



Dear Members of the HCCA,

Happy October! Thank you to Alexis and Brian, the Board, and all the volunteers who made the Fall Festival such a success. I enjoyed the opportunity to spend a Saturday with you in the community.

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS

3750 NORTH BOWESVILLE ROAD

The City received a revised Site Plan Control and Zoning Bylaw Amendment application for 3750 North Bowesville Road (Blu Legacy). The proposed development consists of two 14-storey residential towers with 174 units and underground parking. The Amendment seeks to increase the maximum building height from 44 to 46 metres, permit an interior amenity area, establish a minimum bicycle parking rate of 0.5 spaces per dwelling unit, and establish one lot for zoning purposes.

Golf Course Road Closure

The golf club and City of Ottawa confirm that the land from the N Bowesville cul de sac to Hunt Club Road is privately owned, and the property owner has the legal right to close the roadway. The golf club decided to close the connection to pedestrians and cyclists to facilitate construction activities at the pro shop and south end parking lot. I shared my opposition with the golf club and City of Ottawa staff.

Please be advised that the intention is to close the connection permanently. I have asked the City to determine if a Right-of-Way path could be considered as part of an agreement with the golf club.

3930-3960 RIVERSIDE DRIVE

The hearing date at the Tribunal will take place in the first quarter of 2027. In response to inquiries from the Association and residents, my office is working with the Active Transportation team to gather more information about the River Pathway.

1 FINCH PVT – SHEARWATER

Starting today (October 5), a temporary generator will be operating continuously from Monday, October 5 through Friday, October 9. The generator is required to provide temporary power for mechanical system flushing within the building. Once the flushing process begins, continuous power is required for the duration of the operation.

A noise exemption was approved for this work, and written notice was provided to residents in the immediate area. Should you have any concerns, please email the Project Manager at michaeln@beaudoinconstruction.ca.

LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE

PAUL ANKA DRIVE AND UPLANDS DRIVE

Uplands Drive and Paul Anka Drive are undergoing resurfacing, sidewalk repairs, and sidewalk replacement. Sidewalks from Gillespie to Archer will not be included in this replacement. City staff are working now on design of that stretch to accommodate the current slope of the driveways and ensure drainage is not impacted. Residents on Uplands Drive impacted by the design work have received a notice from my office.

Temporary traffic calming measures were removed to complete work. My office has requested that they be installed should work wrap. Work is expected to be completed in October, and installation of roadway anchors will be added at that time. Should TTC re-installations not occur this year, the anchors will be in place to allow for installation in spring 2027.

2027 SPEED CUSHIONS

As part of the Temporary Traffic Calming (TTC) program, my office has requested the installation of 4 speed cushions on Uplands – 2 at both Paul Landry Park and Uplands Park. These measures are anticipated to be constructed in 2026, subject to detailed design, tendering, and construction.

As part of the 2027 installations, residents can expect to see 2 speed bumps on Cahill Drive W at Owl. This measure aims to address ongoing concerns with speeding while children are walking to parks or school.

PLANTE DRIVE NEIGHBOURHOOD TRAFFIC (NTC) CALMING STUDY

This summer, the Neighbourhood Traffic Calming (NTC) team reviewed Plante Drive for additional traffic calming measures in response to concerns from residents regarding speeding on the roadway. I expect a "What We Learned" report in the coming weeks. I will meet with City staff tomorrow to discuss the results and understand the next steps.

The report will be posted on the Engage Ottawa page: <https://engage.ottawa.ca/plante-drive-traffic-calming-project>. A full overview of the project can be found at this link.

HUNT CLUB CYCLING PROJECT

As part of the City's plan to address the upgrades required to alter the corridor for priority bus lanes and the Airport Parkway bridge, City staff are also reviewing active transportation upgrades on Hunt Club between Mac and Gibford. This work will include intersection upgrades along the corridor.

For more information, please review the City's public engagement page: <https://ottawa.ca/en/city-hall/public-engagement/public-engagement-project-search/hunt-club-road-transit-priority-municipal-class-environmental-assessment-mcea-study#section-40f8361f-4bb9-45cb-a617-a305eecbac8d>

Hunt Club Traffic Calming

At the August 10 meeting of the Association, we discussed traffic calming and sound walls on Hunt Club. City staff are working to better understand both the current standards for sound walls and a review of the Hunt Club barriers.

Sounds walls are typically addressed through the planning, design, and environmental assessment process for new or reconstructed transportation corridors. Current City guidelines indicate that retrofit noise barriers are generally designed with a preferred height of 2.5 metres and a maximum height of 3.0 metres, subject to site-specific considerations.

Determining whether an existing wall meets current standards is more challenging. Unlike new projects,

where noise studies and wall designs are undertaken by specialized consultants, there is no single City program that routinely reviews or reassesses existing noise attenuation walls after construction. As a result, any assessment would likely require a site-specific review of the original design, surrounding conditions, and current noise environment by staff with expertise in acoustic studies.

I will continue to work with City staff to better understand the path forward and provide an update to the Association at a future meeting.

AROUND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

ALTO 3D SCAN

Beginning on September 28, Alto will be performing 3D scanning of key transportation structures in Ottawa.

This activity will not affect mobility or privacy as crews and scanning equipment will be in publicly accessible areas and scanning will be of the structures only. Scanning work is expected to take place over several weeks this fall and is weather dependent.

You may direct public inquiries to Alto at: questions@altotrain.ca

JUNO MEMORIAL BRIDGE SAFETY WALK

On July 16, I joined WISE - Women's Initiatives for Safer Environments and other community partners to conduct a safety audit of the Juno Bridge and pathway leading to South Keys Station. The group reviewed lighting, brush, and the condition of the pathways to assess the safety of the path.

I received a petition from community members, and my office is working to address the contents of the requests to improve safety on the pathway. My office is working with City staff to review lighting outages from this summer and determine if additional lighting on the pathway is feasible.

Until mid-November, additional temporary signage will be placed on the pathway to South Keys to encourage cyclists to share the pathway with pedestrians. My office will work with the EnviroCentre to evaluate opportunities to install the signage again next spring.

OTTAWA 200 TREE

As a result of a motion I moved, as part of the Ottawa 200 celebrations, the City will plant one commemorative tree in each ward this fall through the

Tree Dedication Program. Each tree will include a special plaque recognizing the anniversary, which will be installed at a later date. River Ward's Ottawa 200 tree will be planted in McCarthy Park.

OTTAWA POLICE ROAD SAFETY ENFORCEMENT – RECENT STATS

Between April 1 and September 28, 2026, officers laid 20 stunt driving charges in River Ward, representing approximately 12% of all stunt driving charges issued citywide during that period. The Hunt Club Woods neighbourhood recorded the highest concentration of enforcement activity, with seven charges laid.

Since April 2026, Ottawa Police have conducted 15 targeted initiatives focused on illegal car gatherings and stunt driving. These operations involved proactive deployments to locations historically associated with unauthorized vehicle gatherings. Through proactive engagement with car rally organizers and property managers, officers observed only a limited number of gatherings during these initiatives. Attendees were generally cooperative and compliant when directed to leave the area.

In terms of **overall summer traffic enforcement** in River Ward, between May 1 and September 20, 2026, OPS officers have issued:

- 456 Provincial Offence Notices,
- 304 warnings, and
- 124 Part III summonses, which are issued for offences that do not carry a set fine and require a court appearance.

FREE VIRTUAL STORMWATER ASSESSMENTS

Residents within [Rain Ready Ottawa priority areas](#) can now book a free virtual stormwater assessment. It's a chance to ask questions and confirm your options, and one way to qualify for Rain Ready Ottawa rebates, which help cover the cost of measures like rain gardens, soakaway pits, downspout redirections, and permeable pavement.

Check your eligibility: ottawa.ca/rain-ready-eligibility. If you have questions:

greencity@envirocentre.ca or rain@ottawa.ca

UPCOMING EVENTS

OTTAWA FOOD BANK FOOD DRIVE

When: October 10, from 10am to 4pm

Where: Metro McCarthy Road, 3310 McCarthy Road

JOHN SANKEY POLLINATOR GARDEN OPENING

When: October 17, 11:30 AM

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

Light refreshments will be served.

CITY OF OTTAWA ELECTION DAY

When: October 26, 10 am to 8 pm

Find your voting location online at

<https://ottawa.ca/en/city-hall/elections/voters/voting-opportunities/voting-person>

E-WASTE DEPOT

When: November 7, 10 am to 4 pm

Where: Behind Metro McCarthy Road, 3310 McCarthy Road

PUMPKINFEST

When: November 8, 12 to 4 pm

Where: Ernie Calcutt Park

Learn more here: <https://www.osean.org/pumpkins-for-the-planet>

CHRISTMAS TRIVIA NIGHT

When: December 4 – Dinner at 6 pm, Trivia at 7 pm

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

RSVP your group of 4 at Abbie.Simpson@Ottawa.ca
OR 613-580-2486

RIVER WARD COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

When: December 21 – Seatings at 5 and 6:15 pm

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

RSVP at Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca OR 613-580-2486

Riley Brockington

October 5, 2026