



**RIVER WARD CITY COUNCILLOR MARIA McRAE'S REPORT TO  
THE CARLINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
February 8, 2011**

**You are Cordially Invited to...  
Maria McRae's First  
River Ward Family Day Skate**

**Date:** Family Day - Monday, February 21, 2011

**Time:** 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

**Place:** Jim Durrell Recreation Complex  
1264 Walkley Road

**Bus Route:** 8

This Family Day, please join me, your friends and neighbours for an afternoon of fun filled with plenty of skating, music, delightful snacks, hot drinks and more to make this an enjoyable and memorable event. Skates are optional but smiles are required!

Please visit your local community centre to pick up your complimentary ticket(s). As space is limited, tickets are first come, first served.

**Alexander Community Centre**  
960 Silver Street

**Carleton Heights Community Centre**  
1665 Apeldoorn Avenue

**Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community Centre**  
3320 Paul Anka Drive

This event is sponsored by Tim Hortons, PM Event Services and Lightning Blade Hockey.



### **Central Experimental Farm Maple Drive Entrance Relocation**

Thank you to the members of the Carlington Community Association and residents of Carlington who attended the public consultation meeting on Monday, January 24, 2011. Participants reviewed the proposed plans to relocate the entrance from Maple Drive to Melrose Avenue and provided their feedback to representatives from Agriculture Canada. I will provide more information regarding this project as it becomes available.

### **2011 Budget**

The 2011 budget process is underway. As part of the process, City staff have organized five multi-ward, bilingual consultations across the city. Senior City staff from key departments will be participating and will be available to answer residents' questions. I encourage you to participate in this important process to help shape the 2012 budget. Meeting details are as follows:

Dates and locations:

South	Tuesday, February 22	Nepean Sportsplex Halls A/B	7 to 9 p.m.
West	Wednesday, February 23	Holy Trinity Catholic School, Kanata	7 to 9 p.m.
Rural	Thursday, February 24	Stuart Holmes Arena, Osgoode	7 to 9 p.m.
East	Monday, February 28	Shenkman Arts Centre (Theatre)	7 to 9 p.m.
Central	Thursday, March 3	City Hall (Andrew Haydon Hall)	7 to 9 p.m.

**City of Ottawa 2011 Summer Student Employment Program**

Students interested in summer employment with the City of Ottawa can apply online as of Monday, January 31, 2011.

The Summer Student Employment Program is a great opportunity to gain valuable work experience and insight into today's workforce, discover a career path, showcase skills and enhance academic goals.

Positions are available in the following areas:

- Administrative and Support Services
- Building, Roads, Forestry and Parks Maintenance
- By-Law Services
- Engineering and Science
- Environmental Science
- Finance and Accounting
- Information Technology and Geomatics
- Laboratory Technologist/Chemistry
- Library Services
- Marketing and Communications
- Paramedic Services
- Parks and Recreation Services
- Public Health Services
- Heritage, Community and Social Services
- Traffic and Parking Operations

For more information including eligibility criteria and other requirements, visit [ottawa.ca/careers](http://ottawa.ca/careers). Applications will be accepted from Monday, January 31 to Friday, February 25, 2011.

## **Integrated Road Safety Program (IRSP)**

### **December Results**

**Impaired driving and speeding** were on the City's Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) radar in **December**. A total of **905 charges** were laid in **December**.

Specifically, **803 tickets were issued for speeding** and the **impaired driving initiative resulted in 91 alcohol-related criminal charges** (the result of **57 drivers caught driving under the influence**), **7 Highway Traffic Act alcohol violations for novice / young drivers** and **4 Liquor Act violations for open / unsealed alcohol in vehicles**.

During the **three IRSP/CAA-sponsored R.I.D.E. initiatives** conducted in **December**, approximately **2,000 vehicles were stopped**, **two drivers were charged with impaired driving** and **four 3-day driver's license suspensions were handed out**.

### **January Initiative**

The City of Ottawa's Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) is ringing in the New Year with a crackdown on **tailgaters** and **stop sign runners**.

In **2009, tailgating caused 4,973 rear-end collisions** – the most frequent type of collision accounting for one-third of Ottawa's total collisions. These collisions resulted in **one death and 1,373 injuries** – **17 of them life-threatening**.

**Disobeying stop signs – including rolling stops** – is also a serious issue on Ottawa roads. In 2009, **1,667 collisions at stop sign-controlled intersections** resulted in **one death and 462 injuries** – **17 of them life-threatening**.

### **February Initiative**

Drivers who are **distracted with electronic hand-held devices** or **making unsafe lane changes** have the full attention of the **City's Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP)** in **February**.

**Between 2007 and 2009, driver distraction** was either **fully or partially the cause of 5,800 traffic collisions in Ottawa**. These collisions resulted in **seven deaths and 1,952 injuries (81 of them serious)**.

**Unsafe lane changing** is also a serious issue. In **2009 alone, 1,162 reportable collisions occurred on Ottawa roads due to unsafe lane changes** – resulting in **142 injuries (three were life-threatening)** and **one fatality**.