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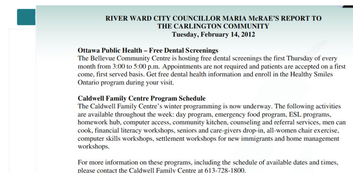

RIVER WARD CITY COUNCILLOR MARIA McRAE'S REPORT TO THE CARLINGTON COMMUNITY
Tuesday, February 14, 2012

Ottawa Public Health – Free Dental Screenings
The Bellevue Community Centre is hosting free dental screenings the first Thursday of every month from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Appointments are not required and patients are accepted on a first come, first served basis. Get free dental health information and enroll in the Healthy Smiles Ontario program during your visit.

Caldwell Family Centre Program Schedule
The Caldwell Family Centre's winter programming is now underway. The following activities are available throughout the week: community kitchen, emergency food program, ESL programs, homework hub, computer access, community kitchen, counseling and referral services, men can cook, financial literacy workshops, seniors and care-givers drop-in, all-women chair exercise, computer skills workshops, settlement workshops for new immigrants and home management workshops.

For more information on these programs, including the schedule of available dates and times, please contact the Caldwell Family Centre at 613-728-1800.

Ice-breaking operations
Ice-breaking operations, including flushing, began on the Rideau River between Hogs Back and Hog's Back on Monday, February 13. The City, in partnership with the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority, undertakes ice-breaking operations each year to alleviate possible spring flooding in flood-prone areas. These operations are carried out daily.

Ice-breaking operations will create open water. Please stay at a safe and reasonable distance from the river until operations are completed, and to supervise children around water.

City of Ottawa Water Rate
The City of Ottawa's Environment Committee tabled the 2012 Water and Wastewater Rate Budget and the Long Range Financial Plan for Water and Sewer Rate Supported Programs on January 31, 2012. The proposed budget sees the combined rate increasing by 6% this year. This increase will assist in the funding of Ottawa on the Move, the Ottawa River Action Plan and several Integrated Road-Water-Sewer projects, and to ensure that Ottawa's drinking water remains of exceptional quality. These reports will be brought before the Environment Committee on February 21, 2012 and City Council on February 22, 2012.

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Civic Events Funding
Local not-for-profit organizations, such as volunteer-based community or recreation associations, are invited to apply for funding to provide a one-to-two-day civic event and/or civic celebration. The event should foster civic pride, develop community cohesion and offer free admission. The maximum allocation is $3,000 and the application deadline is **March 5, 2012**.

Program guidelines and application forms are available at ottawa.ca or by visiting City of Ottawa Client Service Centres. For more information, please contact 613-580-2424, extension 20029.

Proposed Changes to Pool Enclosure By-Law
The City is reviewing Pool Enclosure By-Law 2001-259 and is looking for feedback from the public on the proposed changes. The by-law has not been reviewed since 2001 and an update is required to protect the safety of young children in private yards containing pools.

and to provide your comments on the proposal by **February 20, 2012.** Staff will report the results of this public consultation to the City's Planning Committee in March 2012.

City of Ottawa Archives Strategic Plan
You are invited to complete a brief online questionnaire at ottawa.ca/archives in order to help inform the strategic plan of the Archives for the next five years.

The Archives recently moved into the new James Bartleman Archives and Library Materials Centre on Tallwood Drive. The questionnaire requests your feedback on this new facility, as well as the programs and services offered by the Archives. Your input will help make the Archives a community meeting place and ensure that its services meet your needs.

The questionnaire can be completed online before **February 24, 2012**.

Service Ottawa Launch – Get Online, Not In Line
Accessing City information and services is now easier for Ottawa residents and businesses as the first phase of Service Ottawa went live at ottawa.ca on February 1, 2012. You can now complete 250 service transactions online, such as:

- Booking and paying for last-minute ice time
- Making some payments

- Requesting road maintenance
- Registering for classes and activities
- Viewing photos, floor plans and videos of rental facilities

The web launch is the first phase of the Service Ottawa project that will implement new technology to improve the way the City delivers services to residents. The project also focuses on the delivery of more efficient and cost-effective services.

UPDATE - Summer Student Employment Program
Students interested in summer employment with the City of Ottawa can apply online until **Friday, March 9, 2012**. The Summer Student Emolvement Proeram is a creat opportunity to

Monitor ottawa.ca/careers for updated information, eligibility criteria, and other requirements on the 2012 Summer Student Employment Program.

Registration for March Break Programming Now Open
The City of Ottawa invites you to register for March Break programs. From crafts to sports, the City has many activities for your family during the week for March 12-16, 2012 in recreation and culture facilities, pools and arenas. You can register online, by phone at 613-580-2588, or in person at any Client Service Centre or recreation facility.

For more information, please visit ottawa.ca/marchbreak.

Winter Carnival Equipment Loan
Numerous community associations will host Winter Carnivals across the City this winter. The Seasonal Recreation office provides equipment and secures sponsorship with various companies in support of the Winter Carnival Program.

Operators may contact the Seasonal Recreation front desk by phone at 613-580-2590 or e-mail at seasonalrecreation@ottawa.ca to learn more.

Young at Art 2012 – Applications Now Available
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galleries and recognized for outstanding work at awards presentations across the city.

Application forms and guidelines are available online at ottawa.ca/youngatart or by visiting community centres, Ottawa Public Library branches and by contacting Mike Taylor at 613-580-2424, extension 29288. The deadline for Young at Art 2012 submissions is **Friday, March 4, 2012** at 4 p.m.

Ottawa's Rink of Dreams Open
The first skaters made their way onto Ottawa's Rink of Dreams on Wednesday, January 25, 2012. The 12,500 square foot oval ice surface, located at Ottawa City Hall, is a refrigerated outdoor skating facility that will operate annually from November to March. During the spring and summer months, the area will serve as a community space and play host to festivals and events. The project is a collaboration between the Sens Foundation, Hockey Canada, the City of Ottawa and several local partners and construction companies.

The Rink of Dreams change hut is open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. For more information on the Rink of Dreams, visit ottawa.ca.

Ottawa Fire Services Vehicle Donation Program
Ottawa Fire Services (OFS) is encouraging residents to donate their old or scrap vehicles to the Vehicle Donation Program. Your donation can help firefighters continuously practice their skills and rescue techniques, and you will receive a $500 tax receipt in return. Even if your vehicle does not run, it can still be used, and OFS will arrange to have it picked up for free.

If you wish to donate a vehicle, please first call 613-580-2424, extension 29492 to receive instructions about how to donate your vehicle.

Integrated Road Safety Program
The City of Ottawa continues to view traffic safety as a top priority. In light of this, the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) is currently undergoing a transformation to better serve you and ensure the safety of Ottawa's communities. The new Safer Roads Ottawa Program will begin this month and sets out a bold vision and a new Action Plan that is more comprehensive and responsive to road safety priorities and will help make the "City of Ottawa the safest traffic

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