



# COUNCILLOR/CONSEILLER RILEY BROCKINGTON

## CARLINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

February 26, 2026



**Dear Members of the CCA,**

I hope the winter season has been treating you well.

Crews have been working steadily to manage snow accumulation and keep streets and sidewalks safe for everyone travelling through our neighbourhoods.

Beyond the practical challenges, this time of year also brings opportunities to connect and recharge. From neighbourhood gatherings to outdoor adventures, winter invites us to slow down, enjoy the crisp air, and take part in the many seasonal activities available throughout Ottawa.

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

### **LOCAL DEVELOPMENTS**

#### **Alexander Community Centre**

The project team continues to advance the expansion of the Alexander Community Centre, with a goal of beginning construction in August 2026.

The planning phase began in July 2025 with procurement of the Design Consultant team, and the project is now moving toward implementation. Current next steps include bringing a Construction Manager on board and advancing detailed technical drawings, with final design documentation targeted for July 2026.

As part of ongoing engagement, the City hosted a well-attended public information session on February 19 at the Alexander Community Centre, where residents reviewed the proposed expansion and spoke directly with staff.

**I requested an inquiry in November 2025, and the Staff responded in February 2026.**

My question was: With the financial contribution from the Ministry of Sport in October 2025 to be used for the expansion of the near 60-year-old Alexander Community Centre, would staff in Recreation, Cultural and Facility Services please identify the major stages required to complete the renovation and expansion project with associated timelines.

Is there a date that requires the provincial contribution to be used by?

#### **Response provided by Staff:**

The Alexander Community Centre Expansion Project has an established preliminary schedule outlining all major phases from planning through construction completion. Key milestones and associated timelines are summarized below and will be further refined and confirmed upon the retention of the Construction Management Consultant, which is anticipated in early March 2026.

#### **Planning and Procurement (July 2025 – March 2026)**

The project's planning phase began with the procurement of the Design Consultant team in July 2025, with retention of the Construction Management Consultant anticipated by March 2026. This phase establishes the foundational planning, budgeting, and project coordination framework.

#### **Design Phase (November 2025 – June 2026)**

Design activities will occur in two stages:

- Schematic design and design development are scheduled from November 2025 to March 2026, including the public consultation process and confirming the approved concept design.
- o The public consultation process includes a public information session

scheduled on February 19, 2026, at the Alexander Community Centre.

The session will present the proposed design for the building expansion, including the addition of a gymnasium.

- The detailed design, tender and construction drawing development will follow from March to June 2026, with the final design documentation targeted for July 2026.

### **Permits and Approvals (February 2026 – March 2027)**

The Site Plan Approvals and issuance of a building permit is anticipated by August 2026, with final Site Plan agreement in place from August 2026 through March 2027.

### **Construction (August 2026 – October 2027)**

Construction is expected to begin in August 2026 following issuance of construction documents and permits.

- Occupancy is targeted for March 2027.
- Post-occupancy site work, such as site remediation and landscaping, is anticipated between March and September 2027.
- Contractor demobilization is scheduled for September to October 2027.

### **Grant Funding**

In accordance with the transfer payment agreement (TPA), the provincial contribution must be used prior to March 31, 2027.

I encourage you to submit your feedback through the online survey available on Engage Ottawa. Online Survey is available until **March 6**.

<https://engage.ottawa.ca/alexander-community-centre>

### **1296 – 1300 Carling Avenue**

A zoning amendment application has been submitted for 1296–1300 Carling Avenue to permit a high-rise, mixed-use development consisting of a 28-storey tower fronting Carling Avenue, an 8-storey tower to the rear, and a two-storey podium, with a total of approximately 323 residential units, underground parking, and bicycle parking proposed. I hosted a community information session on February 23 at the Alexander Community Centre to provide residents

with an opportunity to learn more about the proposal, ask questions, and share feedback. This application is currently active, and the **comment period is still on until it goes to council**.

For more details and feedback, visit the website below.

<https://devapps.ottawa.ca/en/applications/D02-02-25-0100/details>

### **Anna Ave – Crown Crescent Integrated Renewal**

The Anna–Crown Renewal Project has now entered the tendering phase, during which the city is soliciting bids from contractors to complete the planned work. Construction is still anticipated to begin in Spring 2026, and residents will be kept informed of upcoming activities through construction notices delivered directly to their properties. A new project manager, Lee-Anne Truong has recently joined the team, as the previous project manager, Danny Palermo, has transitioned to a different role.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the project, the new project manager can be contacted directly using the information provided below. Her email: [lee-anne.truong@ottawa.ca](mailto:lee-anne.truong@ottawa.ca)

### **Viscount, Veteran Harrold Renewal**

Construction is expected to resume in spring 2026, with work taking place on Viscount Avenue, Harrold Place, and Veteran Avenue through late fall 2026. The remaining components of the project are anticipated to be completed in summer 2027.

### **Merivale Road integrated Renewal**

The Transportation team is currently reviewing a proposed scope change to ensure the project aligns with the requirements of Bill 60. Our office has been in regular contact with staff as this review progresses. The team is working through the necessary adjustments and is aiming to provide an updated project schedule within the next month or so.

## **Emperor and Bakervale Integrated renewal Project**

The next integrated renewal project which has been passed in the Budget of 2026 is the Emperor and Bakervale Integrated renewal Project. More details to follow.

### **HVAC Issues - Talisman Residences**

I have met with residents on Thames Street regarding ongoing HVAC noise concerns originating from the Talisman property. Residents have shared that the issue is not only the volume of the noise, but also the frequency and persistence, which is impacting residents on Thames Street. I have had continued back-and-forth discussions with By-law Services to review the matter, but the property owner does not appear to be sufficiently engaged in addressing the community's concerns. I will continue to follow up to seek a meaningful resolution.

### **Coyotes, Turkeys and Rats**

Coyotes, turkeys, and rats continue to be persistent wildlife and pest concerns in the Carlington and Carleton Heights area, impacting residents' daily lives and property use. To provide guidance and support, I will be hosting a community information session on April 7 from 6:30 to 8pm at Carleton Heights Community Centre in collaboration with City staff, who are subject matter experts on these issues. This session will offer practical advice on safely managing encounters with wildlife, preventing conflicts, and addressing rodent concerns, as well as an opportunity for residents to ask questions and share their experiences. It is part of our ongoing commitment to ensure the community is informed and equipped to handle these challenges effectively.

### **Traffic calming**

#### **Crossing Guard Assessment**

A crossing guard assessment for the intersection of Kirkwood and Coldrey is ongoing. The review shall take place in Spring 2026.

## **Corner of Dorchester and Bakervale**

A speed and Volume test has been requested for the Spring 2026. Based on the results, physical speeding measures will be considered.

### **Crerar Ave**

This street is on the priority list for speed measures this year. Even after the City reduced the speed to 30 km/hr the cut thru speeding issues have been ongoing.

### **Thames St**

The ongoing on-street parking challenges on Thames Street, particularly with non-resident vehicles occupying spaces. Currently, parking is not permitted on the north side of the street, while the south side allows parking. To address this issue, I have requested that City staff review options for restricting parking on the south side and for establishing a resident permit program. This program would allow Thames Street residents to apply for on-street parking permits.

### **Reinstatement of Flex stakes**

- Anna – Carling / Crerar
- Caldwell – Morisset/ Medford
- Crown Crescent
- Dorchester – Prince / Silver
- Emperor – Panet / Silver
- Kingston – Merivale /Coldrey
- Kirkwood – Carling/ Coldrey
- Kirkwood -Lepage/Merivale
- Larose – Kirkwood/Merivale
- Leaside -Addison/Merivale
- Raven – Cavan / Kirkwood
- Shillington – Panet / Silver
- Stevenson- Carling / Crerar
- Summerville -Prince/Silver
- Thames/Meath
- Trenton -Merivale /Prince
- Woodward-Kenzie/Merivale
- Additional Flex stakes have been added at Caldwell for the Morisset Pump construction Project.

**CITY OF OTTAWA**

## **OC TRANSPRO – BUS RELIABILITY & O-TRAIN**

On April 27, 2025, we experienced the largest bus route system change in our city's history. Transit users have not experienced improved service. In September, due to my inquiry, staff presented a road map to get us to a reliable bus service. Since then, OC Transpo continues to see challenges with bus procurement, mechanic hiring, and new challenges with the Line 1 trains.

On January 27, I attended a technical briefing by OC Transpo to detail the plan to fully restore O-Train service on Line 1. Line 1 is currently operating mostly single-car service as work is completed to address "spalling" on the cartridge bearing assemblies (CBAs). OC Transpo is working with Rideau Transit Group (RTG), Alstom, and Rideau Transit Maintenance (RTM) to inspect, assess, replace, and understand the long-term solutions to this issue. This work is ongoing, and more information will be shared in the coming weeks.

There has been some progress on the bus fleet. Four new electric buses have completed all required inspections and are now available for service, increasing the number of buses on the road. OC Transpo continues to expect delivery of 110 electric buses in 2026, with 89 anticipated to be in service by the end of the first quarter.

## **GARBAGE AND RECYCLE COLLECTION CHANGES**

Starting Monday, March 30, your waste collection day may change due to the City's new curbside collection contract. All your waste including garbage, organics, leaf and yard waste, and recycling will still be picked up on the same day, but about half of Ottawa households will have a new collection day.

Please remember that organics (food waste and soiled paper) must be kept separate from leaf and yard waste and set out in their respective bins and bags.

There will be no curbside collection on Good Friday, April 3, or Easter Monday, April 6; pick-up will be

delayed by one day for the remainder of the week. As a result, your collection day for the week following Easter Monday may not be your new collection day going forward.

You can access the updated calendars :

[Garbage and recycling collection calendar - Garbage, recycling and organic waste | City of Ottawa](#)

## **OTTAWA 200**

The City of Ottawa is getting ready to celebrate Ottawa's 200 Anniversary. The city has confirmed Ottawa200 grant programs, Ottawa Bluesfest special line-up, partnerships with Ottawa Tourism, and more events slated for Saturday, September 26.

Ottawa Tourism announced funding support for 14 projects through its 200th Tourism Animation Fund. These events will take place between March 1 and December 31. A list of events can be found here:

<https://ottawatourism.ca/en/media/resources/medi-a-releases/200th-tourism-animation-fund-recipient>

Learn more about Ottawa 200:

<https://ottawa.ca/en/city-hall/city-news/newsroom/ottawas-200th-anniversary-will-feature-year-investment-arts-entertainment-and-fun>

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **ALTO HIGH-SPEED RAIL VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSION**

*English*

- Tuesday, March 3 - 7 p.m.

*French*

- Tuesday, March 17 - 7 p.m.

Learn more about the ALTO project here:

<https://www.altotrain.ca/en/public-consultation>

### **CARLINGTON vs. KITCHISSIPPI TRIVIA NIGHT**

**When:** March 7 – Dinner at 5:15, trivia at 6

**Where:** Alexander Community Centre, 960 Silver Street

RSVP your group of 4 at:  
[aastha.bhatt@ottawa.ca](mailto:aastha.bhatt@ottawa.ca)

### **RIVER WARD COMMUNITY SPRING BREAKFAST**

**When:** Saturday April 4 at 10-11:30 AM  
**Where:** Alexander Community Centre, 960 Silver  
Street

### **EARTH DAY 2026**

Save the date! Earth Day is coming back to River  
Ward.

**When:** April 18, 10 to 3 PM  
**Where:** Hunt Club Riverside Park Community  
Centre, 3320 Paul Anka Dr  
Join Councillor Brockington to celebrate River  
Ward's biggest Earth Day event for a day of park  
clean-ups, eco-activities, workshops, a  
tradeshow, e-waste and battery drop-offs, free  
bike tune-ups, and a complimentary BBQ.

### **OLDER ADULT SUMMIT**

**When:** May 21, 8:30 AM – 12 PM  
**Where:** Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community  
Centre  
RSVP at [riley.brockington@ottawa.ca](mailto:riley.brockington@ottawa.ca) or 613-  
580-2486

### **STRAWBERRY SOCIAL**

**When:** June 4, 1 – 2:30 PM  
**Where:** Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community  
Centre  
RSVP at [riley.brockington@ottawa.ca](mailto:riley.brockington@ottawa.ca) or 613-  
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