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Carlington Community Association



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Ottawa Civic Hospital Relocation - Public Forum

On **June 20**, I am hosting a public forum to share information and to listen to River Ward residents about issues and/or concerns they have with the pending construction of the new hospital.

These may include:

- Timelines for consultation by the Hospital (design and internal services);
- Intentions of the Ottawa Hospital with the current hospital and land;
- Intentions of the Ottawa Heart Institute; and
- Any other pertinent matters.

I have invited members of the Ottawa Hospital to join me for the forum. The public forum will commence at 7pm, at the Alexander Community Centre on June 20.

Recent Development Approvals by City Council

City Council has recently approved the applications to develop the Westgate Mall complex. As well, additional height was granted for two new towers (previously approved) to be built on either side of the Embassy West Seniors Residence.

<u>Travel Lodge Development Proposal (1354 and 1376 Carling Avenue)</u>

The City of Ottawa's Planning Department has received concurrent Site Plan Control and Zoning By-law Amendment applications for the properties at 1354 and 1376 Carling Avenue, the current site of the Travelodge Hotel. The applicant is looking to redevelop the site, including the existing 3 storey Travelodge hotel, vacant 13 storey building and parking structure, into a multi-phased mixed-use development (residential and ground floor commercial).

Phase 1 proposes the demolition of the existing 13 storey high-rise and development of a 20 storey mixed-use building along Carling Ave and a 9 storey residential building along Archibald Street. The 3 storey Travelodge hotel will be retained during Phase 1.



Phase 2 proposes the demolition of the 3 storey Travelodge hotel and development of two 20-storey mixed use buildings along Carling Ave and a 9 storey residential building along Meath Street.

Residents are invited to a public meeting on **Tuesday, June 13** at the Travelodge Hotel (1376 Carling Avenue). An Open House will begin at 7pm with a presentation and Q&A session at 7:30pm.

In the meantime, residents interested in learning more about the proposal can review a copy of the applications and the supporting documentation at www.ottawa.ca/devapps and entering 1354 Carling in the file search tool.

Community Garden Relocation

The Carlington Community Garden is being relocated to the northeast corner of Carlington Park at the corner of Woodward Avenue and McBride Street, near Robson Racing. Construction of the new garden boxes is scheduled to start this month. Once completed, there will be a total of 108 garden plots; 24 will be accessible.

Marijuana Dispensary Update

The Ottawa Cannabis Dispensary opened illegally in the summer of 2016 at 1532 Laperriere Avenue. I have visited with the owners/agents on numerous occasions, spoken about this issue personally with the Chief of Police and have ensured Bylaw Services has been actively involved in the investigation. Beyond the fact that they are selling a still-illegal substance, they are not operating legally as the zoning does not allow a retail application. A Part III Summons was prepared for the Property Owners of the Dispensary, for contravening the zoning By-law. Ottawa Bylaw was able to successfully serve them on April 4, with an established May 11 court date. The matter was heard and case adjourned to June 29.

Carlington Park Mountain Bike Course

In the Autumn of 2016, City Council approved a two-year pilot project with the Ottawa Mountain Bike Association to develop a mountain bike course and pump track on approximately half of the north facing, lower plateau or meadow of Carlington Hill. The OMBA is not yet prepared to unveil their preliminary design of the course for public consultation and this matter has been postponed to late 2017/early 2018. Therefore, there will be no mountain bike activity in 2017 on Carlington Hill. I will continue to keep the community up to date on this project as information is available.

Suya Spot Gone – New Tenant Probable

As Carlington residents are aware, I was quite firm and steadfast in the departure of the former business known as the *Suya Spot*, located in the strip mall on Merivale Road at Laperriere. On-going criminal activity, in and around the business, culminating in a homicide was the last straw. I have been in contact with the landlord of the building and he has informed Cameron and I that a potential new tenant is considering opening an Italian restaurant. The landlord is keen to learn if the community has any concerns, particularly if the establishment applies for a liquor license. I made the landlord aware that another Italian restaurant is in existence in Carlington and "if a liquor license is ultimately granted and by doing so, there is a link between the new establishment and an increase in criminal activity, the community's reaction will be swift and direct. We will no longer tolerate bad tenants or bad behaviour".

Update on the Merivale Road CDP

The City of Ottawa is currently undertaking a Community Design Plan (CDP) exercise to review the current zoning of land, consider a range of economic development incentives and create a complete street design to improve walking, cycling and streetscape along Merivale Road (north) from Caldwell Avenue to Carling Avenue. The study will help shape how Merivale Road (north) will look and function in the future. The first Public Information Session was held on March 22, 2017 with approximately 200 residents in attendance.

An 'As We Heard It' has been developed and will be released publicly this week for residents to review. The document contains the results of the initial consultation on the CDP including the community survey and first Public Information Session. It will be posted on the project web page this week.

City staff continue to review and discuss the 4 complete street options and at this point in time a decision on a recommended approach has not been made. As a result, the second round of public consultation originally scheduled for late this spring is being postponed until September. This includes presentations to the Consultation Group, the Carlington Community Association and the second Public Information Session. More information will become available over the course of the summer.

I will continue to keep the community apprised as this initiative moves forward.

River Ward Strawberry Social—June 2, 2017

My annual Strawberry Social will be held at the Hunt Club—Riverside Park Community Centre from 1-3pm and will be one event for all residents of River Ward. Our guest speaker will be Mary Cook. A special shuttle bus will leave from the Alexander Community Centre at 12:15pm. To reserve a seat, please contact Andrea.Ward@Ottawa.ca or call 613-580-2486.



If I can be of assistance, please contact my office. Si je peux vous aider, n'hésitez pas à communiquer avec mon bureau.

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