



COUNCILLOR/CONSEILLER RILEY BROCKINGTON



Carlington Community Association General Meeting September 13, 2023

Dear Board of Directors and Members of the Carlington Community Association,

I hope you had an enjoyable summer.

It was a busy season in River Ward and I am pleased to provide a number of updates in this report. I would be pleased to answer questions on the content of the report or any other matter

Sincerely,
Riley

ALEXANDER COMMUNITY CENTRE UPDATE

Alexander Community Centre expansion and renovation: The goal in 2023 is to complete the plan to secure the remaining \$4.8 million needed to commence construction on this \$10+ million project. I am committing \$1 million from River Ward cash-in-lieu account (current balance \$1.5 million).

As a quick recap on financing:

- The Alexander CC expansion was valued at \$10.9m in 2019.
- We currently have \$4.2m from Development Charge revenues, \$347K from Westgate Shopping Mall redevelopment and a new \$507K from the 2023 budget.
- This leaves us with a requirement of \$5.8m to be fully funded.

As part of recent work by Parks and Rec on the 2024 update of the DC Bylaw, we are asking to escalate values by 40% to account for significant increases in construction costs.

OTTAWA PUBLIC LIBRARY UPDATE

Report 1 – River Ward Library Services

This report is a result of a City Council motion I moved during the 2023 Budget deliberations and meeting that I hosted with community leaders and OPL staff in June 2023.

The document outlines the following:

- Context and a general recap of the discussion and feedback we heard at the meeting on June 15
- Priorities that OPL can action in the short-term
- Priorities that OPL can action in the long-term

- Priorities that require additional support
- A selection of recent OPL activity in River Ward

Priorities that OPL can action in the short-term:

- Increased children’s programming.
- Increased teen programming.
- Increased promotion of Homebound services.
- Continued outreach and community event participation.

Library service recommendations for 2023:

Continuing as usual:

- Vending Kiosk, holds lockers, and return bin at Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Centre
- Bookmobile stops
- Monthly storytimes at Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Centre (September, October, November, December)
- Community outreach & special event activities
- School visits

New for Q4:

- Monthly storytimes at Carlington Community Centre (to be promoted on OPL events web page) (October, November, December)
 - o Suggest daytime Family Storytime because City staff indicated that there are already programs for school-aged kids at the Community Centre during the after-school hours.
- Monthly storytimes at Banff Ledbury Community Centre (to be promoted on OPL events web page)
 - o October, November, December
 - o Suggest daytime Family Storytime because City staff indicated that there are already programs for school-aged kids at the Community Centre during the after-school hours.
- Outreach and information campaign about Homebound Services.
- To celebrate Library Month in October, OPL will partner with Manock Lual from Presidential Basketball. Manock is dedicated to bridging the gap faced by disadvantaged youth in Ottawa, and particularly racialized teens living in low-income communities. OPL will co-host three events in River Ward in October, where we will promote literacy and social inclusion by disseminating free copies of the young adult book *Stamped* by Jason Reynolds.

Next steps:

In conjunction with City Recreation staff, OPL staff will confirm room bookings for the above-mentioned storytimes and will create promotional materials to advertise them. OPL will also distribute information about homebound services to recreation centers, retirement homes, community partners, and local organizations in River Ward. As well, OPL will continue to attend outreach and community events in 2023. OPL will evaluate these programs and services on an ongoing basis to determine future activities and plans.

Report 2- Facilities Framework Gap Analysis and Prioritization Criteria

File Number: OPLB-2023-0912-10.2

Report Recommendations:

That the Ottawa Public Library Board:

1. **Receive the gap analysis, as attached in Document 1, and further described in this report;**
2. **Approve changes to the Equity scoring matrix, as further described in this report;**
3. **Approve changes to the Distance scoring matrix, as further described in this report;**
4. **Approve the prioritization list, as attached in Document 2 – Table 2, as further described in this report;**
 - a. **Direct staff to reassess the prioritization list with new data provided by the Neighbourhood Equity Index, and to report back if there are significant differences;**
5. **Approve the closure of capital order # 910218 Carlington Community Branch and direct staff to return the remaining balance to the Library Reserve; and,**
6. **Direct staff to deliver the complete Facilities Master Plan to the Board in Q1 of 2025.**

History and Background:

In September 2016, the OPL Board received and approved report OPLB-2016-0181 Facilities Framework and Investment and Growth Planning. The document set out to provide a Facilities Framework; confirm OPL's Branch Renewal Priorities (2016- 2021); and identify OPL's New Library Building Priorities. The 2016 Facilities Framework was intended to provide staff with an approach to ensure that existing library facilities are properly maintained, renewed and/or retrofitted to deliver modern day library services that meet customer needs, and to describe and define when and where new library facilities are built. However, while the document provided for drivers of change in general terms there were no established criteria to support decision-making and priority setting. As such, in 2020 staff committed to developing a complete Facilities Master Plan to support asset management, address current demands and future growth needs, enable long-term sustainability and fiscal ability to manage requirements.

In April 2022, the Board approved OPL's new Service Delivery Framework (SDF) (OPLB-2022-0503), which describes the overarching services offered as well as the ways the public can access those services. The SDF identified five service categories: Collections, Expertise, Programs, Spaces, and Tools, and identified the three channels of delivery: Virtual, Facility, and Mobile. The Facilities Framework identifies OPL's approach to facilities to support the delivery of in-person services at OPL locations.

In November 2022, the Board approved the Facilities Framework (OPLB-2022-1108- 10.2). As part of that report, staff were directed to use the approved decision criteria to complete an assessment of library facility gaps and to report back to the Board no later than Q3 2023 with the prioritized list.

The purpose of this report is to report back to the Board with the findings from the gap analysis (Document 1), to seek Board approval for changes to the Decision Matrix and approval of the prioritization list (Document 2), to obtain approval to proceed with closing one capital account, and to provide an outline of the next steps for the development of the Facilities Master Plan.

DISCUSSION:

OPL's Facilities Master Plan (FMP) is intended to combine results and outcomes from the Facilities Framework and the Asset Management Plan, as described below. The FMP is unique and specific to OPL and developed within the Ottawa context with consideration of the wide geographic boundaries, the City's New Official Plan, and library-specific industry trends including the role of libraries as public spaces. The Facilities Framework outlines OPL's approach to the Facility Channel, as per the Service Delivery Framework. It is one way that OPL delivers services to clients.

OPL's Facility Framework outlines a two-step decision process to inform prioritization for new facility development. Step 1 is the Gateway Criterion which identifies neighbourhoods with a facilities gap based on the neighborhood's proximity to an existing public library branch. Neighbourhoods identified by Step 1 – Gateway Criterion subsequently progress to Step 2, to be assessed against the Prioritization Criteria, which consider three factors: equity, distance, and growth. Each neighborhood is assessed against these factors using a weighted decision matrix to reach a prioritization score, with neighborhoods ultimately ranked by score.

RIVER WARD IMPACTS:

A recommended prioritization matrix was developed as a result of the city-wide assessment that recommends new OPL facilities, ranking the top 30 neighbourhoods.

Old Hunt Club ranks 5th on the OPL prioritization list, Riverside Park – Mooney's Bay ranks 8th, Carleton Heights – Courtland Park ranks 11th and Riverside Park South – Revelstoke ranks 30th.

ULTIMATE DECISION HAS BEEN MADE:

Carlington is not mentioned at all on the prioritization list. According to the OPL, the average distance for a Carlington resident to an OPL branch is 2.94km, which is under the 3km minimum threshold to be considered for prioritization. I do not accept this. Using the Alexander Community Centre and 1485 Caldwell Avenue as two example addresses, the distances to both the Emerald Plaza and Carlington branches are well past 3km.

I spoke at the OPL meeting on September 12, requesting a one month deferral to allow the community an opportunity to review the report, its findings and recommendations. While I appreciate that the gap analysis report identifies gaps in much of River Ward, the OPL Board has a responsibility to determine how best to serve Carlington, based on feedback shared by community leaders and library service advocates.

The OPL Board, guided by the new CEO, did not see it that way. They voted to approve the set of recommendations that not only discontinued the Carlington Community Branch fund, they accepted a gap analysis with no recognition for Carlington's needs. They are all well aware of the potential partnership with the City to use the 2,500 square foot gymnasium in the Alexander CC. At this point, a small branch in the ACC is unlikely. The next best outcome will be to schedule programming and services from the OPL in to the Centre on a regular basis. The OPL has their own set of priorities and resource challenges, but there is a commitment, as bitter as it may taste at this moment in time, to further expand services in our community.

DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

1354 + 1376 Carling Ave (Travelodge)

The City of Ottawa was recently informed that the Travelodge West will be closing as of November 24, 2023. The City will be working to develop a plan for the families and associated supports. As more detailed plans on relocations are developed, the City will keep community partners informed.

Update on construction: The development reps, Holloway Lodging, expects to demolish the building shortly after the hotel closing on November 24. The second phase of the development will commence at this time. A demolition permit has not been issued at this time.

1640-1660 Carling Ave (former Canadian Tire retail site)

The City of Ottawa received a Zoning By-law Amendment application to permit a mixed-use development consisting of six residential towers with approximately 1,715 dwelling units and ground floor commercial, ranging in height from 9- to 40-storeys.

On June 28, I hosted a public Open House at the J A Dulude Arena. Councillor Leiper, City Planner and the Applicant team were present to provide information and engage with the community.

The applicant, RioCan is expected to submit a revised plan in the coming months.

The tenant, Altea Active have an agreement to lease the retail space from RioCan. The wellness and social club expect to open it's doors at the start of the new year.

Westgate Phase 1, Commencement of Phase 2

I had the opportunity to tour the recently completed residential building (Phase 1) at the Westgate Shopping Centre with RioCan representatives, Councillors Leiper and Tierney.

Rhythm Apartments is a 24-storey high-rise with a mix of studios, 1 bedrooms and 2 bedrooms.

The building includes many amenities:

- 24-hour Fitness Centre
- Yoga Studio/Meditation Lounge
- eSports Lounge
- Party Lounge
- Pet Spa
- Games Room with shuffleboard, wall scrabble, pool and arcade games
- Outdoor Lounge with BBQs, Bocce court and an oversized cheeseboard

The suites come in a variety of floorplans with 9-foot ceilings, and they all come with six full size appliances.

The RioCan Development team are presenting Phase 2 of Westgate to their Senior Executive Committee at the end of October. With approval to move forward with Phase 2, RioCan will commence their site plan application. Phase 2 was originally planned to go where the current Shopper's Drug Mart is located, however, Phase 2 is now slated to be built immediately north of the Phase 1 tower and would require the demolition of the eastern section of the Westgate Mall.

1240 Carling Ave

The City of Ottawa received a Site Plan Control application for 1240 Carling Avenue. The site is located on the southeast corner of Carling Avenue and Merivale Road. The applicant is proposing to develop a 3-storey low-rise apartment building with 18 residential units and 1 visitor parking space.

The City Planner will have the first consolidated comments to the applicant this week, which will include comments from various city groups, external agencies, and area residents. Once the comments are provided to the applicant, a revision will be likely to the proposal.

1083-1095 Merivale Road (Shepherds of Good Hope)

The City of Ottawa received a Site Plan Control application from the Shepherds of Good Hope for 1083-1095 Merivale Road. The site is located on the eastern side of Merivale Road, fronting onto the intersection of Kirkwood Avenue and Merivale Road. The applicant is proposing to develop a six-storey residential care facility containing 70 units. It is highly unlikely that the residents of this facility will own a vehicle. A total of 18 surface parking spaces and 2 barrier-free parking spaces are proposed. The existing three-storey facility will remain.

You are invited to attend a Public Information Session to learn more.

Where: Alexander Community Centre, 960 Silver St

Date: Tuesday, September 19

Time: 7 pm

INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATES

Lepage, Larose, Larkin – Integrated Road, Sewer, and Watermain Replacement Project

All work has been completed on the Lepage Larkin project including top lift of asphalt, signage installed, and road markings painted.

A temporary traffic calming sign is still in place waiting for the permanent one to be installed.

Remaining work / Correction of deficiencies:

- Connection of new street lighting (delayed due to Ottawa Hydro strike)
- Removal of the site trailer and reinstate sod once removed. Repair chain-link fencing at the site trailer location. (removal of site trailer delayed due to Ottawa Hydro strike)
- Repair the wood fence on the side yard of 939 McBride.
- Repair the bowed retaining wall at 985 Larkin.
- Some dead cedars at 1499 Larose need replacing.
- Small amount of sod to be placed at the cut sidewalk on S-E side of Larkin at Larose.
- Pave laneway at 1474-1476 Lepage.
- 1505 Larose is still owed two shrubs – upright sedums.

Viscount Ave Integrated Renewal

Staff are currently in the final stages of procuring a design consultant. Once the consultant is on board, work on the design will start.

Minor updates to the dates in the table below since the initial project update to reflect the project status.

The work to be completed is summarized in the table below. Please note that at this early stage the timelines provided are estimates only. Once the design stage is complete, Staff can provide us with more accurate timelines.

| Location | Type of Work | Schedule | Geotechnical /Environmental Investigation (boreholes) |
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| Viscount Ave from Carling Ave to Merivale Rd | Replacement of sanitary sewer, storm sewer, and watermain. Full road reconstruction including sidewalks and curbs (where applicable). | Design: Fall 2023 to Early 2025 Construction: 2025 to 2026 | Yes – anticipated to be completed in late Fall 2023 |

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| <p>Harrold PI from dead-end to dead-end</p> | <p>Replacement of sanitary sewers, storm sewer, and watermains. Abandon existing sanitary sewer between Harrold PI and Merivale Rd to eliminate sewer easement. Full road reconstruction including sidewalks and curbs (where applicable).</p> | | |
| <p>Veteran Ave from Crerar Ave to Viscount Ave</p> | <p>Replacement of storm sewer and watermain. New sanitary sewer from Harrold PI to Viscount Ave. Full road reconstruction including sidewalks and curbs (where applicable).</p> | | |
| <p>Merivale Rd from Viscount Ave to Carling Ave</p> | <p>Replacement of sanitary sewers and storm sewers.</p> | | |

2023 Road and Sidewalk Resurfacing Projects

Completed:

- Edgecliffe Ave from Caldwell Ave to Cavan St
- Trent St from Chevrier St to Fisher Ave

Ongoing:

- Cavan St from Edgecliffe Av to Lepage Ave
- Cavan St from Chatelain Ave to Raven Ave

AROUND CARLINGTON

Kirkwood Collision and Pending Survey

Last Friday evening, residents in the vicinity of Kirkwood/Laperriere experienced another collision of a motorist losing control of their vehicle and crashing in to a private vehicle parked on private property.

I was disappointed to learn of this incident, given a number of measures put into place on Kirkwood: the street has been redesigned, speed display boards were installed , there is a red light camera at Coldrey and the speed limit was reduced.

I have continued to bring these incidents to the attention of the Director of Traffic Services. I have asked if there are physical modifications that can be made to improve overall safety. Staff are reviewing this and will report back once completed. I will share that information with you once it becomes available.

When modifications were made to Kirkwood Avenue, I promised I would survey the community to acquire their feedback on their experience and to seek feedback on any changes that could be implemented to improve safety. Surveys are in the mail and will arrive in the coming days for Carlington West residents.

Carlington Gateway Signage

Residential streets in Carlington with the exception of two areas in the northern section of the neighbourhood are in the process of having their default speed limits set to and signed at 40 km.

Speed Board Repairs

Kirkwood Avenue: There are two speed boards on Kirkwood Avenue between Merivale Rd and Carling Ave – one facing northbound traffic and one facing southbound traffic. Both are now functional and will be reinstalled.

Speed Bumps

One speed bump has been installed on Trent Street. Prior to its installation, the City assessed the street and recommended the placement.

Confirmed Flex Stakes Locations (Work Orders Submitted)

| Location | Measure |
|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Anna Ave | Flex Stakes (new) |
| Kingston Ave | Flex Stakes (modification) |

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| Lexington | Flex Stakes (new) |
| Shillington | Flex Stakes (new) |
| Woodward | Flex Stakes (new) |
| Laperriere | Flex Stakes (new) |

Council approves 2024 Budget directions

Council today approved the 2024 budget directions, timeline and consultation process, with an overall tax increase (target) of up to 2.5 per cent, made up of various levies.

The draft operating and capital budget will be tabled at City Council on Wednesday, November 8. Each Standing Committee will meet in November and early December to consider their portions of Draft Budget 2024. Residents, businesses and community groups will be able to take part as public delegations, and to participate in any Councillor-led public budget consultations. Council will consider and adopt the final budget on Wednesday, December 6.

RIVER WARD EVENTS

River Ward Holiday Dinner

When: December 21 at 5pm

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

Admission: FREE

