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CARLINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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Dear Members of the CCA,

I trust you had a safe and relaxing summer.

It was certainly a busy few months across Carlington! I thoroughly enjoyed visiting our vibrant local parks, dropping in to support our business owners, sharing some sweet treats at the wading pools, and listening to your thoughts on how we can continue improving our community.

With the leaves turning and the cooler weather settling in, our focus turns toward autumn preparations.

With the crisp air and gorgeous fall foliage finally here, our neighborhood is embracing a new season of activity. Back-to-school routines, vibrant community gatherings, and autumn events are all back in full swing. I want to extend a huge welcome to all our students and teachers starting a brand-new school year over the coming weeks!

As always, my office is here to support you. If you have any questions, concerns, or feedback on these updates or any other matter, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Wishing you all a safe, cozy, and happy autumn!

LOCAL DEVELOPMENTS

ALEXANDER COMMUNITY CENTRE

The current facility is in the demolition and abatement phase. The project team is waiting for the Site Plan Approval. This will allow the building permit to be released for the start of the substantive construction works. Once the building permit is received, a more substantive construction timeline will be shared.

MORISSET AVE PUMP STATION

The project is tracking very well. The main building structure is complete, and crews are actively focusing on roof installation. As the project shifts into the fall and winter months, focus will move indoors for major equipment installations, power activation, and system testing.

Active construction will continue throughout 2027. Residents can expect decommissioning and eventual demolition of the existing pump station in late 2028.

WESTGATE MALL REDEVELOPMENT

The demolition of the mall is now complete. Construction of the new grocery store is starting within the next couple of weeks. They are just waiting for the building permit.

ANNA AVE – CROWN CRESCENT INTEGRATED RENEWAL

This summer, the construction team encountered a significant amount of unexpected rock on Anna Avenue between General and Crerar. The additional time required for rock excavation has resulted in project delays. The contractor has made effort to bring additional crews to the site, but some portions of the work will need to be postponed until next year.

Anna Avenue: General to Crerar

Rock excavation will continue with the goal of completing all underground sanitary mains, storms, and watermain this fall. This section will be paved with temporary asphalt this fall. Curb, sidewalk and final paving to be completed next spring/summer. The existing sidewalk will remain throughout the winter.

Anna Avenue: Crerar to Carling

All underground sanitary mains, storms, and watermain will be completed this fall. A crew to complete the watermain construction will mobilize to Anna Avenue on October 5th. Sidewalk to be installed this fall, provided we have good weather. The base course asphalt will be installed and the Pure Pave Pilot program at north end of Anna Ave to be completed this fall.

Crown Crescent

Work started on Crown Crescent. All underground sanitary mains, storms, and watermain will be completed this fall. Sidewalk to be installed this fall, provided we have good weather. The base course asphalt will be installed and the Pure Pave Pilot program at north end of Anna Ave to be completed this fall.

There is substantial rock on Crown Crescent and residents will observe heavy machinery during removal.

The final lift of asphalt and all landscaping reinstatement will be completed in spring/ summer 2027.

VISCOUNT, VETERAN, HARROLD RENEWAL

Work on Viscount Avenue, Harrold Place, and Veteran Avenue Integrated Renewal Project is progressing well. Construction activities will continue through late fall 2026, with the remaining work planned for completion in spring and summer 2027.

Viscount Avenue

Service transfers to the new watermain are expected to begin shortly. Roadway reconstruction will continue through the fall. The construction of the new curbs and sidewalks is anticipated to be completed in 2026. The roadway base lift asphalt will be placed this year, and driveways and walkways will be reinstated. Remaining works, including the watermain connection at Viscount and Carling, are scheduled for completion in spring and summer 2027.

Harrold Place

Installation of service laterals to the new infrastructure and installation of catch basins is underway. Once the service laterals are complete, the new watermain will be commissioned and properties will be transferred to the new watermain. Roadway reconstruction is expected to continue through the fall. The construction of the new curbs and sidewalks is anticipated to be completed in 2026. The roadway base lift asphalt will be placed this year, and driveways and walkways will be reinstated. Remaining work is scheduled for completion in spring and summer 2027.

Veteran Avenue

At the south end of Veteran, installation of the new storm sewer and watermain is planned for this fall. Roadway reconstruction will continue through the fall. Temporary curbs and sidewalks are planned, with permanent curbs and sidewalks to be constructed in 2027.

At the north end of Veteran, construction of the new curbs and sidewalks is expected to be completed in 2026.

The roadway base lift asphalt will be placed this year. Remaining work is scheduled for completion in spring/ summer 2027.

Merivale Road and Carling Avenue

Landscaping work on the Merivale traffic island is planned for this fall. There will also be short-duration work in one lane on northbound Merivale. Remaining work is scheduled for completion in spring and summer 2027.

MERIVALE ROAD INTEGRATED RENEWAL

The project team is currently preparing the “What We Learned” report, which contains a consultation summary and responses to the main themes of questions we received after the PIS. This report will be posted to the project website in the coming weeks.

The project team will also be presenting the design to the Urban Design Review Panel on October 2, 2026. The input received from residents and Urban Design Review Panel will be reviewed together to see if updates to the design are needed. The revised design will then be reviewed by an internal technical advisory committee and subsequently with the public advisory committee later in the fall to finalize the design.

It is expected that the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee will receive a report in Q2 2027.

EMPEROR, BAKERVALE AND PANET

The project is currently in the early planning phase, where the project team is currently developing the project charter to define the extent of underground (watermain, sanitary, and storm sewer) and surface (road renewal and potential enhancements) works. They anticipate completing this phase by the end of the year.

Based on the current scenario designing is anticipated to begin in 2027, with construction tentatively scheduled for 2029.

CARLING, KIRKWOOD AND CHURCHILL

Currently, temporary poles for streetlighting / signals, utility relocations work is ongoing. The project has been awarded to Taggart Construction. They will start a pre-construction survey next month. Affected residents will receive notices. At this time, no excavation work for the sewers and watermains is proposed until 2027.

TALISMAN APARTMENTS

Tower A, a 20-storey tower, was officially completed this summer. The building welcomed new tenants as of August 1.

Currently the developers are working on finishing the last part of the project - the Japanese Pavilion. This should be completed soon.

Talisman is hosting a Ribbon cutting ceremony on October 6 to celebrate the completion of this massive project.

TURNBULL SCHOOL PARKING LOT EXPANSION

My office received concerns regarding an expansion of the parking lot. The school had already started the project. The city visited the site and determined that site plan application was required. The school is working on their site plan for submission now. The city will be reviewing the property to ensure that drainage is properly handled. They have hired an engineer and are going through the site planning preparation process now to ensure that grading, drainage, and storm water are complying with City Bylaws.

TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

Hollington Bus Pad: The contractor will complete the project by November 27.

Shillington Stakes: Delineator stakes have been installed between Fisher and Merivale.

Crerar Ave Flex Stakes: Flex stakes have been added on Crerar between Veteran and Merivale.

Kirkwood Stakes: Extra delineator stakes have been installed on Kirkwood.

Speed Bumps

1. Speed bump on Chevrier between Trent and Kingston is proposed and will be installed in 2027.
2. Speed bump on Dorchester has been postponed to 2027.
3. Speed bump on Emperor has been postponed to 2027.

Speed Boards

The Province has announced the Road Safety Initiatives Fund (RSIF), a two-year funding program dedicated to boosting safety in municipalities that previously operated Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) systems. Fisher Ave is a high-volume arterial roadway, essential emergency route, and vital part of the City's cycling network. Speed humps or curb extensions cannot be used. The city has reviewed and proposed a large speed board near Fisher and Trent.

Thames Survey

My office has received concerns about on-street parking on Thames Street. I conducted a survey proposing no parking on both sides. We are currently reviewing all responses.

BUSINESS DOOR KNOCKING

Over the summer, Aastha and I completed a business walkabout in the neighbourhood. We heard reoccurring concerns such as shoplifting, homelessness, and break-ins. All concerns were shared with the Ottawa Police.

FALL CLEANING THE CAPITAL

Registration for the Cleaning the Capital Fall campaign opens on August 25, with litter cleanup projects taking place between September 15 and October 15.

Cleanup kits, which include nitrile gloves and garbage bags, will be made available for pickup by registrants between September 4 and October 11 at participating City of Ottawa facilities across the city. More information here: Registration for Cleaning the Capital. **The deadline is October 2.**

OC TRANSPO FALL SCHEDULE

As part of the **Customer-First Action Plan**, OC Transpo is introducing new options for commuters, while continuing to increase service and reliability across the transit network and on Para Transpo to support the return to work and school.

Improvements include:

- Improved weekday frequency on O-Train Line 1 and an earlier start to weekday service on O-Train Line 2
- New express bus service and Park & Ride connections to improve transit access to major employment areas, saving customers up to 20 minutes a day
- More reliable schedules on 30 bus routes serving 50 per cent of customers
- Improvement to Para Transpo service to strengthen reliability for customers
- Additional staff present across the network to support customers and safety.

SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY

Safe speeds in school zones are essential for protecting students, and over the past several years we've seen real progress in how drivers respond to posted speed limits. Remember to follow these safety rules when entering school zones:

- Reduce your speed near schools
- Look for school zone signage
- Be ready to stop at all times: children do not always notice oncoming traffic
- Always try to make eye contact with children wanting to cross the road
- Be patient and wait for children to complete their crossing before proceeding
- Obey all yield, stop, pedestrian crossovers (PXO), and traffic signal controls – it's the law.
- Stop when a STOP paddle is held up by a crossing guard.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHRISTMAS TRIVIA NIGHT

When: December 4, 6 – 8:30 PM
Where: Kathy Ablett Room, Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community Centre, 3320 Paul Anka
RSVP: riley.brockington@ottawa.ca

RIVER WARD HOLIDAY COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

When: December 21, 5 & 6:15 PM
Where: Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community Centre, 3320 Paul Anka
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