



# COUNCILLOR/CONSEILLER RILEY BROCKINGTON



## Hunt Club Community Association February 5, 2024

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

Happy February!

February may be the shortest month of the year, but it is filled with many important activities and special events. We start by celebrating and recognizing Black History Month, a month to celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Black Canadians and their communities who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada a culturally diverse, compassionate, and prosperous country. With many events planned in Ottawa this month, take some time to attend and celebrate.

Chinese Lunar New Year will be celebrated on February 10 – the year of the Dragon – and continues for 15 days, with the Lantern Festival marking the end of the celebrations. I would like to extend my best wishes to everyone celebrating the New Year.

Partnering with the W E Gowling School Council, I am pleased to co-host a family-friendly movie night on Friday February 9 at the Alexander Community Centre, all are welcome for hot dogs before the movie at 6 pm, followed by the movie Paddington at 6:30 pm.

Later this month, I will be hosting my City of Ottawa trade shows at both Brookfield HS and St Pius X HS over the lunch hour. It will be great to chat with local high school students and expose them to various City departments, including opportunities for summer employment.

Have a safe and enjoyable month.

Riley Brockington

### **Bank Street Renewal, Phase 1 (Riverside Drive to Collins Avenue)**

**PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION – OPEN HOUSE**

**Tuesday, February 13, 2024 6:30-8:30pm**

Jim Durrell Recreation Centre, Ellwood Hall 1265 Walkley Road

More information about the project can be found at [ottawa.ca/BankStreet](http://ottawa.ca/BankStreet)

The proposed renewal of Bank Street includes the installation, rehabilitation and/or replacement of various components of the underground infrastructure including watermains and sanitary and storm sewers. The project also includes the rehabilitation of streetscape elements including sidewalk, cycling, transit and vehicle provisions, street lighting, traffic signals and streetscape improvements.

The vision for the Bank Street Renewal project is to rehabilitate underground infrastructure and construct a safe arterial main street which will cater to vehicles, transit, cyclists and pedestrians. Construction is planned to start late spring 2024 and be completed by fall 2026.

## River Ward International Women's Day Speaker Series

You are invited to attend my annual speaker series with three prominent women, an event not to miss!

**When:** Thursday March 7, 6:30pm

**Virtual event, register** here: <http://tinyurl.com/2024IntlWomensDay>

## DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

### 3750 North Bowesville Road

On January 24, 2024, on a vote of 24-1, City Council approved the development plans for the former site of the Tudor Hall Banquet Centre (3750 N Bowesville Road).

Thank you to local residents who spoke as delegates at the Planning and Housing Committee meeting. Pending site plan approval, the zoning approval by Council allows Jennings Developments to proceed with the construction of two, 14 storey towers, consisting of a total of 392 residential units, 287 vehicular parking spots, 197 bicycle parking spots in the underground parking and 40 surface visitor parking spots. I was the lone dissenter as my request of the proponent to secure, at the very least, an informal MOU with IBM on the potential to lease parking spaces, did not materialize. On the whole, I want to see this site developed and welcome the residential component.

Thank you to the HCCA for your significant engagement on this file, your dedication to immersing yourself in the issues was nothing short of excellent.

## CITY OF OTTAWA

### Walkley Road Update – Public Session Held January 8

On January 8, I hosted a well-attended public session in Ellwood Hall of the Jim Durrell Arena, whereby City staff and the consultant working on the Airport Parkway widening project, provided an update on the design of Walkley Road, part of the Walkley off-ramp project.

City Council, in March 2023, directed City staff to expedite the work associated with the Walkley off-ramp, including a new western multi-use pathway along the Parkway, Brookfield to Walkley and south of Walkley, a roundabout, associated bridge work and modifications to Walkley Road to McCarthy Road. The update provided an overview of the recent re-modelling undertaken in the summer of 2023, estimated travel times along the corridor, including queuing times at intersections and cut through volumes. A corridor illustration map was also available for local residents to

see the various proposed changes. Following the presentation, approximately two hours was dedicated to questions and comments from those in attendance. A copy of the actual presentation is available on demand.

A wide range of comments were received, ranging from questioning the overall utility and demand for the changes, to full embracement and requests to get on with the project. Other comments landed somewhere in between. As such, I noted the following for additional review:

- Travel times along the corridor will not be compromised to any significant degree, the outlier being extended wait time to turn southbound on McCarthy Road
- The intersection of Walkley/Wexford/private condos to the south will need to be reviewed for safety issues
- The afternoon rush hour left turn restriction on to Wexford will push travellers eastbound to Avoncourt. How will this impact flow on Avoncourt and even on Harkness in front of General Vanier PS?
- How will impacts of cut-through traffic on Southmore Dr E, Thorndale and Provost be mitigated?

City staff requested public comments by January 22. You are welcome to share with me any outstanding comments/questions at this time.

It was confirmed at the January 8 meeting that design plans will be completed in 2025 and construction is expected to take two years, 2026 and 2027, pending budget approval from City Council.

### **Lansdowne Park 2.0 Update**

On November 24, 2023, the notice of passing for both the Zoning By-law (By-law 2023-510) and Official Plan Amendment (OPA 19) were issued to commence the 20-day appeal period, with the appeal period closing on December 14, 2023. An appeal has been received against Council's approval of the above-noted Zoning Amendment and Official Plan Amendment from the Glebe Community Association. The amendment, therefore, will not come into full force and effect and will require determination by the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) for disposition. An OLT hearing will be scheduled according to the next available date on the Tribunal's calendar with the City's Legal staff advocating for a date at the Tribunal's earliest availability.

### **Kindergarten Registration at the Ottawa Catholic School Board**

If your child was born in 2020, it's time to register them to start Kindergarten in September 2024.

Simply complete the online [registration form](#) and upload your documents. If you have questions, please email the Admissions team at [admissions@ocsb.ca](mailto:admissions@ocsb.ca), and they will be happy to help.

### **Severe Storm Schedule for Buses**

OC Transpo will implement a Severe Storm Schedule for buses on weekdays when 31cm or more of snow is predicted to fall or under other severe weather conditions. When a Severe Storm Schedule is in effect, bus service will follow a reduced schedule in order to provide a safer and more reliable service during major storms.

Para Transpo and O-Train service levels will not be reduced, but customers should still plan ahead and expect delays. When a severe storm is forecast for a Saturday or Sunday, the Severe Storm Schedule will not be implemented but some articulated buses will be replaced with 40-foot and double-decker buses to improve service reliability.

OC Transpo will inform customers through regular communication channels in advance of any bus schedule changes due to severe weather. To stay informed, sign up for My Alerts, use OC Transpo's Travel Planner or use the Transit app to see how your trip will change when the Severe Storm Schedule is in effect.

### **Year-round Rack & Roll**

Great news for all-season cyclists: the Rack & Roll program is available year-round and will be offered through the winter on all OC Transpo buses. Learn more at [octranspo.com](http://octranspo.com).

### **Applications are now open for the 2024 Paint It Up! program**

Looking for a way to help deter vandalism and beautify the community while empowering our city's youth through public art? Look no further than the Paint It Up! program.

What is Paint It Up!?

Paint It Up! is a youth engagement program funded by Public Works and administered by Community and Social Services (CSS) at the City of Ottawa. It promotes the use of outdoor murals to:

- Support local arts and culture
- Enhance the city's beauty for residents and visitors
- Engage youth in positive skill-building experiences

Funding is available through Community Safety and Well-Being, Policy, and Analytics within CSS for local organizations wanting to hire youth to create murals in neighbourhoods experiencing a high rate of tagging and vandalism. Since 2010, Paint It Up! has involved more than 2,925 youth in 103 murals across the city.

## How to apply

Organizations interested in applying can attend a virtual information session on

Thursday, February 1. Please register on [ottawa.ca/PaintItUp](https://ottawa.ca/PaintItUp).

Before applying for funding through Paint It Up!, applicants must secure [property authorizationOpens in a new tab or window](#) and apply for preliminary location approval for their mural project through the [Mural Application Form](#) on [ottawa.ca/mural](https://ottawa.ca/mural). Please apply for location approval as soon as possible between Friday, February 2 and Saturday, March 2.

Those interested in participating will need to keep two deadlines in mind:

- You must submit your location for approval by Saturday, March 2 via the mural application form.
- The complete application will need to be submitted by Thursday, April 4.

For more information on the Paint It Up! Program, please visit [ottawa.ca/PaintItUp](https://ottawa.ca/PaintItUp).

## EVENTS

### River Ward Trivia Night

**When:** Saturday, March 2

**Where:** Alexander Community Centre, 960 Silver St

**Pizza dinner:** 5 pm

**Trivia:** 6 pm

RSVP your team at [Riley.Brockington@ottawa.ca](mailto:Riley.Brockington@ottawa.ca)

### River Ward Spring Community Breakfast

**When:** Saturday, March 30, 9am

**Where:** Alexander Community Centre, 960 Silver St

### River Ward Earth Day

**When:** Saturday, April 20, 2024

**Where:** Behind Metro, 3310 McCarthy Rd (E-waste Depot)

**Time:** 10 – 4pm

E-waste Depot behind Metro on McCarthy Road and various community groups outside the Community Centre.

### Riley Brockington

**February 5, 2024**