



COUNCILLOR/CONSEILLER RILEY BROCKINGTON



Hunt Club Community Association December 4, 2023

Dear Members of the Hunt Club Community Association,

As December is now here, let us enjoy the many opportunities this month to gather with friends, family and community. Across Ottawa, festivities related to Hanukkah (December 7 - 13), Christmas (December 25) and Kwanzaa (December 26 - January 1) will be held. From my family to yours, I wish you the very best this month and always. On December 21, I am hosting the River Ward Holiday Dinner at the Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Centre (3320 Paul Anka Drive) starting at 5pm and all are welcome. Please RSVP with my office.

Last month, City Council voted to proceed with the Lansdowne 2.0 project, which includes rebuilding the north-side stands of the football stadium and the arena. It also includes an opportunity for two residential towers to be built on-site. I ultimately voted against this project, as there was no immediate need for Ottawa taxpayers, the owners of the two stadiums, to replace them at this time. Assessments of the facilities concluded no immediate need to do so. When I compared this large expense against the top priorities established by Council, I could not lend my support. I am grateful for the feedback shared with me by River Ward residents during this lengthy process.

I look forward to 2024 and working with you and members of our community to make River Ward the very best place to call home.

Sincerely,

Riley

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 . Accepting non-perishable food items for the Ottawa Food Bank

When: December 21 at 5pm (seating full), **6pm OPEN**

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

Admission: FREE

RSVP at Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca

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LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

3750 North Bowesville Road (Tudor Hall)

Jennings Real Estate and Development has provided a revised submission to the City with respect to their proposal to remove the maximum floor space index from their development entirely and to reduce the parking space requirements from 511 to 343. The Floor Space Index tool was an older zoning tool that was used to control density. Currently, Zoning By-Laws and Guidelines that require setbacks and stepbacks are used to guide developments and control density. The development plan continues to propose building 365 dwelling units, 343 vehicle parking spaces and 183 bicycle parking spaces. The file is currently scheduled for the January 17 Planning and Housing Committee meeting and the January 24 City Council Meeting.

HUNT CLUB ROAD WOODS REMOVED

The Ottawa International Airport Authority (The Authority), under agreement with Transport Canada, has the authority to make decisions with lands abutting the airport, including those along Hunt Club Road. They sanctioned the removal of 10 acres of white pine plantation trees located at 400-440 Hunt Club Road (south-side), between Otto's BMW and Lowe's Martin, in November 2023.

There was great public outcry against the proposal to remove these trees, including a petition of 22,000 names, frequent protests, outreach to elected officials and formal Council motion to discuss the matter between the Mayor, local Councillors and Chair of Planning and Housing, as well as OIAA Board officials. Many Hunt Club residents have been engaged and involved.

I have drafted a Notice of Motion with Coun Bradley's initial support (pending review and approval of the actual motion) for a subsequent City Council meeting to request the Authority plant an equivalent number of trees in Ottawa that were cut down last week.

CITY OF OTTAWA

Mooney's Bay Beach Pavilion Replacement Feasibility Study

A Project Progress Update Report was released on October 20, 2023, by the consultant assisting the City on the feasibility study. The consultant is IDEA Inc, located in Ottawa.

(Extracted from their report)

The Mooney's Bay Beach Pavilion is a prominent recreational facility situated in Ottawa. The Pavilion is located within Mooney's Bay Park, which is part of a larger network of parks and green spaces in Ottawa. Mooney's Bay itself, is a 29-hectare park along the Rideau River; a popular destination known for its beach access and

surrounding recreational facilities such as the Terry Fox Athletic Facility, Canada 150 playground, Saturn playground, Sue Holloway Fitness Park, beach volleyball courts, and tennis/pickle ball courts. This City-wide beach destination hosts several major events during the summer months including the Tim Hortons Ottawa Dragon Boat Festival and the H.O.P.E Beach Volleyball Summerfest.

The Mooney's Bay Beach Pavilion has served as a well-used corner stone facility to the City of Ottawa since its construction in 1964. The current facility, approximately 8,400 sq. ft in size, acts as hub for beachgoers and park visitors. The current Beach Pavilion includes a canteen/snack bar, male and female washrooms, changerooms and shower facilities, a lifeguard station, lifeguard locker room, lifeguard training room, and an office/locker room for Park Operations staff. The facility also provides storage for a variety of departments and programs including Park Operations, beach lifeguards and the St. Laurent Masters.

The pavilion is operated seasonally, accessible during the summer months from approximately the third week in June until the end of August.

Project Description

As of 2015, Mooney's Bay Pavilion was identified as being at or past end of its 50-year life cycle. The purpose of this Feasibility Study is to visualize a new Beach pavilion; a new strong focal point for Mooney's Bay Park, a city-wide recreational destination. This Feasibility Study will compare two proposed conceptual design options for a new ~15,500 square feet Beach Pavilion; Option 1 providing seasonal usage and Option 2 exploring year round usage. These options will aim to improve the existing urban landscape, address the spatial needs, and propose high quality, yet functional architectural and landscape design strategies.

Project Workplan

IDEA Inc. has developed a responsive work plan that will guide the study from inception to completion. This Feasibility Study is split into five phases that have been adapted from the 'Objectives and Deliverables' section in the Terms of Reference and IDEA proposal.

Final Report Submission

The fifth phase will be the final phase. All documents required as part of the project scope will be submitted to the Client team in a final report in Accessible Format. The target date is April 30, 2024.

I will provide a copy of the 85-page progress report by email on demand. This is a public document and you are welcome to it.

FALL AND WINTER OPERATIONS – PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Roads and Parking Services

The Roads and Parking Services team is responsible for the City's winter maintenance program. This team is committed to keeping Ottawa's sidewalks, roads and winter cycling network safe and passable for all users while proactively communicating operational updates to Council during winter events. An effective winter maintenance program is essential for the city to function under winter weather conditions.

Guided by the Council-approved Maintenance Quality Standards (MQS), sidewalks and roads are cleared based on their usage volume and priority level. Snow clearing and / or treatment on roads, sidewalk and winter cycling network are shown on the attachment.

The City of Ottawa may declare a Significant Weather Event (SWE) when Environment Canada issues a Winter Weather Hazard alert for occurring or approaching weather that may pose significant danger to the users of Ottawa's transportation network. Declaring an SWE gives the City the flexibility to prioritize the deployment of its resources, informs the public to exercise caution while travelling and suspends the Council-approved MQS timelines, as restoring the transportation network to its expected condition will take longer than usual.

Enhancements for the 2023-24 Season

Based on feedback and the ongoing review of service delivery, operational enhancements that were implemented during the 2022-23 season will continue in 2023-24. Included in these enhancements are:

- Around-the-clock maintenance of our sidewalks;
- Responding more proactively and aggressively to all types of winter events;
- Alternating starting points on residential beats; and
- Analyzing winter weather events to deploy resources earlier and as required, based on forecasts and local conditions.

OC TRANSPO BUS ROUTE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On November 10, I issued a special River Ward Community Update informing you of the routes in River Ward that were proposed to be cancelled, modified, or augmented, as part of the 2023 route review undertaken by OC Transpo. I am pleased to report that OC Transpo has abandoned their plans to modify Route 90, that would have taken the bus off Riverside Drive and Uplands Drive. Your feedback assisted me in my talks with OC Transpo, thank you! My office has a set of route maps that illustrate the new routes. Simply reach out to my office and we would be pleased to share with you.

WINTER WEATHER PARKING BANS

From November 15 to April 1, when Environment Canada forecasts significant freezing rain or at least seven centimetres of snow (including ranges such as five to ten), a winter weather parking ban may be called at the

discretion of the Director, Roads and Parking Services. Vehicles without valid residential parking permits that remain parked on the road during a ban risk being ticketed.

To help residents prepare, winter weather parking bans are called by set times:

Daytime bans are called by 3:30 pm on the day before the ban is scheduled to go into effect. Street parking is prohibited between 10 am and 7 pm the following day.

Nighttime bans are called by 9 am on the day that the ban is scheduled to go into effect. Street parking is prohibited between 7 pm and 7 am.

Parking bans are called to support winter operations. When there are no vehicles on the road, operators can more effectively clear the roads and catch basins of ice and snow.

When a winter weather parking ban is called, the City issues a special advisory to the local media, posts to ottawa.ca and its Facebook and X (formerly Twitter) accounts. 3-1-1 will update its Interactive Voice Recording (IVR) system, informing anyone calling – without the need of waiting in queue to speak with a live agent – on the status of the winter parking restrictions. Residents may also register for the Winter Parking Ban e-alerts, or stay in the know by downloading the City of Ottawa app on their Android or Apple device.

Where to park during a winter weather parking ban?

Roads and Parking Services has been working closely with our partners in Parks Maintenance and Recreation, Cultural and Facility Services (RCFS) to expand the number of available parking alternatives during a winter weather parking ban for the 2023-24 season. For this season, we will pilot 18 additional parking lots to determine their level of use and success in consideration for permanent implementation for use during winter weather parking bans. This is in addition to the existing park and ride locations and recreation centers, as well as five municipal parking garages where off-street parking is available for overnight parking during a winter weather parking ban. To support local businesses, parking remains available during a ban on designated commercial main streets.

OPL HOMEBOUND SERVICES

Does the winter weather make it hard to visit the library? OPL offers a monthly delivery service for clients who are unable to make it into their local branch due to age, illness, or disability. Have your picks delivered or let the Homebound Services staff suggest a few new titles.

Please visit bibliooottawalibrary.ca/homebound-services for more information and to register.

Riley Brockington
December 4, 2023