

# Carlington Community Association AGM May 15, 2025



#### Dear Members of the CCA,

As we gather to reflect on a very busy year in Carlington and as plans unfold for the year ahead, we can agree on one thing - there are many projects in Carlington.

I want to start by offering a sincere expression of thanks and gratitude to all members of the CCA Board, volunteers and other contributors that work together to make Carlington such a great place to call home. There are many good things about our neighbourhood worth celebrating and for the challenges that exist, let us continue to work together constructively, to make necessary changes for good.

I appreciate the good work that the CCA does and thank all Board members who have decided to move on to new pursuits and welcome new members as they start new terms of service. I am committed to working closely with community groups, like the CCA, and am proud of my record.

Riley Brockington
City Councillor, River Ward

#### **Alexander Community Centre**

On February 5, 2025, Mayor Mark Sutcliffe and I hosted a special announcement before a packed gymnasium of local children, residents and

community leaders in the Alexander Community
Centre. As part of the 2025 City Budget, \$11.8
million has been secured to expand and renovate
the Centre. This fulfills a promise and commitment I
made to Carlington and Central Park residents to
modernize and expand our 60-year-old community
centre. This will truly become the local hub of the
community.

Final design consultations are expected this spring and summer with a possible groundbreaking in the Summer of 2026.

#### **RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS**

1058, 1062 and 1066 Silver Street (at Summerville)

On May 7, 2025, the City of Ottawa Planning staff approved the application for a minor by-law amendment.

The applicant plans to build a four-story apartment building with 46 units at the corner of Silver St and Summerville Ave.

The existing buildings at 1305, 1295, and 1291 Summerville will remain in place.

1145 Carling Avenue – The Royal Ottawa Hospital: Matthew Perry Foundation



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The Royal Ottawa Hospital – Matthew Perry Foundation intends to build three, low-rise apartment buildings on the north side of the Hospital, with heights of 3, 4 and 5 storeys.

Each floor of the buildings will be equipped with smaller communal spaces that include kitchens and gathering areas, promoting social interaction. The majority of the units will be bachelor-style, with a selection of larger units designed for families.

A daycare facility will be available for the children of both residents and staff, enhancing the community's family-friendly atmosphere. The staffing, programming, and resident plans are currently being developed and will be thoughtfully addressed throughout the three-year construction period, ensuring that the final development meets the needs of the community it will serve.

Along with the Matthew Perry Foundation key partners include The Royal Ottawa Hospital, Salus Ottawa, Ottawa Community Housing (OCH), Rideauwood and CAPSA.

1309 Carling Avenue – Westgate Mall Redevelopment

The first residential tower on the Westgate property (Carling at Merivale) was completed a couple years ago, and RioCan, the property owner is now re-assessing its vision for Phase 2 and the entire project. My office has encouraged RioCan to come back to the community for a session on their revised plans and I will host it as soon as they are ready.

#### 864 Lady Ellen – Access Self Storage Inc

Two new storage warehouses are planned to be built:

Building A: This will be a four-story building for self-storage units.

Building B: This will be a single-story building containing storage units.

### 970 & 974 Silver Street and1271 & 1275 Shillington Avenue

Four houses currently make up this L-shaped property, the future home of an apartment building. There are no timelines for construction at this time.

#### **Kingston Avenue Flooding**

On March 16, 2025, a flash-thaw and steady rain resulted in large volumes of surface water that caused flooding across the city.



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In Carlington, water from the western sections of the Experimental Farm, overwhelmed a culvert on Kingston Avenue, submerging the road and penetrating several homes on Kingston, Vale and Trenton, in addition to flooding the outdoor parking of the southern tower of the Fisher Estates apartments and Fisher Road, which Emergency Services eventually closed to all traffic.

I went door to door the next day and canvassed about 25 households, speaking with many neighbours and providing six pages of information on how to receive assistance.

Public Works continues to investigate the flood and related matters. As promised, at City Council, I filed this Inquiry:

Q1. What is Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's legal responsibility, with respect to containing surface water on its property to ensure water does not travel from its property, on to abutting private properties and municipal roads.

Q2. Is the current culvert, immediately east of 1178 Kingston Avenue sufficient in size to handle expected freshet volumes and will the City confirm it is both in good condition and free of any obstructions.

Q3. During the public consultation/engagement phase on the zoning bylaw amendment application for nine homes on the south side of Kingston Avenue, abutting the Farm, the City Planner, replying to community concerns about the capacity of the culvert, stated,

(October 18, 2017) "The applicant has submitted a report titled "Servicing Brief and Stormwater Management Report" which deals with the concerns you have outlined regarding water run-off. The city engineer will review the report and ensure that the post development flows are the same or better than the predevelopment flows." Given this commitment, what assessments following the construction of the nine homes on Kingston, which abut the current culvert, were undertaken by the City to ensure water flow was not negatively impacted?

Q4. Are there any other actions the City can take to mitigate future occurrences of flooding in this specific area?

Note: "Inquiry" means a written question filed by a Member at a Council or Committee meeting, in accordance with Section 33 of the Procedure Bylaw, where staff has been asked to provide additional information in writing about an existing by-law, program, policy, service, legislation or operational matter within the jurisdiction of Council or the respective committee.

#### **Comprehensive Zoning By-Law**

In a joint meeting on March 31, the Planning and Housing Committee and the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee received the second draft of the new Zoning By-law for Ottawa. Consultations on the second draft will continue through June.



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More information about how to provide feedback will be available at <a href="mailto:engage.ottawa.ca/zoning">engage.ottawa.ca/zoning</a>.

Major changes are coming to your neighbourhood! Join us for a hands-on workshop to learn all about the zoning bylaw review and how this will impact River Ward!

This will be a facilitated session from a private consultant, hired by myself.

When: Saturday, May 31, 9-11am

Where: Jim Durrell Recreation Centre, 1265

Walkley Road

RSVP required by call/email our office Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca | 613-580-2486

#### **NEW WAYS TO BUS**

New bus routes went into effect across the City on April 27.

Passengers in Carlington saw changes to

- Route 53, which now runs between Baseline and Tunney's Pasture. This bus is now serving Laperriere, Woodward, Maitland, Clyde, Merivale, Woodfield, Medhurst and Woodroffe.
- Route 85, which now runs between
  Bayshore and Lees stations. This bus is now
  running on Carling, Bronson/Booth,
  Catherine/Chamberlain/Isabella, Hawthorne
  and Lees, replacing the old route 55.

 Route 86, which now runs between Tunney's Pasture Station and Antares Drive. This bus is now running on Fisher and Prince of Wales.

We continue to encourage residents to reach out to our office if they experience challenges so we can monitor the impact of the changes and inform OC.

#### TMP Phase 5 Capital Projects (Proposed)

As part of the faze 5 of the transportation master plan the city is proposing the following

#### **Transit and Road Projects**

- Baseline Rapid bus corridor (Algonquin College to Billings Bridge)
- Carling Avenue (Lincoln Fields Station to Sherwood Drive)
  - Continuous bus lane project.
- Merivale Road (Woodfield Drive to Baseline Road)
  - Continuous bus lane project.
  - The rush-hour dedicated bus lane project on Merivale Rd between Baseline and Carling will be eliminated as a priority.

#### **Active Transportation Projects (Approved)**

- Coldrey Ave Sidewalk
  - Sidewalk along Coldrey Ave from Kirkwood Ave to Laperriere Ave.



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- Meadowvale Park Sidewalks
  - Trent St between Fisher Ave and Chevrier St.
  - Chevrier St from Summerville Ave to Hollington St.
  - Emperor Ave from Fisher Ave to Bakervale Dr.
  - Pathway from Kingston Ave at Hollington St to Experimental Farm Pathway.
  - Pathway between Kingston St at Silver St to Experimental Farm Pathway.
  - Pathways off Carling Ave at Parkdale Ave, and Fisher Ave at Shillington Ave, to Experimental Farm.
- Morisset Ave Sidewalk
  - Morisset Ave from Caldwell Ave to 1455 Morisset Ave.

#### **Cycling Projects**

- Experimental Farm Path Connections
  - Feasibility study of improved road crossings and connectivity to the Experimental Farm Pathway at Merivale Rd, Baseline Rd and Prince of Wales Dr.
- Clyde Ave N and Laperriere Ave
  - Separated cycling facilities and/or bike lanes on Clyde Ave N from Carling Ave to Laperriere Ave and on

Laperriere Ave from Clyde Ave N to Kirkwood Ave.

#### **ROAD AND SIDEWALK REABILITATION**

Shillington Ave – Merivale to Fisher

Crack sealing

General Ave

Sidewalk renewal

Hollington St - Shillington to Kingston

• Sidewalk replacement

#### **TRAFFIC CALMING ADDITIONS (2025)**

#### **Speed Camera**

Fisher Ave between Trent and McCooey

#### Ladder pavement marking

- Shillington at Admiral
  - East leg
  - West leg

#### **Speedhumps**

- Shillington (Under review)
- Kingston (Installation pending)

#### Flex Stakes

- Caldwell Ave
  - Morisset Ave to Merivale Rd
- Chatelain
  - McBride to Kirkwood



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#### Stop Bar Flex Stakes

- Anna Ave at Admiral Ave
- Shillington westbound at Admiral

#### **Planter Boxes**

- Location pending
- Awaiting community maintenance agreement

#### **PARK UPDATES**

#### **Raven Park**

Essential repairs have been completed at Raven Park in preparation for the upcoming wading pool season.

This spring, Parks Maintenance collaborated with a contractor to address significant deterioration of the concrete chamber supporting the wading pool operations. The repairs, which included fixing holes and jagged concrete, were necessary to ensure the safety and functionality of the area.

Work commenced earlier this spring, with the goal of minimizing disruption to park activities. The project was completed within a timeframe of approximately 2-3 weeks, with careful attention to cleanup efforts.

#### Meadowvale Terrace Park - Renewal Project

Here is the updated plan for the Meadowvale Terrace Park renewal project, which has been developed in response to community feedback and concerns regarding tree conditions.

- New Accessible Swing Set:
  - A new swing set designed for accessibility will be installed.
- Removal of Existing Planter and Tree
  - The existing planter, shrubs, and
     Norway Maple tree located north of the playground will be removed.
- Sand Play Area
  - A new sand play area will be created in the space where the existing tree will be removed.
- Retention of Manitoba Maple:
  - The existing Manitoba Maple tree, located west of the playground, will be retained and maintained by Forestry. It may be removed later if deemed necessary.
- Berm with Boulder Seating:
  - A berm with boulder seating will be added, facing the pool area.
- Additional Trees:
  - New trees will be planted as indicated in the attached sketch. We have requested a variety of fastgrowing trees to provide shade.
- Shade Structure:
  - A small shade structure, detailed as a "Future Umbrella Table," will be



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added with accessible seating through Community Infrastructure Levy Program (CILP) contributions.

The project is planned to be completed by June 30, 2025.

We appreciate the community's input and look forward to enhancing Meadowvale Terrace Park for everyone to enjoy.

### VOLUNTEER WITH THE FRIENDS OF CARLINGTON WOODS

### Submitted by: Sharon Boddy, Director, Friends of Carlington Woods

Spring is one of the best smelling, best looking seasons but it's also a time when a lot of damage can be done to new plants, shrubs, and trees. When new trails in the Carlington Woods are made, either for recreational purposes or to avoid puddles, new vegetation is easily damaged. Protect the Woods by staying on the trails, following posted dog leash laws, and picking up trash. At home, you can protect the critters in your yard by waiting until the daytime temperature is a consistent 12C-15C before raking. The old leaves nourish your soil, and there are many snoozing insects down there just waiting to pollinate your plants or be a meal for the birds.

Learn more about your natural environment by volunteering with the Friends of Carlington Woods. We have lots volunteer opportunities, for all ages and abilities, including:

- Invasive removal
- Native plantings
- Photography and on-site monitoring
- Building projects, e.g., protective natural fencing for new trees
- Growing new shrubs/trees from cuttings
- Periodic weeding and watering of two pollinator gardens

For more, email CarlingtonHampton@gmail.com, or check out our latest newsletter and some of our projects on our YouTube channel:

www.youtube.com/@friendsofcarlingtonhampton/videos.

#### NEW GUIDELINES FOR GARDENS NEAR A ROAD OR SIDEWALK

City Council recently made changes to rules impacting the boulevard, a portion of the public right of way.

#### What's new in 2025?

- Residents can plant food in their boulevard
- Raised garden beds and containers are allowed in some areas
- In all areas of the boulevard abutting residential property, owners and tenants can



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replace turf grass with a suitable alternative groundcover

Other things to keep in mind:

- There is a list of not permitted plants.
- The maximum plant height (including raised garden bed or container height) is 1.0 metre and 0.75 metre for corner lots.
- Materials such as river rock, stones, concrete, brick and pavers are not allowed.
- There are areas of the boulevard where you cannot plant a garden or place a raised garden bed or containers, including under municipal trees and within a ditch.
- Consuming food grown in the boulevard is done at your own risk.
- The City and utilities are not responsible for protecting, repair, replacing or reinstating a boulevard garden damaged while doing work.

For information on installing a free library box or garden in the boulevard next to your property visit <a href="https://oto.org/oto.com/oto.c

#### WATER RENEWAL PROJECT

#### Merivale (Carling to Kirkwood)

A public information session will be hosted in the fall of 2025 to inform local residents about the scope of work on this project. Since Merivale is a

traditional main street, extra staff resources will be included for public engagement and outreach. I am excited about this project as this will be the first true phase in redesigning Merivale Road, and making it a more vibrant, safe and aesthetically pleasing street, our neighbourhood's main street.

The Project Manager for the Merivale renewal will form a community working group. Individuals, business owners and community organizations, like the CCA, will be invited to join.

### Viscount Avenue, Harrold Place and Veteran Avenue

The project aims to replace old storm sewers, sanitary sewers, and watermains on Viscount Avenue, Harrold Place, and Veteran Avenue because they are in poor condition. It also includes sewer replacements on Merivale Road between Viscount Avenue and Carling Avenue. Additionally, the project will reconstruct the roadway on Viscount Avenue, Harrold Place, and Veteran Avenue, featuring new asphalt, curbs, catch basins, sidewalks, and traffic calming measures.

The project limits include:

- Viscount Avenue from Merivale Road to Carling Avenue
- Harrold Place from dead-end to dead-end



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- Veteran Avenue from Crerar Avenue to Viscount Avenue
- Merivale Road from Viscount Avenue to Carling Avenue

Construction is planned to start in spring 2025, with substantial completion in fall of 2026 and final completion in the summer of 2027.

#### **Anna and Crown**

This sewer, watermain and road renewal project is in the design phase. The existing water infrastructure was built in the 1930s and 1940s.

Scope: Anna from Carling to General (North) and Crown

Construction is expected to start in the Spring of 2026 and be completed by the Summer of 2027.

#### **Churchill, Carling and Kirkwood**

The City of Ottawa is undertaking the preliminary and detailed design for the renewal of Carling Avenue, Churchill Avenue
North and Kirkwood Avenue. The existing watermain, sewers and road infrastructure have reached the end of their useful life and are in need of upgrading to provide the required level of service to the neighbourhood.

Sidewalk renewal and cycling facilities will also be updated as part of the work.

The project limits include:

- Churchill Avenue North, Carling Avenue to Highway 417
- Carling Avenue, Churchill to Kirkwood
- Kirkwood Avenue, Carling Avenue to Highway 417

#### **Morisset Avenue Pump Station**

Construction is planned to start this summer. With a projected completion date of Winter 2028 Morisset Avenue Pump Station.

The City of Ottawa will begin constructing the new Morisset Avenue Drinking Water Pumping Station to replace the 70+ year-old Carlington Heights Pumping Station, located about 50 meters south. The Carlington Heights Pumping Station will be demolished once the new station is operational.

Tree removals will occur on the site for construction and hydro supply, with new trees planted once the project is complete. Improvements are necessary to enhance station capacity and ensure safe, reliable drinking water for 250,000 residents of Ottawa. Construction will start this year and is expected



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to finish by late 2028. The construction area will be fenced for safety, but access to the north side of the park will remain open. Traffic along Caldwell Avenue and Merivale Road will be managed with no impact on vehicle, pedestrian, and cyclist movement. Temporary traffic calming measures will be implemented along Caldwell Avenue in Spring 2025. While the contractor aims to minimize disruptions, there may be noise, dust, and vibrations from heavy equipment. Public areas outside the construction zone will remain accessible, but pedestrian access from the NCC pathway will be restricted for safety. Pedestrians will need to follow a designated path for access.

#### **RILEY'S COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### Chair

 Emergency Preparedness and Protective Services Committee

#### Member

- Community Services Committee
- Finance and Corporate Services Committee
- Transit Commission

#### Member of Hiring Panel

 Built Heritage Committee, Property Standards Committee

#### Member

Ditch Alterations Working Group

- City of Ottawa representative, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- Chair, Regional and Single Tier Caucus
- Chair, Municipal Finance and Economic Development Task Force

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### RIVER WARD ZONING WORKSHOP

**When:** Saturday, May 31,9 – 11 am **Where:** Jim Durrell Recreation Centre,

1265 Walkley Road

RSVP: Riley.Brockington@ottawa.ca

#### STRAWBERRY SOCIAL

When: Thursday, June 5 at 1 PM

Where: Hunt Club Riverside Park Community

Centre, 3320 Paul Anka Drive.

RSVP: Riley.Brockington@ottawa.ca

#### **RAVEN PARK DAY**

When: Friday, August 8 from 1 – 9 PM Where: Raven Park, 1500 Larose Ave.

- City of Ottawa Wading Pool Special Events Day , 1-6 PM
- City of Ottawa information tables, 1-6 PM
- o Community BBQ, 4:30 PM
- Company of Fools The Comedy of Errors, 7 PM