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**Carlington Community Association  
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**Dear friends and neighbours of Carlington,**

Happy February to you all.

I hope an early spring is in our future!

I also want to acknowledge that February is Black History month. Take time this month to recognize, acknowledge, learn and understand the significant contributions that Black residents of our city make on a daily basis.

#### Downtown Occupation

Police Chief Peter Sloly resigned today. The responsibility for overseeing the downtown occupation and restoring order will be led jointly by the RCMP and OPP in the interim, while the Ottawa Police Services Board decides how to fill the vacancy.

There has been widespread dissatisfaction amongst residents of Ottawa on how the current occupation was handled, from the lack of visible preparation in advance, to the actions and behaviours witnessed during the first weekend, lack of any enforcement whatsoever, images of hate and disrespect and as days progressed, an occupation that was growing, not being contained with any significant firm hand in control of the situation.

Ottawa City Council has approved a set of motions that formally requested additional resources, mainly, additional police officers, increased set fines for a litany of bylaw offenses, formally condemned all acts of hate and directed Legal Counsel to seek an injunction on 5 chronic issues in the downtown core, complementing one that a private citizen was granted against the train and truck horns.

My expectations have been very clear, every single day, there needs to be significant progress in closing the occupation down and returning the streets to the people of Ottawa. Protests are welcome, it is the right of every Canadian to participate, occupations are not.

#### **Passing of Luciano Pradal**

I would like to extend my condolences to the Pradal Family on the loss of Luciano. His gregarious nature, proud Italian spirit, love of our City's history and engagement in the community will be missed.

# LIFTING OF COVID RELATED RESTRICTIONS

## Timelines for Ontario's Reopening Plan

### Effective February 17, 2022

Ontario will further ease public health measures, including, but not limited to:

- Increasing social gathering limits to 50 people indoors and 100 people outdoors
- Increasing organized public event limits to 50 people indoors, with no limit outdoors
- Removing capacity limits in the following indoor public settings where proof of vaccination is required, including but not limited to:
  - Restaurants, bars and other food or drink establishments without dance facilities
  - Non-spectator areas of sports and recreational fitness facilities, including gyms
  - Cinemas
  - Meeting and event spaces, including conference centres or convention centres
  - Casinos, bingo halls and other gaming establishments
  - Indoor areas of settings that choose to opt-in to proof of vaccination requirements.
- Allowing 50 per cent of the usual seating capacity at sports arenas
- Allowing 50 percent of the usual seating capacity for concert venues and theatres
- Increasing indoor capacity limits to 25 per cent in the remaining higher-risk settings where proof of vaccination is required, including nightclubs, restaurants where there is dancing, as well as bathhouses and sex clubs
- Increasing capacity limits for indoor weddings, funerals or religious services, rites, or ceremonies to the number of people who can maintain two metres physical distance. Capacity limits are removed if the location opts-in to use proof of vaccination or if the service, rite, or ceremony is occurring outdoors.

Capacity limits in other indoor public settings, such as grocery stores, pharmacies, retail and shopping malls, will be maintained at, or increased to, the number of people who can maintain two metres physical distance.

In addition, as of 8:00 a.m. on Friday, February 18, 2022, Ontario is expanding booster dose eligibility to youth aged 12 to 17. Appointments can be booked through the [provincial booking system](#) and the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre, as well as at [select pharmacies](#) administering the Pfizer vaccine. Appointments will be booked for approximately six months (168 days) after a second dose. To book an appointment online, individuals must be 12 years old at the time of appointment.

### Effective March 1, 2022

Ontario intends to take additional steps to ease public health measures if public health and health system indicators continue to improve. This includes lifting capacity limits in all remaining indoor public settings.

Ontario will also lift proof of vaccination requirements for all settings at this time. Businesses and other settings may choose to continue to require proof of vaccination. Masking requirements will remain in place at this time, with a specific timeline to lift this measure to be communicated at a later date.

To manage COVID-19 over the long-term, public health units can deploy local and regional responses based on local context and conditions.

## **WINTER IN THE COMMUNITY**

### **Be a Hydrant Hero**

The City of Ottawa's Water Services maintains more than 23,000 fire hydrants throughout the winter months, ensuring they are in operation for firefighters in the event of a fire.

To help, the City is encouraging you to be hydrant heroes and keep your local hydrant clear of snow. Clearing 1.5 metres around a hydrant maintains access for our firefighters and keeps you, your family and your community safe.

Children and youth who participate will receive an electronic Hydrant Hero certificate. Youth volunteers can also participate in this program to get their community involvement hours.

Visit [ottawa.ca/hydranthero](http://ottawa.ca/hydranthero) to request your electronic Hydrant Hero certificate, share your photo, or to request confirmation of community service hours.

### **Did you know?**

Beginning in December, the Water Services team begins proactively monitoring the City's 23,000 hydrants to ensure that they're in operation for our firefighters in the event of a fire. Each team member covers approximately 1,000 hydrants and follows a consistent schedule. If you're unable to clear your hydrant, staff will reach it, but this can take 2 to 3 weeks following a significant winter storm.

### **Clean your Vehicle of Snow and Ice**

(Ottawa Safety Council submission)

After a snowstorm, do you clean off your vehicle? Your entire vehicle - windows, roof, hood, and trunk? Removing ice and snow from your vehicle is necessary to keep you, pedestrians, cyclists, and other motorists safe.

- Removing snow from your vehicle improves visibility
- Removing snow from your vehicle prevents needless damages and injuries
- Removing snow from your vehicle is the law

Snow and ice from a moving vehicle can result in cracked or broken windshields and fatal injuries. Drivers have also been known to swerve in an attempt to avoid the snow or ice coming at them and depending on what is in the lane next to them, could cause an accident. Pedestrians and cyclists are not immune to being hurt from flying snow and ice either. This debris can hit them at any time with varying results of injury, including death. Taking the time to clean all the snow and ice from your vehicle not only makes sense, but also prevents accidents, damages, and injuries to those on and off the road. Getting rid of the snow and ice from your car may add a few extra minutes to your daily routine, but it can keep everyone safer during the winter, both on and off the roads. For more information, visit, how removing snow from your vehicle makes winter roads safer for everyone. Everything you need to know about winter operations in the City of Ottawa may be found here: <https://ottawa.ca/en/parking-roads-and-travel/road-and-sidewalk-maintenance/winter-maintenance>

### **Local Snow Operations**

Our winter so far this year has been reasonable, with moderate snowfall accumulations. You will recall in January; we received a significant snowfall of approx. 50 cm.

My staff and I assisted many Carlington residents with various snow clearing issues, including a late-night tour and visit with the snow operations staff on January 19. Thank you to the residents who alerted me to various issues. I have advocated for better service, in particular, pedestrian pathways over the years and while some positive changes have been implemented, I will continue to push the Snow Ops Teams for quality service.

## What to expect during a winter storm



Minimum depth of snow before we deploy		End of snowfall – time needed to clear snow
At accumulation	Major roads – Highway 174 and Transitway	
2.5 cm	Downtown core, winter cycling network	4 hours
5 cm	Secondary roads	6 hours
5 cm	Most sidewalks	16 hours
7 cm +	Most residential roads	10 hours
	Bus Stops	24 hours

**Ottawa** \*\*\* A significant snow or ice event may require service adjustments \*\*\*

### **Plowing through a winter storm**

After a severe snowstorm, operators may have to plow a street twice. Sometimes a grader or dump truck with front and wing plows will do a first pass, followed by a sand/salt truck, to clear a small amount of snow and make sanding/salting more effective.

To clear a cul-de-sac, operators will push the remaining snow to the centre or outside of the street, depending on the available area.

In the early winter, the City removes ruts that have formed on snow-packed surfaces. This keeps catch basin open and helps prevent flooding.

- Major roads, arterials, and major collector roads: Plows are deployed at the start of accumulation.
- After the last snowflake falls:
  - Major roads, arterials, and major collectors: Within four hours. Roads will not be bare pavement during a storm.
  - Minor collector roads: Within six hours
  - Residential roads and lanes: Within 10 hours

Under extreme winter storm conditions (i.e. those that exceed normal conditions), snow and ice control operations will be carried out based on the capacity of resources in as continuous a manner as practicable. This will give crews the flexibility to provide relief in residential areas while simultaneously maintaining and clearing priority roads.

## Ottawa Plowing through a winter storm

When crews are deployed

**When storm begins**

**Highway 174 and Transitway**

**Major roads and arterials**  
(Woodroffe, Montreal Road, Bank, etc.)

**After accumulation**

Sidewalks and cycle lanes in the downtown core

Secondary roads and minor collectors  
(Chapel, Dovercourt, Springbrook, etc.)

Residential roads and lanes  
(Billings, Waverley, Smith, etc.)

Residential sidewalks

Cleaning up intersections and pedestrian crossings

Bus stops

## TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN

Ottawa has grown into a city of one million residents. Over the next 25 years, that number is expected to grow to more than 1.4 million. With that kind of growth, how goods, people and vehicles move through our city, will set the course for the future.

As we set the vision for our updated Transportation Master Plan, we have important decisions to make as individuals and as a city. While some might be easy, others will require more thought. We need to have thoughtful and meaningful discussions to ensure Ottawa becomes the most liveable mid-sized city in North America.

Transportation decisions affect all of Ottawa's residents and businesses. No matter if you walk, drive, cycle, bus, take the light rail transit or scoot, whether you ship products or have them delivered, or whether you own or share a car, how people and goods move through the city affects you. All the choices we make moving forward will require some give and take. That's why we want to hear from you! Tell us what's important to you, what makes you tick, how you get around and how our transportation system can move us in the right direction for decades to come.

There are 70 draft policies that the city is including in the Master Plan. They focus primarily on:

- building a clean and sustainable transportation system;
- creating a more equitable transportation system;
- using transportation to support the city we want to build;
- maximizing walkability;
- developing a great cycling city;
- expanding and improve transit city-wide;
- providing safe, multimodal streets;
- managing the curb, parking, and the movement of goods; and,
- advancing transportation demand manage.

Stay Involved! There are a series of Survey's designed to engage communities help form our draft policies and guide our city into the future! Click <https://engage.ottawa.ca/transportation-master-plan>

The deadline for input has been extended to February 18, though you are encouraged to provide feedback as soon as you can.

*An open house was scheduled for tonight, focusing on the proposed policies but this **has since been postponed**.* This will be an opportunity to learn more about the TMP policies and take part in a question-and-answer session. Those interested in attending can [register here](#).

## LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

### Ottawa Civic Hospital

The Planning Committee of the City of Ottawa met on February 10 to review the site plan for Phase 1 of the new Ottawa Civic Hospital, that is, the parking garage.

The site plan was approved. Construction is expected to commence in late spring, early summer, 2022.

A working group of local community associations, including the CCA, will be struck in the coming weeks to review anticipated traffic flows and strategies to ensure local neighbourhoods are not infiltrated by traffic.

There is also an interest to review the plans to shift the modal share from private automobile to transit and active transportation. There are aggressive targets set over the course of a few decades.

Many amendments were put forward at both the site plan and master site plan meetings, focusing on tree retention, relocation and the timing of new plantings, transit service, pedestrian mobility, cycling infrastructure.

I had multiple amendments approved, two of which request Agriculture Canada to refresh their Master Plan for the Farm and that legislation be enacted to protect the Farm from future development.

### **Travelodge Phase 1 & 2 (1354 & 1376 Carling Ave.)**

In January I met with the new general contractors (Reliance Construction) for the Travelodge development. I reiterated the litany of complaints and concerns that residents have had in the past and continue to have.

The temporary barriers on Meath and Archibald, that were constantly moved, have been replaced by construction fences with a chain and lock. For emergency access purposes, the Deputy Fire Chief said that fire services would easily cut through the chains if required. The maintenance of the barriers is the responsibility of the general contractor. As well, at the request and with permission of a business and a homeowner, concrete barriers were placed at the edge of the property to prevent any vehicles from driving on to their property. I have noticed that since my meeting there have been less concerns raised by residents.

- Site Plan and Zoning Bylaw Amendments have been approved for the development at 1354 and 1376 Carling Avenue
- The approvals allow for the construction of two, 20-storey towers and one, 22-storey tower fronting onto Carling Avenue as well as two, 8-storey buildings backing onto the existing residential homes on Thames Avenue
- There will be 900 residential units in the 5 buildings
- Phase 1 of the development is underway on the east side of the property with construction of one 20-storey building and an 8-storey building with underground parking.
- Phase 2 (Travelodge Hotel) will remain in operation until the estimated demolition in April. Concrete pouring for the foundation will occur in the first half of 2022 into 2023
- The retention of an identified heritage resource (the existing 'Japanese Steakhouse' or 'pavilion'), is a key component to the Phase 2 development. This structure has specific design, historical and contextual value which has led to its retention.
- A new public park will be built along Meath Street, between the street and the 8-storey residential building. The amenities of this new park will be decided by the public during rounds of consultations I will host at a later date.

### **Second Chance Autos (1330 Carling Ave./815 Archibald)**

A 24-storey, mixed use building is proposed, with commercial at grade and residential uses above, a total of 175 residential units in total.

Residential parking is proposed to be provided below-grade, with limited at-grade surface parking to support commercial units. Section 37 benefits (\$250K) will be directed towards expanding the Carlington Community Gardens and permanent traffic calming initiatives in Carlington.

The applicant has submitted a 2nd round of revisions for their site plan control application. As of February 2, the revisions were being circulated internally at City Hall and will be reviewed in full within the week. Once that process is finalized the planner will proceed with preparing a delegatory authority report for me to sign off on. Construction for this development will likely take place in the second half of 2022.

I have requested that some Section 37 funds be released ahead of schedule to assist the Carlington Community Garden with their planned expansion. The Garden committee and I had a detailed meeting last week about their plans for the garden and I have committed to teasing out some funds if possible. Section 37 are normally released once the building permit fees have been paid.

### **1110 Fisher Decision**

I was disappointed with the news on December 7, 2021, that the community's appeal of City Council's decision, approving the development application for 1110 Fisher Avenue, had been dismissed.

A valiant effort was put in by the Association, with great thanks in particular to Nelson Coyle, as well as local property owner Mary Anne Turnbull, Carlington resident Ruby Puni and many others who provided input, guidance and support.

The land owner is required to file a site plan application as the next step of the development process. I do not expect this will be a speedy process.

### **1435-1455 Morisset**

The City of Ottawa has received a Zoning By-law Amendment and Site Plan Control application to permit the development of a 4-storey, low-rise apartment building containing 31 residential apartment units and 12 parking spaces on the western portion of the 1435 Morisset Avenue.

A public information session was held in September 2021. Planning staff are consolidating comments and this file is not expected to appear at the Planning Committee any time soon.

### **Lepage Larkin Larose Road, Sewers and Watermain Reconstruction Project Update**

- All underground infrastructure work completed on Lepage (2021)
- All curb work completed on Lepage
- Base lift of asphalt completed on Lepage
- All 22 affected driveways on Lepage have been reinstated
- Rough landscaping completed
- Road maintenance transferred to operations

Contractor shutdown for winter as of late November.  
20% of the project has been completed, start up again in the Spring of 2022.

## **Morisset Avenue Pump Station (formerly Carlington Heights Pump Station)**

The City of Ottawa is planning to upgrade the Carlington Heights Pump Station (CHPS). The main objective of the upgrades is to improve the reliability of water supply to roughly one third of the City's central water distribution system, and to provide additional capacity needed to accommodate future urban growth. The CHPS was originally constructed in 1963. It draws water directly from the adjacent Carlington Heights Reservoir and supplies a population of over 250,000.

The new Morisset Avenue pump station is currently under design, expected to commence construction in 2022 with an anticipated two-year construction duration. The new pump station will be located on the west side of the reservoir, and the existing pump station will remain in operation throughout the construction period. The existing pump station will only be decommissioned and demolished after the new pump station has been fully commissioned and is operating to the full satisfaction of the City.

On February 28 I will be meeting with the project manager to review this project and to establish a date for a public information session.

## **Harrold Place Park Gazebo**

A commemorative naming application has been submitted by my office to name the Harrold Place Park Gazebo after the late Linda-Lou Dodd.

Linda was a long-term resident of Carlington (Crown Cres) and devoted volunteer on the CCA.

The application must go through a public process and will likely be before Committee and Council in May for approval.

## **INFRASTRUCTURE**

### **Alexander Community Centre Expansion**

**As part of the 2022 Budget, I was able to secure \$8.5 million for the expansion and renovation of the Alexander Community Centre. This is excellent news for Carlington and culminates years of work to get this as a City of Ottawa priority.**

I will be meeting with Parks and Recreation as well as the Ottawa Public Library again this week to continue discussions on the final design, the computer lab, timing for the tender etc.

Yesterday, I met with the CEO of the Ottawa Public Library to discuss options for service in the branch. As a reminder, in absence of a completed Master Facilities Plan for the entire City, a blueprint for new capital investments, there remains some hesitation from senior OPL management on committing to a branch at the ACC. What may be likely, is that in the interim, a commitment for a number of years may be the result, until the OPL can solidify the type of service it wants to commit to for Carlington in the long term. The OPL Board, for which I am a member, will need to make a key decision this calendar year.

### **Kirkwood Avenue Redesign and Truck Inquiry**

On December 2, I hosted a consultation session with local residents regarding a plan to decrease the travel lanes on Kirkwood from 4 to 2 and use the surplus space to create bike lanes in each direction. It



is proposed to also include a middle turning lane. Thank you to all those who participated, a [video was recorded for residents who were unable to attend](#). The [presentation can also be viewed on my website](#).

I will be meeting with staff on February 16 to review all public comments received to date to ensure that modifications that can be implemented as part of a revised concept, are actioned. It is my objective to proceed with the 'road diet' for Kirkwood Avenue, between Merivale and Carling this calendar year.

At the March Transportation Committee, City staff will file their reply to my Public Inquiry regarding the volume of heavy trucks on Kirkwood and whether there are viable options to redirect. I will share the staff report with the Association in advance of the Committee meeting.

## **COMMUNITY STUDIES**

### **Carlington Vet Housing Study**

The [Carlington North Veterans' Housing Heritage Study](#) is wrapping up and Heritage Planning staff are currently drafting a study report and recommendations for heritage conservation. The draft report and recommendations will be shared with residents and community in the weeks ahead.

Heritage Planning staff look forward to meeting with members of the Carlington Community Association later in February.

In March, staff plan to host a public information meeting open to all. The public information session is tentatively scheduled for Tues March 15 at 7pm.

Draft timeline:

Mar 1 – Letters arrive in mailboxes inviting residents to view recommendations on [ottawa.ca](#) and to attend the Mar 15 information session

Mar 15 – Public information session held on Zoom; Comments and feedback considered by staff

Apr 5 – Report & recommendations are published at [ottawa.ca/agendas](#)

Apr 12 – Report & recommendations presented to Built Heritage Sub-Committee and subject to a vote

Apr 27 – Report & recommendations presented to City Council and subject to a vote

## **EVENTS**

### **International Women's Day Virtual Event**

I will be hosting my annual International Women's Day speaker event virtually via Zoom on Thursday March 10, from 6:30pm to 8pm. Further details to be released in the coming weeks. If you would like to pre-register with my office, send me an email at: [Riley.Brockington@ottawa.ca](mailto:Riley.Brockington@ottawa.ca)

### **Earth Day Weekend**

On April 23, I will host my annual Earth Day event. Junk That Funk will be hosting an E-waste depot in the Metro parking lot on McCarthy Road, at Paul Anka. More details will be released in April

### **Raven Park – Ottawa Markets**

I am working with the Ottawa Markets to return to Raven Park this summer for at least two community market events. Stay tuned, for more details and dates.

### Carlington Street Market



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OTTAWA STREET MARKETS FAMILY  
OTTAWA'S ONLINE FARMERS'  
MARKETS

Local produce, take home meals and handmade products from over 40 vendors year round.

Convenient local pick up at  
Carlington Coffee House  
917 Merivale Road  
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