



COUNCILLOR/CONSEILLER RILEY BROCKINGTON

CARLINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION AGM

May 28, 2026



Dear Members of the CCA,

I hope you are all enjoying a wonderful spring.

I want to extend my sincere gratitude to the Carlington Community Association (CCA) Board, volunteers, and contributors, for your dedication to making our neighbourhood such a great place to call home. Thank you to the departing Board members for your service, and a warm welcome to those beginning new terms I look forward to our continued collaboration.

City crews have been working hard preparing Carlington for the warmer months. Street sweeping is nearly complete, pothole repairs and plow-damage restoration are actively underway, and seasonal flex stakes are returning to our roads to help calm traffic and keep our streets safe.

With the beautiful weather here, our community is coming alive with barbecues and events. I also want to extend a huge congratulations to all our local graduates celebrating major milestones over the coming weeks!

As always, my office is here to support you. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions, concerns, or feedback.

Wishing you all a safe, sunny, and happy summer!

LOCAL DEVELOPMENTS

Alexander Community Centre

The project is on track to secure final site plan approvals and building permits by August 2026, allowing major construction to begin immediately

thereafter. This timeline ensures the expanded facility is targeted for public occupancy by March 2027, strictly aligning with the provincial funding deadline of March 31, 2027.

In anticipation of the construction phase, the city is actively holding discussions regarding the relocation of existing community programs. The goal is to ensure that essential services, recreational activities, and after-school programming remain accessible to the Carlington and Central Park neighborhoods while the facility is being expanded. The after-school program is being considered to be moved to W.E. Gowling during the construction period.

For the year 2026 – 2027 they are considering keeping the Summer Programs and wading pools open. More details will be shared in the coming weeks.

Ottawa Civic Hospital Visit

On May 27, I met with Cameron Love, CEO of the Ottawa Hospital, for our annual discussion.

We discussed the on-going parking garage construction project, expected to be completed this summer and open for construction worker use and public use.

Construction on the hospital will advance this calendar year with 8 cranes installed and significant work on the foundation of the hospital.

Local fundraising efforts to contribute towards the hospital exceed \$400 million.

Mr Love confirmed the current Ottawa Civic Hospital will be torn down. Two specific exterior components deemed of heritage value will be retained, as will the section of hospital deemed Dutch territory for the birth of Princes Margriet in January 1943.

Three specific new health care services, likely to be built in new buildings, include a long term care home, a transition facility and rehabilitation centre.

Mr Love expressed his interest in returning to Carlington to update the community on the many local projects associated with the Ottawa Hospital and could be a future guest at the CCA meeting.

1296 – 1300 Carling Avenue

The 1296–1300 Carling Avenue project is a proposed mixed-use residential development located on the south side of Carling Avenue, west of Merivale Road. The project aims to replace the two existing three-story office buildings with a modern high-rise complex. Current plans feature a 28-story tower fronting Carling Avenue and an 8-story tower at the rear, connected by a two-story podium. The development is designed to add approximately 323 residential units to the area, supported by underground parking and new commercial space at the street level.

Following the receipt of initial feedback from City staff on the first submission for 1296–1300 Carling Avenue, a second comprehensive application has been formally submitted to address those comments. The project is currently in the review phase, and they anticipate receiving the City's feedback on this second submission within the next week.

1316 Carling and 1251 Thames Street

A zoning amendment application has been submitted for 1316 Carling and 1251 Thames Street.

The proposed project is a high-rise, development of a new 20-storey purpose-built rental apartment building. Proposed for the site's existing surface parking lot, the development will introduce 201 residential units, featuring a mix of interior and exterior amenity spaces, alongside a new municipal park along the Thames Street frontage.

While the existing site access from Carling Avenue will be retained, a new access point is proposed along Thames Street. The plan includes a total of 377 vehicle parking spaces, with 208 spaces dedicated to

servicing the new building and 169 spaces allocated to the existing building.

I am working with the applicant to host a public information session in June. The comment period is currently active.

For more info and comments:

<https://devapps.ottawa.ca/en/applications/D02-02-26-0023/details>

864 Lady Ellen – Access Self Storage Inc

Two storage warehouses were originally planned for the site: a four-storey building dedicated to self-storage units, and a separate single-storey building also containing storage units. However, due to rising construction costs and increased development charges, Access Property Development has confirmed they will not be advancing this project for the foreseeable future.

Morisset Ave Pump Station

This spring, construction is focused on completing the building foundation and installing crucial underground components, including watermains and a new valve chamber just outside of the Carlington Heights Reservoir. To keep this vital project on schedule, crews are currently performing excavation and rock-breaking work. Please note that extended working hours are in place until the end of May, with construction scheduled from **Monday to Saturday (7:00 AM – 10:00 PM)** and **Sundays (9:00 AM – 10:00 PM)**. Along with that a section of pathway between the north end of Clyde Ave and the Experimental Farm Pathway will be closed throughout the month of June. There will be a short detour (apx. 215 metres). Notices will be sent to the residents.

Looking ahead, work this summer and fall will shift to constructing the main building structure including the floors, walls, and roof alongside utility work and the start of interior mechanical installations. Electrical systems and final commissioning will take place through 2027 and 2028, leading to the eventual decommissioning of the old station.

Westgate Mall Redevelopment

Construction Progress: Riocan is advancing through the City's Site Plan Approval (SPA) process, with the full building permit pending final sign-off. Demolition is ongoing through August, and construction on the new grocery store is scheduled to begin this summer.

Dust Management on Carling Ave: They are aware of the concerns from local residents. While standard water suppression and street sweeping are in place, recent high winds have made dust management difficult. In response, they have instructed the contractor to increase water application and closely monitor the site to minimize the impact on the neighborhood.

Anna Ave – Crown Crescent Integrated Renewal

Construction has officially commenced on the Anna Avenue and Crown Crescent infrastructure project. The contractor, Robert Ex, has completed the watermain "cut and caps" and is currently setting up the temporary overland water supply and working on driveway crossings to ensure residents maintain continuous water service. Once the temporary system is up and running next week, crews will begin the mainline sewer work. Please note that during this phase, Anna Avenue Crown Crescent (south) to Carling Avenue) will be closed to traffic, though access for local residents and emergency vehicles will be maintained until construction is complete. Work on Crown Crescent is scheduled to follow and is on track to begin this July.

Viscount, Veteran Harrold Renewal

Construction work is progressing well and will continue through late fall 2026, with the remaining work planned for completion in spring and summer 2027.

Merivale Road & Viscount Avenue Intersect: Sewer and watermain installations at the northbound right-turn channel are nearing completion, and road reinstatement works will begin shortly. To keep crews

safe, the closure of the Merivale Road northbound right-turn channel at Viscount Avenue including direct access to Viscount Avenue is expected to continue until mid-June.

Viscount Avenue: A temporary water system is currently active to ensure continuous service for residents. Over the coming weeks, crews will install the new storm and sanitary sewers from west to east, followed by the installation of the new watermain and final service connections.

Harrold Place: Setup for the temporary water system is underway, with home connections expected in early June. Meanwhile, installation of the new sanitary sewer has begun at the west end of Harrold Place and is progressing east. Once the sewer line is complete, the new watermain and individual service connections will be installed.

Veteran Avenue: Work on this segment is scheduled to begin later this summer, which will include the installation of brand-new sewers and watermains.

Merivale Road Integrated Renewal

Merivale Road is currently a four-lane, urban arterial corridor and designated as a Design Priority Area in the City's Official Plan. Within the study area, Merivale Road is scheduled for integrated road, sewer, and watermain renewal due to aging infrastructure. This renewal offers the opportunity to redesign Merivale Road to enhance facilities for pedestrians and transit, as well as improve streetscaping. Merivale Road Functional Design Study is from Carling Avenue to Larose Avenue.

The city hosted the first public Advisory committee meeting on May 27. Currently, a public information session has been planned for tentatively June 24 at the St Elizabeth Church.

Emperor and Bakervale Integrated Renewal

The project charter is currently being drafted for the Emperor Avenue, Bakervale Drive, and Panet Street

Integrated Renewal, a comprehensive initiative to replace aging underground watermains, sanitary sewers, and storm water systems.

The design assignment is scheduled to begin in 2027, with active construction slated to commence in late 2028 or early 2029.

Talisman Residences

Progress continues to accelerate at the Talisman Residences development, with significant milestones achieved across both phases. Building B has successfully transitioned to full completion, having secured partial occupancy approval in April followed recently by formal full occupancy. Meanwhile, construction on Building A remains on schedule, with the structure expected to be fully ready for occupancy this coming July.

HVAC Issues - Talisman Residences

I had raised an inquiry at the Emergency Preparedness and Protective Services committee to bylaws regarding what steps they have taken to monitor the issue and what steps they will take to mitigate the problem.

Despite multiple noise readings taken in the vicinity of the Talisman, no true violations of the Noise By-law were recorded. When the initial issue was raised, the property manager hired an HVAC technician to assess the unit. The unit was found to be functioning normally.

At this time, given no violations of the current Noise By-law have been substantiated, BLRS does not have the authority to require the property owner to install any sound mitigation measures, officers will continue to respond to noise complaints and conduct reading.

BLRS can commit to working with the property owner in the hopes of achieving a voluntary solution if the matter persists in 2026.

Meath and Archibald

The Road Modification Assessment (RMA) for Archibald was approved in 2019; the RMA for Meath was never finalized.

To minimize disruption during construction, the following property access routes have been established:

Meath Street: Property 826 Meath Street will be accessed from Carling Avenue, while 832 Meath Street will be accessed from Thames Street.

Archibald Street: 1291 Thames Street will be accessed from Thames Street, while 821 Archibald Street will be accessed from Carling Avenue.

Both Meath and Archibald have experienced ongoing issues with motorists breaching temporary road closures for years. The City is currently developing drawings for permanent features.

The city is currently working on final designs for both sites to be shared with the public.

Linda and David Darwin Tree Planting

Linda and David Darwin have significantly contributed to various community events for decades. Since 2015, they have maintained the Merivale Triangle. To acknowledge their contributions, I brought forward a motion to plant a commemorative tree in the Merivale Triangle with a small plaque. The city staff will work on coordination of the timing of planting based on the integrated infrastructure renewal.

Anne Heggveit Hill

In 1969, Ottawa City Council honoured Olympic alpine ski champion Anne Heggveit by naming Carlington Hill in her honour. To further cement her incredible legacy in our community, I brought forward a motion to City Council yesterday to install a commemorative plaque on-site and to officially designate the location as the "Anne Heggveit Hill."

Road Conditions / Renewals

Hollington St (Trenton Ave to Shillington Ave)

While the pavement management system does not currently identify this road as a local road candidate for repaving, staff will add it to the long-range review list. This is based on the expectation that renewal needs may be triggered in the near term as new pavement condition data is collected for this area. Staff will review whether this road is best addressed through the integrated renewal program, given its proximity to nearby planned work, or through the overlay/resurfacing program, depending on which opportunity advances first and how it ranks against other City-wide priorities. Some sections of Hollington St are bus/transit route, which strengthen its renewal case.

Chevrier St (Dorchester Ave to Trent Ave)

There is strong alignment between the pavement management system results and the recent field inspection. Both indicate that this road is in poor to very poor condition. Based on the technical review, the ideal rehabilitation window is currently in the 2030 to 2032 range. However, given the observed condition, staff will review opportunities to advance this work to the nearer term, ideally within the next 2 to 3 years. This will still need to be balanced against other roads in similar or worse conditions across other wards.

Lepage Ave (discontinuous spot repairs)

Staff acknowledge that there are localized poor condition areas, particularly between McBride St and Larkin St, and between Cavan St and Kirkwood Ave. While these two (2) blocks are not currently included in the formal 5-year plan based on technical merits and risk levels, AMS-Roads will review opportunities to include them in the near-term resurfacing program as selective spot repairs. In the short term, we are considering commencing a minor resurfacing program or spot repair program where we will address odd cases like these, as our pavement management system will not suggest rehabbing these kinds of sites anytime soon. Lepage Ave will be a candidate, among others. Another site visit will be scheduled in late

Summer or early Fall to check its evolving condition and proper identification of rehab limits.

Dorchester Ave (Merivale Rd to Bakervale Rd)

This road will be added to the overlay/resurfacing review list within the 4-to-7-year planning horizon. This recommendation is supported by the pavement management system and has been validated through the recent site assessment.

In the immediate term, staff will flag these roads to Public Works for interim repairs, as required, to help maintain them in a safe and serviceable condition until a larger renewal project can be advanced. Please note that any proposed road rehabilitation timelines remain subject to change based on approved funding levels, competing City-wide priorities, coordination with nearby capital projects, and any prerequisite work that may need to be completed in advance of resurfacing.

Speed Bumps

Two New Speed Bumps

1. Shillington Avenue Between Merivale Rd and Fisher Ave
Between #1294 and #1298 Shillington Avenue
2. Shillington Avenue Between Merivale Rd and Fisher Ave
Between #1158 and #1163 Shillington Avenue

Shepherds of Good Hope

- The retaining wall and fence on the North side of the SGH property at 1095 Merivale is now complete.
- The old building at 1083 Merivale is now torn down, they will be proceeding with final site cleanup in June to remove the remaining construction debris, lay topsoil and grass seed to improve the aesthetic of the area.
- At the Oaks (1053/1057 Merivale), they have undertaken an assessment and determined that we need to upgrade the accessibility of the building at 1053 Merivale, including adding an elevator. They are hoping to begin pre-development and planning work this year to

determine the best option to redesign these units. One of the two Oaks building is currently vacant there is no funding in place to expand /build any subsequent phases.

Raven Park Day

When: August 13 – 11am to 7pm

Where: Raven Park, 1500 Larose Ave

Riley Brockington

May 28, 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

EID Celebration

When: May 30 12pm to 4pm

Where: Meadowvale Park, 1205 Trenton Avenue

Carlinton Community Safety Night

When: June 3 - 6:30pm

Where: Alexander Community Centre, 960 Silver Street

OPS will be attending to address the top issues for the community. OCH Security will be present to answer any questions aswell.

Strawberry Social

When: June 4, 1 pm

Where: Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community Centre

RSVP at riley.brockington@ottawa.ca or 613-580-2486

W.E Gowling Family Fun Fair and Plant Sale

When: June 6 – 10am to 1pm

Where: W.E Gowling School, 250 Anna Ave

Baseline/Merivale Secondary Plan Info Session

When: June 15 – 7pm to 8:30pm

Where: Julian of Norwich Anglican Church, 7 Rossland Avenue

Public Consultation for cycling & walking improvements to Laperriere & Clyde

When: June 25 – 6pm to 8pm

Where: W.E Gowling School, 250 Anna Ave