



COUNCILLOR/CONSEILLER RILEY BROCKINGTON

CARLINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NOVEMBER 20, 2025



Dear Members of the CCA,

I hope you all are having a smooth transition from the fall season as we now head toward winter.

I am very pleased to welcome Aastha, who has joined my office as the new Carlington (Carleton Heights and Central Park) lead. She brings strong experience working with local communities and has already shown great enthusiasm for supporting our residents.

I also want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Adele Stubbart on her promotion to Councillor Brown's office in Rideau-Jock Ward. Adele contributed greatly to our team and to Carlington, and while we will miss her, we are proud to see her continue serving the city in a new capacity.

As the days get shorter and winter weather approaches, please take extra care when travelling through our neighbourhood. Reduced visibility and early freeze-thaw cycles can make conditions challenging for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers alike. If you notice issues with sidewalks, paths, or other infrastructure, please do not hesitate to let me know.

As always, I am happy to answer questions on any subject matter, please reach out.

Alexander Community Centre

On October 6, I had the pleasure of welcoming Minister Neil Lumsden and Mayor Mark Sutcliffe to the Alexander Community Centre, where we received confirmation of an \$8 million provincial investment toward the construction of a new, modern gymnasium

renovation and expansion.

This is in addition to the \$11.5 million I secured for the project through Budget 2025. With these commitments in place, we have the funding required to move construction forward.

The new 6,243-square-foot gymnasium will support basketball, volleyball, pickleball and other recreational activities, while the existing gym will be transformed into a versatile multi-purpose space. These improvements will double the Centre's capacity, enabling it to welcome more than 100,000 visitors annually and significantly expand after-school programming and seasonal camps.

This has been a personal priority of mine, and I am proud to see this long-standing community vision move toward reality. The city intends to host a final community information session by Winter 2026, with construction scheduled to begin in 2026.

Ottawa Hospital's new campus near Dow's Lake

The Ottawa Hospital is building a new campus near Dow's Lake, designed to strengthen care, support staff and researchers, and improve patient experiences. The site will include the trauma centre for Eastern Ontario, a rooftop heliport, a larger emergency department, and more operating rooms. Detailed design work is expected to be completed in 2026, with construction to follow. In the meantime, site preparation and roadwork near Preston Street and Prince of Wales Drive are underway, with lane closures through fall 2025.

The Royal is also opening a new urgent care clinic on its Carling Avenue campus. Designed with input from patients, families, and community partners, the clinic will provide timely care for individuals in crisis, offering an alternative to emergency departments and reducing pressure on local hospitals. This clinic is part of The Royal's strategic plan to expand services, deepen partnerships, and modernize access to mental health and addiction care. Renovations are already underway, supported by strong community engagement.

These projects will enhance access to care, support mental health services, and strengthen healthcare for our community for years to come.

LOCAL RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS

1309 Carling Avenue – Westgate Mall Redevelopment

As previously shared, the mall closed its doors on November 1, 2025, with Shoppers Drug Mart remaining open.

Site mobilization began on November 3, 2025, now that the mall is fully vacant. Demolition of the existing structure is expected to be completed by the end of March 2026, while Shoppers Drug Mart will continue operating throughout this period.

The current plan is to construct the new grocery store, No Frills, with a projected completion date in 2028. The property will continue to retain the "Westgate" name for Shoppers Drug Mart and the new grocery store footprint.

RioCan honoured the Westgate Mall's legacy through an on-site installation showcasing the mall's history. This installation was put in place in October and celebrates the important role Westgate has played in our community over the years.

Laperrière Avenue & Clyde Avenue

Active Transportation Planning has retained Arcadis IBI to lead the functional design and public consultation for cycling improvements on Laperrière

Avenue and Clyde Avenue. The Laperrière project is moving toward a public consultation in the first half of 2026 and may include separated cycling facilities and/or bike lanes, which could require the removal of on-street parking. This project is being coordinated with upcoming sidewalk renewals funded by Asset Management, so residents can expect simultaneous upgrades for both walking and cycling.

For Clyde Avenue, a public consultation date has not yet been set, as technical coordination with other upcoming infrastructure projects is still underway. We anticipate that consultation for Clyde will also take place sometime in 2026, and I encourage residents to participate and provide feedback when the plans are shared.

WATER INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL PROJECTS

Viscount, Harrold and Veteran project

Construction Update: Merivale & Carling Area

- **Merivale Road** is fully closed from Carling Avenue until **late November**.
- Northbound Merivale Road through-lane remains closed from Carling Avenue
- **Pedestrian and cyclist access** is maintained; detours are in place at the Carling–Merivale intersection.
- **Viscount Avenue remains closed** at Carling Avenue; access maintained from Veteran Avenue and Merivale Road.
- **Local business and property access** will continue throughout the work.
- Flagging around work areas will continue at times until early December to support reinstatement works.

Transit Impacts

- OC Transpo stops **2346, 2936, 8094, 1030, 7429 (eastbound Carling)** and **8078, 2058 (westbound Carling)** will be **temporarily relocated** during lane reductions.
- **Route 80** is detoured while the westbound Carling → southbound Merivale left turn is closed.

Additional Road Closures

- **Anna Avenue** closed at Carling from **early-late November** (access maintained from Crerar).
- A one-day closure of the **northbound Merivale Road right-turn channel at Carling**, including access to Viscount Avenue, is planned for **November 24**. If work cannot proceed on Nov 24, the closure will be rescheduled later in the week.
- Westbound Carling Lane reductions continue at times from Merivale Road to Fisher Avenue.
- **Lane reductions** on both directions of Carling Avenue continue until **December**.

Work Schedule

- Occasional weekend and overnight work may be required in October and November (advance notice will be provided).
- No sewer bypass generator use is anticipated

Anna - Crown Integrated Renewal project

The City of Ottawa is currently in the design phase of the Anna Avenue and Crown Crescent Integrated Renewal Project, which will see the replacement of the existing sewers, watermain, roadway, and sidewalks. As the new infrastructure is installed, some existing hedges and trees located within the right-of-way will be impacted. The project team will continue consulting with affected residents as the design progresses to ensure disruptions are understood and managed as carefully as possible. A public open house for this project will be held on January 12 at 6:00 p.m. at the Alexander Community Centre, where residents can learn more and ask questions.

Kirkwood & Churchill Integration project

The City of Ottawa has initiated the preliminary and detailed design work for the renewal of Carling Avenue, Churchill Avenue North, and Kirkwood Avenue. The existing watermain, sewer, and road infrastructure within this corridor have reached the end of their service life and now require full replacement to maintain dependable service for the community. This project will also include upgrades to

sidewalks and cycling facilities to improve safety and accessibility for all users.

Design work will continue through fall 2025. Construction is scheduled to begin in spring 2026, with completion expected by winter 2026. A public open house is planned for December 2025 or January 2026 to present the proposed design and gather feedback from residents.

Merivale Road Integration Project

The City's functional design study for the Merivale Road Integration Project from Carling Avenue to Kirkwood Avenue is currently on pause. This pause is due to the recently proposed provincial Bill 60, which would limit municipalities' ability to remove vehicle lanes to add cycling infrastructure. Transportation Planning is now reviewing the potential impacts of this legislation on the project's scope, timelines, and design options. Once the review is complete and the implications of Bill 60 are better understood, the city will provide further updates to the community.

Morisset Avenue Pump Station

The City will be installing a new watermain bypass, which may result in a temporary and minor reduction in water pressure for some residents. While pressure may drop slightly, the city will continue to maintain the minimum standard of 40 psi, and most residents are not expected to notice any change. Water quality will not be affected. This work is required to support construction of the pump station. Pressure impacts are expected for longer period of about 10 days in late November or early December.

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Blue and Black Bin collection changes

Starting January 1, 2026, the recycling collection system for blue and black bins in Ottawa will transition away from City management to a producer-responsibility model under Circular Materials. Under this new system, you'll continue to use your existing standard-sized blue and black bins,

but the collection will be carried out by a different truck, so pickup times may change. For the first time, recycling customer service (for things like broken bins or missed collections) will be handled by Circular Materials rather than the city. More details will be provided in the coming weeks.

For what you can place in each bin, please visit the Circular Materials website.

<https://www.circularmaterials.ca/resident-provinces/ontario/>

Baseline and Merivale Secondary Plan

The City of Ottawa has begun work on a new Secondary Plan for the Baseline–Merivale area, a corridor expected to see significant growth and change over the next few decades. The plan will guide how land is used, where new housing and employment opportunities can be created, how buildings are designed, and how streets, parks, and public spaces can better support walking, cycling, transit, and community life.

It is a long public policy document that establishes the rules for growth, development, and infrastructure for the area anticipated to grow rapidly over the next approximately 25 years.

Over the coming months, the city will be gathering input from residents, landowners, and community associations. The first public session was held in June 2025.

This process is an opportunity to proactively shape development, so it reflects local needs and aligns with broader city objectives such as improving transit access, creating complete communities, increasing housing supply, supporting local businesses, and integrating climate-resilient design.

For more information about the public houses, visit <https://engage.ottawa.ca/baseline-merivale-secondary-plan>

Winter Operations

- **Winter parking Rules**

Between November 15 and April 1, when Environment Canada forecasts significant freezing rain or 7 cm or more of snow, the city may declare a Winter Weather Parking Ban.

- Residential parking permit holders are exempt.
- All other vehicles left parked on the street during a ban may be ticketed.
- Daytime Parking Ban: announced 3:30 pm the day before it begins. On street parking is prohibited from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm the following day.
- Nighttime Parking Ban: Announced by 9:00 am the day the takes effect. On–street parking is prohibited from 7:00 pm to 7:00 am.

- **Community and Volunteer Support**

- **Snow Go / Snow Go Assist:** These City programs help older adults and people with disabilities get help to clear their driveways or walkways. Visit [Help around the home](#) on Ottawa.ca for more details.
- **Snow Angel Program:** Neighbours can volunteer to clear snow or ice for someone who's elderly or has a disability as a meaningful way to build community and support one another. More information is available on the [Snow Angel Program](#) on Ottawa.ca.

- **Property and Accessibility**

- If City snow-clearing operations damage your lawn or mailbox, you can report it. The city investigates in the spring and may repair damaged lawns with seed and soil.
- When snow melts, crews also clear catch basins and ditches to reduce flooding risks.

Comprehensive By-law review

In May, my office invited residents to a River Ward specific public session to learn more about Draft 2 of the document. Draft 3 was released in September. A Statutory Public Meeting will take place at the

Planning and Housing Committee meeting on December 17, 2025. The report for the new Zoning By-law will rise to the Council on Wednesday, January 28. Once the new Zoning By-law is formally approved, the appeal period for new Zoning By-law will begin.

More information on the zoning changes is available at engage.ottawa.ca/zoning.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ST ELIZABETH CHURCH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

When: Saturday, November 22, 9AM to 2PM

Where: 1303 Leaside Ave at Merivale Road in the Parish Hall

Knitted & crocheted goods, crafts, bake sale, white elephant table and much more....

BUDGET 2026 CONSULTATION

When: November 25, 6:30 – 8 PM

Where: Ellwood Hall, Jim Durrell Recreation Centre - 1265 Walkley Rd.

CHRISTMAS TRIVIA NIGHT

When: December 5, Doors at 5:15 PM, Trivia at 6 PM

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

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WINTER BALL HOLIDAY DINNER

When: Sunday, December 7, 3 - 7PM

Where: Carlington Recreation Centre Dinner and crafts are free to the public.

RIVER WARD COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

When: December 18, 5 & 6:15 PM

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

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**** There will be shuttle bus going at 5pm slot from Alexander Community Centre and 1485 Caldwell Ave**

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November 20, 2025