



COUNCILLOR/CONSEILLER RILEY BROCKINGTON

Hunt Club Community Association March 4, 2024



Dear Members of the Hunt Club Community Association,

Spring will officially arrive in a few weeks, but it certainly feels this week that we have a head start.

I am pleased to be hosting three main events in the ward this month: Trivia Night (March 2), Women's Day Speaker Series (March 7) and the Spring Community Breakfast (March 30) details may be found in the e-newsletter.

In addition to International Women's Day (March 8), March will be busy with St David's Day (March 1), Daylight Savings Begins (March 10), Ramadan (March 11), the March Break for school children, St Patrick's Day (March 17), Good Friday (March 29) and Easter Sunday (March 31).

March is Francophonie Month — a time to celebrate Francophone culture, language and heritage which have deep roots in Ottawa. Today, the City kicked off the month with a proclamation to recognize the many contributions Francophones have made to the cultural, economic growth, bilingualism and prosperity of our city. To celebrate, the City will be hosting the 17th annual Mayor's Francophone RendezVous on Thursday, March 21, 2024. The RendezVous is an opportunity for members of Ottawa's francophone community to come together, network, share ideas and strengthen connections. This year we will welcome representatives from Ottawa's Francophone and bilingual post-secondary educational institutions and celebrate the role they have played in supporting our city as a destination to live, learn and work.

My office has recently released two surveys within the ward, both related to on-street parking, one for Lepage Avenue residents and the other for Mooney's Bay neighbourhood residents about seasonal restrictions in place during the busy beach and festival months. Another survey will be released soon regarding dogs in Owl Park and I plan to deliver an As we Heard it Report to residents in the vicinity of Ledbury Park, following consultations I hosted in late 2023.

Save your electronics waste, I plan to co-host the Earth Day e-waste depot on April 20, details to follow next month, but this is a special day which will include a guided walk through the McCarthy Woods with a focus on spring flowers.

Enjoy the sunshine. River Ward is absolutely beautiful, try and get outside and have fun.

Sincerely,
Riley

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! The three guest speakers are Carol Anne Meehan, Renée Amilcar and Sheila Copps.

When: Thursday March 7, 6:30pm

Virtual event, register here:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMscuutrjMsGdyKqanCfexIyW3gqSvGn8ge>

River Ward Spring Community Breakfast

When: March 30, 9am

Where: Alexander Community Centre, 960 Silver St

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Solid Waste Master Plan Public Engagement - Phase 3

The City of Ottawa is developing a new Solid Waste Master Plan (SWMP) to guide how Ottawa will reduce, divert, and manage waste over the next 30 years. The development of the new SWMP started in 2019 when Council approved the Roadmap report (ACS2019-PWE-GEN[1]0007). Through the Roadmap report, Council approved a three-phase approach to community and stakeholder engagement to take place throughout the development of the SWMP, with each phase being based on research, data, best practices, and extensive consultations with key stakeholders and the public.

Engagement Series 1 launched immediately following the approval of the SWMP Phase 1 report (ACS2020-PWE-SWS-0001) and involved consulting with residents and stakeholders on the current level of satisfaction and desired future state of Solid Waste. Additionally, staff leveraged Engagement Series 1 to develop the SWMP vision statement, guiding principles and goals which were thoroughly validated by residents and stakeholders before being recommended to Council for approval through the SWMP Phase 2 report.

In 2021, Council's approved the SWMP Phase 2 report (ACS2021-PWE-SWS-0003). In addition to identifying the SWMP's vision statement, guiding principles and goals, this report also involved identifying future waste management needs, providing the long list of options to be considered to meet future waste management needs, and presenting the evaluation methodology to evaluate each option on the high-level list. This methodology was then used to develop a recommended short list of actions for consultation and future consideration, which was done through Engagement Series 2.

Engagement Series 2 launched in Q1 2022 and sought feedback on the proposed short-listed options that were generated as a result of the evaluation process developed. This series allowed staff to gather as much information as possible around how much change residents are willing to undertake and how much the community is willing to pay to cover the financial costs of the new integrated waste management system.

Engagement Series 3 will end on March 7.

There are three main objectives of Engagement Series 3:

1. Share the details of the Draft SWMP and demonstrate how feedback has been incorporated into the SWMP's development to date;
2. Seek feedback on the Draft SWMP; and
3. Create a forum for residents and stakeholders to have their questions on the draft plan raised and answered.

Building off the success and lessons learned from the previous two engagement series, this engagement series includes a mix of opportunities for residents to share their feedback, including in-person open houses, through virtual information sessions, online through a survey and through participating in focus group sessions geared towards seeking feedback from members of equity deserving groups.

City Staff have scheduled open houses/information sessions:

- Monday March 4: Open-House Ray Friel Recreation Complex - 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
- Wednesday March 6: Virtual information session - 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
- Thursday March 7: Online surveys close, engagement series concludes.

In Q2 2024, the results of Engagement Series 3 and final recommendations will be presented to Council through the Final Solid Waste Master Plan.

Deadline for interim property taxes is March 21

Residents are reminded of the deadline for interim property tax payments and Vacant Unit Tax declarations on **Thursday, March 21**.

There are many convenient options to pay your interim property tax bill:

- Financial institutions – including online or telephone banking
- City of Ottawa Client Service Centres
- Online by payment card: ottawa.ca/PayTax
- By sending a cheque to the City of Ottawa
- Pre-authorized debit plan (future billings)

It's important to note that a penalty charge of 1.25 per cent for late payment is added the day following the due date and the first day of each month thereafter.

For more property tax information:

- Check the property tax brochure included with your bill
- Call Revenue Services at 613-580-2444 (TTY: 613-580-2401)
- Email revenue@ottawa.ca

- Visit the City's website at ottawa.ca/taxes

Vacant Unit Tax (VUT)

Ottawa homeowners must complete their online Vacant Unit Tax (VUT) forms at <https://vut-ilv.ottawa.ca/en-US/vutdeclaration/> for each residential property they own **before the March 21 deadline**. A \$250 late fee will be applied to all declarations filed after the deadline.

If you are experiencing difficulties filing your Vacant Unit Tax forms, please reach out to my office for support.

Brookfield Community Food Cupboard

Planning is underway to open a community food cupboard at Brookfield High School. The cupboard will be opening this spring and will be available on Wednesdays from 4:30 to 8pm. This program will supplement other available food security programs for the Riverside Park-Hunt Club neighbourhoods and will seek to offer food for one day per week.

As the planning continues, volunteers will be needed for various roles. Donations of non-perishable food items can be dropped off at the main office of Brookfield High School or at Riverside United Church (3191 Riverside Dr).

More information will be available soon through the website - BrookfieldCFC.ca.

Who Defends the Experimental Farm

Recent development applications on Carling Avenue and Baseline Road have placed great attention on the value of the Experimental Farm lands, particularly those used for agricultural research. The premise of long shadows from these new high-rises has reinforced how critical research lands are, the need for protections and by whom. In short, the Experimental Farm has no protection, just a symbolic historic designation.

City grants available to non-profit groups for environmental projects

The City of Ottawa is now accepting applications for the 2024 Community Environmental Projects Grant Program (CEPGP). CEPGP provides funding to non-profit organizations interested in undertaking small-scale, community-based initiatives that support an environmentally sustainable Ottawa. Past funds have been awarded to a wide range of projects including:

- Community workshops
- Education campaigns
- Environmental rehabilitation
- Greening initiatives, such as planting native species
- School projects, such as pollinator gardens

The application deadline is Friday, April 5 at 4pm.

Successful CEPGP grant recipients must complete their projects by June 30, 2025. For details on eligibility criteria, the application process, profiles of past projects, and to complete an application form, please visit ottawa.ca/cepgp.

For more information on CEPGP, please contact Tara Redpath, CEPGP Coordinator, at 613-580-2424 x16822 or at cepgp@ottawa.ca.

EVENTS

2023 Tax Return Assistance

Students studying taxation at the Sprott School of Business at Carleton University will be hosting a **FREE tax clinic** at the **Riverside United Church** on **Friday, April 5 from 6:30-9pm**.

Students will be supervised by professors and tax professionals from local accounting firms – so don't worry – your return is in good hands!

If you are interested in having your return filed with us, please fill out this [intake form](#) to ensure you are eligible (overly complicated returns will not be accepted, given the experience level of the preparers), and to indicate your availability the night of.

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Riverward Upcoming Events			
Event	Date	Location	Link
Internantional Womans Day Speaker Series 6:30 pm	March 7	Virtual	http://tinyurl.com/2024IntlWomensDay
Community Breakfast 9 am	March 30	Alexander Community Centre 960 Silver Street	
Earth Day Event, E-Waste Depot, Guided Walk 10 am	April 20	Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community Centre 3320 Paul Anka Dr	
Mother's Day High Tea, Two Seatings	May 11	Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community Centre 3320 Paul Anka Dr	
Strawberry Social 1pm	June 5	Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community Centre 3320 Paul Anka Dr	
Father's Day GGFG Brass Concert Band 1 pm	June 15	Alexander Community Centre 960 Silver Street	
Canada Day, Cake, Concert and BBQ 12 pm	June 29	Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community Centre 3320 Paul Anka Dr	