:** Saturday November 4 from 10am-4pm

**Location:** 3310 McCarthy Road ( Behind Metro – Enter through Paul Anka Drive entrance where you will be met with Junk That Funk's team for further instructions)

### **2024 Draft Public Budget Consultation**

We invite you to share your feedback with Councillors Riley Brockington, Jessica Bradley, Marty Carr and Shawn Menard about the 2024 Draft Budget . Your feedback will help inform the City's budget priorities and contributes to decisions about investments in services that you want and need.

**When:** Tuesday, November 14, 6 pm

**Where:** Jim Durell Arena, 1265 Walkley Rd (Elwood Hall)

**Registration:** Courtney.McRury@ottawa.ca

## LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

### 3930 -3960 Riverside Drive (St. Mary's)

Taggart Real-estate and Developments submitted their latest round of technical amendments to the City of Ottawa as of October 2, for review of the rezoning and plan of subdivision applications for the property at 3930-3960 Riverside Dr. This development will see the construction of 24 single family homes, 53 townhomes and approximately 589 mid and high-rise apartment dwelling units. Once final approvals are given and construction timelines are solidified, my office will host a construction mitigation meeting with the surrounding impacted community.

### 3750 North Bowesville Road (Tudor Hall)

Jennings Real estate and Development has completed its resubmissions and technical comments with the City of Ottawa. The plan as presented to the community, proposes to see the realization of 365 dwelling units, 343 vehicle parking spaces and 183 bicycle parking spaces. Staff are preparing reports with a goal to appear at the December 13 Planning and Housing Committee meeting..

### Airport Parkway – Letter to Residents (August 2023)

Dear Neighbours in Riverside Park,

I trust you have been having an enjoyable summer.

The purpose of this community bulletin is to provide an update on the Airport Parkway widening project, particularly the proposed modifications to Walkley Road.

The most recent public meetings on this matter occurred in 2022. The City of Ottawa hosted a public information session on November 23, 2022 regarding the Airport Parkway, followed by a second information session on December 6, 2022 regarding Walkley Road.

As part of the 2023 Budget process this past winter, City Council endorsed a motion that fast tracks the opening of the Airport Parkway off-ramp and pushed the widening of the Parkway to a later point this decade.

The exact wording of the motion approved at the February 2023 Transportation Committee reads as follows:

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the funding in the Draft 2023 Budget and subsequent budgets (as needed) be applied to the Walkley off-ramp, traffic mitigation on Walkley from the off-ramp to McCarthy, a protected intersection at McCarthy, new active transportation measures on the Walkley overpass, and the**

**new multi-use pathway along the west side of the Parkway, and that these project components move forward for Committee and Council's consideration as currently planned, including the completion of the detailed design for the entire project; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funding beyond the 2023 Budget, specifically for the construction of the widening of the Airport Parkway, between Brookfield Road and Hunt Club Road, be deferred until the TMP update is completed, and after the Trillium Line is operational for two years.**

The TMP = Transportation Master Plan. The Trillium Line is expected to open in Autumn 2023.

At the March 1, 2023 City Council meeting, I moved the following motion:

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff continue to engage with the local community and Ward Councillor on the final design process specifically relating to the Walkley Road project, including solutions on mitigating negative traffic impacts as a result of the off-ramp from the Airport Parkway and proposed modifications to Walkley Road.**

Following receipt of additional public comments following the late 2022 public sessions, I met with City staff in the spring and the consultant firm assigned to this project, Parsons, to review both projects, metre by metre, which also included a listing of, and discussion of concerns raised by the public and possible mitigation strategies to incorporate in a revised design.

Due to the motion approved by City Council that would see the off-ramp opened in advance of the Parkway being widened, there was a concern that the volume of traffic using Walkley Road would be higher than estimated as part of the Parkway widening project. New modelling was conducted this past summer and the data indicates that Walkley Road would not be able to accommodate the expected traffic volumes in a smooth and expeditious manner and there will also be significantly more cut through traffic on branch streets that run off Walkley. As such, the City and Parsons must reflect on whether the proposed modifications to Walkley Road are sound and will likely need to make revisions to the plan. When a revised plan for Walkley Road is available for another public session, I will ensure you are made aware of both the plans and date of the meeting.

Finally, I would like to inform you that at the June 28, 2023 City Council meeting, my colleagues endorsed my motion to designate Walkley Road, between the Parkway and Otterson/Springland, a Community Safety Zone. Additional signage will be added along Walkley and fines will now be doubled for speeding and other reckless driving offenses.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

Riley Brockington

### **Hunt Club Road (under Parkway and Trillium Line bridges)**

The City has confirmed that patching of the road will be done this and/or next week under the Airport Parkway and Trillium Line bridges, with a full road paving slated in 2024 for Hunt Club from the Airport Parkway, east to Albion Road.

### **Sawmill Creek MUP Paving**

Paving work in two poor condition stretches is on-going today and tomorrow.

More work is scheduled on the MUP in the next 1-3 years.

### **Trillium Line Opening Delayed to Spring 2024**

At the late September 2023 meeting of the LRT Sub Committee, the General Manager of OC Transpo confirmed the delayed opening of the Trillium Line from Autumn 2023 to Spring 2024.

In a memo to City Council last week, OC Transpo has confirmed that as a result of the Trillium Line opening, no bus routes serving River Ward will be impacted, that is, cancelled or modified.

## **CITY OF OTTAWA**

### **Peak Leaf and Yard Waste Season**

During the fall, leaf and yard waste pickup is extended until 8 pm. Did you know setting out separate leaf and yard waste saves money because it can be composted at the Barnsdale leaf and yard compost pad at the Trail Waste Facility? Learn more at: [ottawa.ca/leafandyard](http://ottawa.ca/leafandyard).

### **Final House Hold Hazardous Waste Depot – Season 2023**

The City of Ottawa is hosting a Household Hazardous Waste drop-off event on Sunday, October 22 at the Innes Snow Dump, 2170 Mer Bleue Road. Residents are welcome to bring their hazardous materials to the event between 8 am and 4 pm.

Of course, you don't have to wait; the City's [Waste Explorer](#) points to retailers where residents can return many items daily!

Please note that electronic waste is not accepted at Household Hazardous Waste drop-off events hosted by the City. Residents can bring electronic waste to retailers by checking [Ottawa.ca/WasteExplorer](http://Ottawa.ca/WasteExplorer). They can also attend

[electronic waste drop-off events](#) hosted by Junk That Funk or bring electronic waste to the Trail Road Landfill Facility at no cost.

For information on household hazardous waste, visit [Ottawa.ca/hhw](https://ottawa.ca/hhw).

## **\$41.3m in Community Housing Repairs and Retrofits**

On September 26, the City's Community Services Committee approved refinancing the mortgages of five Ottawa Community Housing properties, generating \$41.3 million to be reinvested in capital repairs and energy efficiency improvements for community housing.

The mortgages would be renewed through Infrastructure Ontario at fixed, long-term rates of 4.67% for 30 years. Since 2012, the City has refinanced 55 Ottawa Community Housing mortgages through Infrastructure Ontario, generating more than \$168 million in capital funds for repairs to supplement other funding sources and ensure that Ottawa's social housing stock is kept in good repair.

## **Ottawa Public Health**

### **Ottawa Public Health to start offering flu vaccines and the new updated COVID-19 vaccines for eligible residents**

Ottawa Public Health expects the 2023/2024 respiratory season to be atypical when compared to pre-pandemic years, with early activity of respiratory viruses such as influenza (flu) and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) circulating simultaneously with COVID-19. OPH recommends that everyone 6 months and older get the annual flu vaccine and the updated XBB 1.5-containing COVID-19 mRNA vaccine. Flu and COVID-19 vaccines are particularly recommended for people at high risk of severe illness from flu and/or COVID-19 as well as health care workers and first responders.

Consistent with the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI), the Ministry of Health recommends that individuals receive a dose of the updated COVID-19 vaccine if it has been 6 months since their last COVID-19 vaccine or known COVID-19 infection. People who have not previously received a COVID-19 vaccine may also receive the updated COVID-19 vaccine. The updated vaccine is expected to produce a stronger immune response against COVID-19 variants currently circulating in the community.

Ottawa Public Health received the first shipment of the updated COVID-19 vaccine and flu vaccines the week of September 25 and began distributing these to hospitals and long-term care homes. OPH will offer the annual influenza (flu) vaccines and the updated XBB. 1.5-containing COVID-19 mRNA vaccines in its OPH Community Clinics, beginning with high-risk groups as follows:

Effective October 11, 2023, flu vaccines and the updated COVID-19 vaccines will be available for eligible residents, including:

- Health care workers and first responders
- Individuals at high-risk for influenza (flu) and/or COVID-19 related complications or hospitalization including:
  - Residents and staff of congregate living settings (e.g., chronic care facilities, retirement homes)
    - Pregnant individuals
  - Individuals who are 65 years of age or older
  - First Nation, Inuit or Métis people and their household members
  - All children 6 months to under 5 years of age
  - Individuals 6 months of age and older with underlying health conditions per NACI
  - Members of racialized and equity-deserving communities

Effective October 30, 2023, flu vaccines and the updated COVID-19 vaccines will be available for all residents.

In addition to OPH Community Clinics, there are many options for getting your flu and updated COVID-19 vaccine:

- Check with your regular health care provider to see if they offer the vaccines;
- Visit your nearest pharmacy to get your vaccines (pharmacies continue to be a main point of access for flu vaccines); or
- Visit an OPH Neighbourhood Health and Wellness Hub, if you face barriers to access, for vaccines on a walk-in basis.

To book your appointment for the updated COVID-19 vaccine:

COVID-19 vaccine appointments at OPH Community Clinics can be booked through the Ontario COVID-19 vaccination portal or by calling the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre at 1-833-943-3900 (TTY: 1-866-797-0007).

To book your appointment for your annual flu vaccine:

Flu vaccine appointments at OPH Community Clinics can be booked through the Ottawa Public Health website.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### River Ward Holiday Dinner

River Ward's Holiday Dinner is back! Please join me in celebration of the holiday season with your friends, family and neighbours for a holiday meal! Please RSVP : [Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca](mailto:Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca) . Accepting non-perishable food items for the Ottawa Food Bank

**When:** December 21 at 5pm

**Where:** Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Centre, 3320 Paul Anka

**Admission:** FREE

**RSVP at [Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca](mailto:Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca)**

### Hunt Club Riverside Park CC Knitting & Crochet Club

Interested in knitting, crocheting or any kind of crafting while socializing with others?

Come and join us any Wednesday mornings 9am - Noon, September to June. Don't know how? We will help you since we are a group of novices and experienced crafters, each with our different talents, getting help and advice from each other. We have all sorts of needles and abundant amounts of yarn to practice with. Crochet hooks are easy to find and patterns books for all kinds of crafting are available to take. Meet your new friends at the Community Centre located at 3320 Paul Anka Drive.

**Riley Brockington**

**October 16, 2023**