



COUNCILLOR/CONSEILLER
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Councillor's Report

Carlington Community Association AGM September 22, 2020

Thank you to the Carlington Community Association Board for your dedication, passion and advocacy for your community. It is through active, engaged associations like the CCA that we are able to effect positive change in the community. I would like to thank the returning Directors as well as those who are departing: Adele Stubbert, Lisa Rossman, Melanie Zahab, and Robert Brinker for their service on the Board. A big thanks as well to Catherine Younger-Lewis for her hard work on the CCA Newsletter each month.

Alexander Community Centre Needs Assessment Update

Earlier this spring, I authorized an expenditure of \$60,000 to fund a community-led Needs Assessment for the future expansion and renovation of the Alexander Community Centre. This project is one of my top priorities. A Carlington-wide community survey was initiated where hundreds of residents participated in the survey and shared their feedback on what they would like to see in a new and improved facility.

A 'What We Heard' document with the survey results has been produced and is online for public viewing at <https://engage.ottawa.ca/alexander-community-centre>.

At this time, a project charter is being developed which is required in order to hire a consultant to produce preliminary designs for a new facility.

I have agreed to cede our current gymnasium, to be used by the Ottawa Public Library as a community branch (in a renovated and expanded community centre).

Through multiple meetings and conversations over the last six months, the OPL appears willing to be a partner in this project. While funds have not yet been committed to this project, nor has the OPL Board been made aware of the potential for a partnership, a report to the Board this calendar year is likely.

It is the plan in the renovated/expanded facility to have a brand new gymnasium built.

I am disappointed that federal funds made available for recreational infrastructure projects, as prioritized by the

provincial government, will not include the Alexander Community Centre. Four small projects in Ottawa have been identified for funding.

The City is anticipating using the same consultant team which worked on the Overbrook Community Centre as both buildings have very similar layouts and footprints.

I will keep residents updated as this project advances and preliminary designs for a new facility are developed. I am hopeful to host a future public consultation on the proposed designs of the new building in 2021.

Back to School Safety

I have been working with the City's Traffic and Bylaw Services units, emphasizing the need to ensure safe passage to school for students this fall. I am working with city officials and putting pressures on the Provincial Government to expand the scope and use of speed enforcement technology.

Bylaw Services have committed to focussing on school zones to ensure traffic flow and safety for the students during early September. With more families choosing to drive their children to school, Ottawa Police, Ottawa Bylaw, and Traffic Services are being vigilant in their enforcement of speed and parking regulations in school zones.

Take some time to consider the best transportation options for your family. If you are not putting your student on a school bus, please consider walking or biking to school.

Benefits of walking or biking to school

Children need at least 60 minutes of physical activity each day. Finding ways to fit this into a daily routine is hard for

busy families. Walking or biking to school helps solve this issue and both are easy ways for children to become more independent, spend time outdoors and, in many cases, save time.

Children who walk or bike to school on a regular basis also benefit in the classroom with:

- improved concentration
- better stress-coping abilities
- reduced feelings of isolation
- increased social interaction

Other benefits include reduced traffic congestion in school zones and reduced greenhouse-gas emissions.

Supporting Schools During COVID

Ottawa Public Health (OPH) is working with local school boards to implement provincial standards and guidance to support the reopening of schools. Keeping COVID-19 transmission low at the community level will be key to preventing the introduction of the virus into schools. The primary goal is to make the return to school as safe as possible, balancing the risk of COVID-19 transmission with reducing other harms to the well-being of students, families and staff. OPH is partnering with school boards to address ongoing questions and concerns of families, school staff and students regarding COVID-19 and provide the most current information possible.

Ottawa Public Health's Role

- Support School Boards in their reopening plans and provide public health information and support implementing provincial standards and guidance.
- Facilitate knowledge exchange through various platforms with stakeholders and the school community by ensuring ongoing engagement and active listening.
- Provide infection prevention and control advice to schools for both in-school and transportation scenarios.
- Manage COVID-19 cases and outbreaks, including providing guidance to schools on confirming and controlling outbreaks.
- Support testing and surveillance of the school population.
- Provide ongoing support through a dedicated Public Health School Nurse who will be assigned to an area of schools and can assist in responding to school specific inquiries and make regular visits to the schools.
- Provide age-appropriate resources on COVID-19.
- Provide Mental Wellness Support including the development of school resources and tools on topics like resiliency, positive coping skills, and reducing stress and anxiety. Facilitate linkages to resources and community supports available for school staff, students and their families.

School Board's Role

- Develop and implement reopening plans following

guidelines and recommendations from the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education and Ottawa Public Health (OPH).

- Communicate with the school community about COVID-19 prevention measures and how cases and outbreaks will be handled, in collaboration with OPH.
- Support OPH, and other stakeholders as appropriate, with the investigation of cases, contacts, and outbreaks.
- Ensure accurate records of staff and students' attendance, as well up-to-date contact information for staff and students that can be accessed in a timely manner for investigations and communications.
- Facilitate training of school staff with respect to outbreak prevention and control measures and the use of personal protective equipment (PPE).

Mask Bylaw Update



To help limit the spread of COVID-19 as schools and businesses reopen, City Council on Wednesday, August 26 extended, until the end of October, the temporary by-law that makes masks mandatory in indoor public spaces. Masks are also now mandatory in the common areas of condos and apartment buildings. Council can extend the temporary by-law again at a future meeting.

For more information on the extension of the mask bylaw, visit <https://ottawa.ca/en/health-and-public-safety/covid-19-ottawa/temporary-mandatory-mask-law>.

New Provincial Regulations for Social Gatherings

As of Thursday, September 17, 2020, the Provincial Government has mandated that private gatherings in Ottawa are limited to 10 indoors and 25 outdoors. The restrictions also apply to functions, parties, dinners, gatherings or wedding receptions held in private residences, backyards, parks and other recreational areas. This is a direct response to the recent increase in cases in Ottawa over the past few weeks. Failure to comply to these restrictions can result in a \$10,000 fine.

The new limit will not apply to events or gatherings held in staffed businesses and facilities, such as bars, restaurants, cinemas, convention centres or banquet halls, gyms, and recreational sporting or performing art events. Existing rules for these businesses and facilities,

including public health and workplace safety measures, continue to be in effect.

With the temporary mask by-law being in place for the past two months, the City's By-law and Regulatory Services will be stepping up its enforcement, moving away from warnings to issuing charges with fines. The decision to issue a ticket will be based on whether a warning is deemed insufficient or if the individual or business is a repeat offender.

People who are not exempt from the by-law and fail to wear a mask can receive a \$240 fine, including a victim surcharge. Businesses or property owners who fail to comply with the by-law can receive a fine of \$490, including a victim surcharge.

Expanded COVID-19 Testing Hours and Locations

At the September 9 City Council meeting, several Councillors, including myself demanded a more extensive testing regime, more testing centres, longer hours, protection for those in line from the elements and drive thru options for children.

On September 16, a meeting for members of Council specifically about testing, who should be tested and efforts by the Province to augment testing was shared with us.

With the return to school, more cases are being confirmed and the testing facilities as well as staffing levels to conduct the time consuming contact tracing must be fully resourced.

- The Brewer Arena Assessment Centre is now open from 8:30am to 7:30pm daily at 151 Brewer Way. At this site there is also a CHEO Assessment Centre, [by appointment only](#), for children over 2 months old and under 18 years old (same hours of service.)
- The Moodie and Heron Road COVID Care Clinics are open from 9:00am-3:30pm, Monday to Friday.
- There is also a Drive-Thru Assessment Centre on Coventry Road open from 11:30am—6:30pm daily by appointment only for those over 14 years of age.

The link to book your appointment (and further information on testing sites) is at www.Ottawapublichealth.ca/en/shared-content/assessment-centres.aspx

1110 Fisher Avenue Development Application Appealed

On July 15, City Council approved (14-7, I voted against) the development application for a 9-storey, 62-unit building where one house once stood. The approved application has been appealed to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT). I will keep the community informed on this appeal, but I do not expect this matter to be heard for approximately 12 months.

Project Postponed - Lepage Larkin Larose Infrastructure Renewal

I was recently notified that the City of Ottawa has postponed the Lepage-Larkin-Larose infrastructure renewal project due to conflicts with LRT construction. A major watermain shutoff is needed for this project which coincides with a major upcoming watermain shutoff in the east end. Both major mains cannot be offline simultaneously. There is no risk/impact to Carlington residents. I am hopeful this project will be back on schedule in 2021.

Development Application 1330 Carling Avenue

In June, the City's Planning Department received a development application for the property located at 1330 Carling Avenue and 815 Archibald Street. This is the southwest corner of the intersection at Carling and Archibald, east of the Travelodge site. The site is currently occupied by **2nd Chance Auto Sales**.

The proposed development is a 24-storey, mixed-use building with commercial uses at-grade and 175 residential units above. The building is designed with a five-storey podium and a tower. Resident and visitor parking is located underground with surface parking spaces provided to serve the proposed commercial/retail uses.

The requested Zoning By-law Amendment will be to permit the building height and to reduce the parking requirements from 82 to 52 spaces. There will be eight surface parking spots for retail, 18 visitor parking spaces and 36 spaces for the residential units. The proposed tower is slender and is set back a similar distance from the low-rise homes fronting Thames Street.

I hosted an online webinar on June 24 to provide neighbours and the Carlington Community Association the opportunity to learn more about the development application and ask any questions. At this time, the file is being reviewed by City Planning staff.

Extension of Time / 1354 - 1376 Carling Ave Site Plan

Last week, I received notification that the Site Plan Approval for construction of the approved development at the old Travelodge has been extended until January 1, 2021. The extension is necessary as the development team requires more time as they actively seek their building permit approvals and site plan registration.

Road Crack-Sealing on Fisher Avenue

The City of Ottawa will be completing road crack-sealing on Fisher Avenue between Carling and Baseline. Work is expected to occur on Monday, September 28. Lane

reductions and traffic management will be in effect during the work.

Although Fisher Avenue was resurfaced in 2018, movement in the underlying subgrade material is not uncommon and can cause cracking through the new pavement surface. The City has an annual crack-sealing program as a routine maintenance treatment used to minimize the infiltration of water into the pavement.

1274 Carling (Best Western) Site Plan Approved

The City of Ottawa has approved a site plan application for a two-storey addition above the north wing at the Best Western hotel at Carling and Merivale. The addition will accommodate twenty-four (24) additional guest rooms. One existing exit onto Carling Avenue will be removed and the parking lot will be slightly reconfigured to provide additional landscaping and three additional parking spaces on the site.

Proposed Plan to Introduce Speed Humps on Crerar Avenue

In June, my office circulated a community notice for the proposed implementation of two speed humps on Crerar Avenue. This stems from a pilot project that I undertook last summer to introduce flex stakes in the middle of the street to help curb chronic speeding and cut-through traffic issues on Crerar Avenue. The flex stakes were deemed to be ineffective by residents but the problem persisted. Therefore, I led a community consultation seeking feedback for two speed humps which yielded the support of residents.

Last week I learned that the original cost estimate for the two speed humps ballooned to nearly 50% more than the original quote and the price came in at nearly \$24,000. I have paused the implementation at this time and have requested that City staff seek additional quotes to help bring the price down.

974 Hooper Street Committee of Adjustment Application

Last week, the Committee of Adjustment approved an application to permit a reduced lot area, lot width, and front and rear yard setback for the construction of a three-unit triplex dwelling at 974 Hooper Street. The existing detached dwelling and shed will be demolished.

Farmside Green Development on Kingston Avenue

Construction has begun on the new housing development by RND Construction on Kingston

Avenue at the rear of the Turnbull School property. The development is on an 80m stretch of vacant land (excess of the school property) at the southeast end of Kingston Ave. This land backs onto the Experimental Farm.

The approved construction is for nine homes, consisting of three singles and six semi-detached.

Meadowvale Park Improvements

In June I met with residents and city staff regarding improvements to Meadowvale Terrace Park. Since then, the new sign has been installed in a more visible location, the flickering light near the basketball light has been replaced, and the overgrown shrubs near Chevrier have been removed, opening sightlines to the street and improving safety. I am in discussion with city officials about installing a community billboard so that neighbours can be informed of announcements and events. Other issues that were discussed: pollinator garden, a community garden, replacing the wading pool with a splash pad and a potential full-size basketball court, however, these are longer term improvements.

Carlington Community Association Extends Adoption of Alexander Park

I would like to thank the Carlington Community Association for continuing their adoption of Alexander Park for another 5-year term.

Adopt-a-Park or Road is a city-wide program that encourages community involvement in the care and maintenance of parks and roadways. It is a partnership between volunteers and the City. The program is open to community groups and individuals of all ages who want to take an active role in enhancing the quality of life in our community.

New Bus Shelter coming to Carlington

OC Transpo is adding a new bus shelter in Carlington at Admiral and Crerar, stop #2427, as part of their annual Bus Stop Improvement Program. I will continue to press OC Transpo for additional shelters across River Ward, particularly in areas frequented by seniors and other vulnerable persons. If you have a location suggest, please send me a note at Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca.

Transportation Master Plan—Public Engagement Opportunity

From September 21 until October 23, you will have an opportunity to provide input into the Transportation Master Plan Update and Active Transportation Plan by completing an online questionnaire on active transportation, on what a fair and equitable transportation system looks like, and on the new technologies that are changing the way we move

around the city.

The questionnaire will be available online at www.ottawa.ca/TMPUpdate along with an introductory video, a discussion paper on new mobility technologies, and information on what was heard in Phase 1 of public engagement about your priorities and the vision for the future of Ottawa's transportation system.

Improvements to OC Transpo Community Pass Application Process

OC Transpo has introduced an enhancement to the Community Pass application process, making it easier for customers to apply or renew their pass.

The Community Pass provides discounted rates for Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) beneficiaries. Customers are now able to complete their application remotely over the phone, eliminating the need to travel to a customer service centre. The option to apply in person will remain available at the Rideau Centre location.

With the new process, customers can call OC Transpo's information line at 613-741-4390 and speak to a Customer Service Representative who will assist them in completing the application form and answer any questions about the pass.

Fraud charges to Ottawa-Based Snow Removal Companies

The Ottawa Police Service (OPS) Fraud Unit conducted investigations into three Ottawa-based snow removal companies - Snow Vaporizers, Faul Properties and Altitude Snow Removal, from the winter of 2019/2020 in relation to fraud allegations made from members of the public.

The investigations revealed that the companies fraudulently obtained money for snow removal services. Funds were obtained by cash, cheque, e-transfer and credit card. According to the reports made to the OPS, little to no snow removal service was provided after payment was made.

The OPS has issued charges against the companies and individuals.

There is concern that there are additional victims that have not made reports to the police. If you or

somebody you know were a victim of Snow Vaporizers, Faul Properties, or Altitude Snow Removal, please file a report to the Ottawa Police Service.

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Glad Cleaning the Capital Program Fall Campaign

The annual GLAD Cleaning the Capital Program Fall Campaign received the green light to go ahead as part of Phase 2 of the City's Recovery Plan and kicked off with Early Bird Registration which opened August 15.

With gatherings permitted of 100 people when outdoors, while maintaining physical distancing, the program was able to proceed. Registered participants will receive the necessary documentation regarding health & safety procedures for COVID-19 to ensure a safe process is followed. Register your cleanup projects online at Ottawa.ca/Clean or by calling 613 580-2424, extension 13458. The campaign will run from September 15 – October 15.

Enforcement of on-street parking limits resumes

As of Monday, September 21, the City has resumed enforcement of parking in excess of time

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My newsletter contains updates on city decisions, planning files, community initiatives and more.



limits in all areas of the city, including those that are not marked with signs. Parking limits in unsigned areas are three hours, Monday to Friday, between 7 am and 7 pm, and six hours on weekends and statutory holidays, between 7 am and 7 pm.

Initially, parking control officers will issue warning notices to vehicles that are parked longer than the allowable time limits. Officers will begin to issue tickets on Thursday, October 1.

Enforcement of overtime parking on streets without posted signs only occurs on a complaint basis.

UPCOMING EVENTS

River Ward E-Waste Depot: September 26

You are invited to bring your old electronic devices to the Hunt Club – Riverside Park Community Centre on Saturday, September 26 from 10-4pm. Anything with a battery or plug is accepted. I am partnering again this year with Junk that Funk for this annual Earth Day event that had to be postponed due to COVID-19.

COVID-19 protocols will be followed strictly at this event. Please stay with your vehicle, wear a mask, and follow all directions by staff on site.

- The Junk that Funk crew will be wearing masks and gloves for your protection.
- Customers must stay with their vehicle and follow directions of staff on site for where to park.
- Junk that Funk staff will remove items from your vehicle.
- Wear a mask if you must exit your vehicle.
- Drive away when vehicle cleared.
- Conduct a self-assessment before attending the event <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/>.
- Do not attend the E-Waste Depot if you do not feel well or have been in recent contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

River Ward is the reigning champion for greatest volume of e-waste collected at these annual events. Let's ensure we continue to hold the title!

Older Adult Summit—Autumn 2020

My office is reviewing and planning to host the Annual River Ward Older Adult Summit in some capacity in late October or early November. We will work with Ottawa Public Health to ensure all COVID-19 protocols are in place. The event would be scaled down from previous years and would be limited to two guest speakers in a 90-minute session.



River Ward E-WASTE DEPOT

Saturday, Sept.26, 10-4

Hunt Club - Riverside Park Community Centre
3320 Paul Anka Drive - Parking lot

Items accepted at the e-waste depot include:

Televisions, monitors, Desktop computers and terminals,
Laptop computers, Desktop printers, Fax machines
Disk drives, CD-ROM drives, Keyboards and mice
Amplifiers, stereos, speakers, receivers
Cameras, digital cameras, Copiers, fax machines, scanners
Pagers, PDAs, Radios
Telephones, cellphones, answering machines
VCR and DVD players

They will not accept cardboard, plastics, any garbage, lightbulbs or hazardous material (Paint, gas, solvents)



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Take advantage of this opportunity to clear the extra electronics out of the basement and prevent them from going to landfill.

WARD BOUNDARY UPDATE

The City of Ottawa is reviewing its ward boundaries. The last major review was completed in 2005 and established the City's 23 wards.

Ward boundaries must be reviewed periodically to balance population numbers and achieve other components of effective representation, as established by the Supreme Court of Canada and Ontario's Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (formerly the Ontario Municipal Board).

Since the last major ward boundary review 15 years ago, Ottawa has seen considerable population growth, especially in suburban wards outside the Greenbelt. Some wards are growing twice as fast as others, creating population imbalances.

The Ottawa Ward Boundary Review 2020 is meant to establish boundaries that can be used in at least three municipal elections (2022, 2026 and 2030) and, perhaps, a fourth municipal election in 2034.

Based on direction from City Council, an independent, third-party consultant team is conducting the Ottawa Ward Boundary Review 2020 to ensure it is objective and impartial. The team is consulting the public, Members of Council and stakeholder groups, including school boards.

The project includes two rounds of public consultation. Residents and businesses are able to share their thoughts through surveys and discussions.

Initially, five options were proposed by the independent consultants with the following impacts on River Ward:

- **Option 1** increases the number of wards to 25, with 13 urban wards, nine suburban wards and three rural wards. More or less keeps River Ward as is.
- **Option 2** increases the number of wards to 24, with 12 urban wards, nine suburban wards and three rural wards. More or less keeps River Ward as is.
- **Option 3** maintains the current number of wards, 23, and includes 11 urban wards, nine suburban wards and three rural wards. Splits River Ward at Heron Road. Merges northern half in to Capital Ward, merges southern half in to Knoxdale-Merivale Ward. Ridgemont goes to Gloucester-Southgate.
- **Option 4** also maintains the number of wards at 23. It also includes 11 urban wards, nine suburban wards and three rural wards. The boundaries for each ward are different than those in option three. Splits River Ward at Heron Road. Merges northern half in to Capital Ward, merges southern half in to Knoxdale-Merivale Ward. Ridgemont goes to Gloucester-Southgate.
- **Option 5** reduces the number of wards to 17, with nine urban wards, six suburban wards and two rural wards. Splits River Ward in to four different wards.

On July 9, 2020, City Council directed the consultants to create a 6th option that would mitigate the impact on wards that don't have a population imbalance.

- **Option 6** increases the number of wards to 24, with 12 urban wards, nine suburban wards and three rural wards. It minimizes ward boundary changes. More or less keeps River Ward as is (changes noted above).

Following a on-line discussion with community association Presidents on July 22, whereby we discussed the ward boundary review and preliminary options, some of which are very intrusive on the geographic boundaries and communities of River Ward, I immediately picked up the phone and arranged a conference call with the consultants. In speaking with them, I underlined the need to keep Carlington and Hunt Club intact and the desire of Ridgemont to stay within River Ward. The consultants listened and when they developed Option 6, the ward is more or less as we know it today with my requests honoured.

The noted changes are refining the southern boundary to Hunt Club Road, eliminating the residential, commercial and airport from the ward along the south side of Hunt Club and including the Westgate Shopping Centre lands, currently in Kitchissippi Ward and Canadian Tire / Corel block between Clyde and the Queensway.

My preferred Option at this time is Option 6.

An on-line survey remains open until Friday (September 25) seeking public feedback on the six options. Visit ottawa.ca/wardboundary

This is the second round of consultations. Round 1 took place in March 2020 with an online survey and public consultations to get input on the existing ward boundaries. The consultant team’s Options Report was considered by Council on July 15, 2020. The final report with recommendations for new ward boundaries is scheduled to be considered by the Finance and Economic Development Committee and Council in December 2020.

How to give your feedback on the six ward boundary options

Give your feedback online at ottawa.ca/wardboundary or register to take part in one of the upcoming virtual consultation sessions on Zoom. Following registration at ottawa.ca/wardboundary, you will receive an email with a passcode and login information.

The remaining sessions are as follows:

Tuesday, September 22, 2020, 7 to 9 pm (rural focus)

Wednesday, September 23, 2020, 7 to 9 pm (urban focus)

As always, please let me know if you have any questions, comments or concerns.



Mental Health Support
You are not alone!

The COVID-19 pandemic is a very difficult time for many of us. It is normal to feel stressed and worried. Please know that there is help available in our community.



Help is available
If you or someone you know is having a hard time coping, please reach out for help. Visit counsellingconnect.org to talk to a counsellor by phone or video. This is a free service for all ages and you can get help for many different problems. You can get an appointment the same day or the next day. **Services are also offered** specifically for First Nations, Inuit, and Metis people. You can also call The Walk-in Counselling Clinic at 613-755-2277 or go to walkincounselling.com. They have services in English, French, Arabic, Spanish, Somali, Cantonese and Mandarin at different locations.

If you need to talk to someone right now, these services are here for you 24 hours a day, every day of the week.

- **Distress Centre of Ottawa and Region** at 613-238-3311 in English
- **Tel-Aide Outaouais** at 613-741-6433 in French
- **Crisis Line** at 613-722-6914, if you are 16 or older (Bilingual)
- **Youth Service Bureau crisis line** at 613-260-2360 or chat at chat.ysb.ca, if you are 12 to 18 years old or parent (Bilingual)
- **Kids Help Phone** at 1-800-668-6868 or text 686868 if you are under 20 years old (Bilingual)

For more resources and supports please visit OttawaPublicHealth.ca/COVIDMentalHealth



Financial Support

If you or someone you know is struggling financially due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there is information and support available from the Federal, Provincial, and Local governments. For more information visit ottawa.ca/support-and-assistance or call 311.

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