



**RIVER WARD CITY COUNCILLOR MARIA McRAE'S REPORT TO
THE CARLINGTON COMMUNITY
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Happy New Year!

I would like to start by wishing everyone a Happy New Year, and by letting you know that I look forward to working with the Carlington community in 2010.

Carlington Community Special Workshop

On November 21, 2009 I hosted the “*Building Community Capacity - Carlington Special Workshop*”. Thank you to everyone who attended and to everyone who has provided me with their feedback regarding topics of interest in the Carlington community.

I am delighted with the results of the workshop and your feedback. All of your suggestions are being reviewed by City staff and the other agencies that participated in the workshop. I am formally presenting community feedback from this workshop at the next Community Development Framework Steering Committee meeting.

The “Oaks” Public Working Group

As you may recall, on September 1, 2009, I hosted a public information session regarding the purchase of the former Cardinal Suites Hotel by the Shepherds of Good Hope. At this meeting, residents supported the formation of a small Public Working Group (PWG), comprised of Carlington residents, to maintain a dialogue between the Shepherds of Good Hope, its tenants and residents to address operational issues and concerns.

On January 11, 2010, I had the pleasure of hosting the first PWG meeting. As part of this meeting, the PWG determined their mandate and how to feed the information received through the committee into the Community Development Framework.

I look forward to the next meeting where a few tenants of the new Shepherds of Good Hope facility, The Oaks, will join the PWG.



Carlington Community Development Framework- Update

In December 2008, Carlington was identified as the proud recipient of the City's new Community Development Framework (CDF). The CDF is an innovative way to coordinate municipal and community services. It brings together a cross-section of community partners to share information and leverage resources and community strengths to address needs in neighbourhoods. I am proud to be a member of the Steering Committee overseeing this CDF.

The CDF began in the Caldwell neighbourhood and will gradually move to other areas of Carlington. As a first step in the process of engaging residents and identifying priorities, a neighbourhood survey was conducted. Survey results were compiled and in late December 2009, the CDF Steering Committee further engaged residents to confirm the survey results and to begin action planning to address issues raised in the surveys.

As always, I look forward to working with the community and all members of the CDF to develop a strategic work plan to address the issues identified in the surveys. I will provide you with more information in due course.

Integrated Road Safety Program (IRSP)

November Results

In November, the City of Ottawa's Integrated Road Safety Program (IRSP), through its Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP), laid **421 charges for failing to use Reserved Transit Lanes properly and failing to stop at red lights.**

Specifically, the **safe use of Reserved Transit Lanes** initiative resulted in the laying of **10 charges** and **411 tickets were issued to drivers for failing to stop at red lights.**

December Initiative

In December, the City of Ottawa's Integrated Road Safety Program (IRSP), through its Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP), focused on **motorists who drive impaired and speed.**

January Initiative

This month, the City of Ottawa's Integrated Road Safety Program (IRSP), through its Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP), is focusing on **drivers that follow the vehicle ahead too closely** and those that **do not obey stop signs.**

In 2007, tailgating caused 4,716 rear-end collisions – the most frequent type of collision accounting for one-third of Ottawa's total collisions. These collisions resulted in four deaths and 1,470 injuries – 17 of them life-threatening.

Failing to stop at stop signs is also a serious issue on Ottawa roads. In 2007, 1,666 reportable collisions occurred at Ottawa's stop sign-controlled intersections. These collisions resulted in eight deaths and 588 injuries – 27 of them life-threatening.

City of Ottawa 2010 Summer Student Employment Program

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
- Human Resources
- Information Technology and Geomatics
- Laboratory Technologist/Chemistry
- Library Services
- Paramedic Services
- Parks and Recreation Services
- Public Health Services
- Recreation, Heritage, Community and Social Services
- Traffic and Parking Operations

For more information including eligibility criteria and other requirements, visit ottawa.ca/careers. Applications will be accepted from Monday, January 11 to Monday, February 22, 2010.

Green Bin

Bi-weekly collection began on *January 4, 2010*.

The Green Bin program is an easy way to dispose of household organic waste such as food scraps, soiled paper products and more. Check your new 2009-2011 Collection Calendar to confirm when pickup begins in your neighbourhood.

Ottawa's Green Bin program accepts a wide range of organic waste including: fruits and vegetables, meat and dairy, grains, baked goods, cooking oils, yard waste (such as grass clippings, twigs, leaves) and houseplants and soiled paper products including pizza boxes, used tissues and paper plates.

It is important to note that the City of Ottawa was recently informed by Orgaworld Canada that their current Ministry of Environment Certificate of Approval issued by the Ministry of the Environment for their composting facility does not include dog feces as an acceptable material.

The certificate does allow for the receipt and handling of other small pet feces, as long as it is included as a part of cat litter and small animal bedding materials.

The Green Bin program is an environmentally friendly way to reduce the amount of garbage sent to our landfills, extending their useful lifecycle. By using the green bin, you can help prolong the life of our landfills and save the City money.

For a complete list of items that can be put in the green bin, visit: www.ottawa.ca/greenbin or www.greenbinottawa.ca.

January H1N1 and Seasonal Flu Vaccination Clinics Announced

Ottawa Public Health (OPH) will hold 28 **H1N1** and **seasonal flu** vaccination clinics beginning on Wednesday, January 6. Both the H1N1 and seasonal flu vaccines will be available at all clinics.

The traditional flu season usually begins in February and this year both the seasonal and the H1N1 flu viruses are circulating. Getting both vaccines will provide you with the best protection for this flu season.

Both vaccines are also available at many local doctors' offices, community health care centres, university campuses and some workplaces.

January	Location	Time
Tuesday, January 12	St. Joseph High School 3333 Greenbank Rd.	3:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, January 13	Holy Trinity Catholic High School 180 Katimavik Road	3:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Thursday, January 14	Heritage Public School 1375 Colonial Rd.	3:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Friday, January 15	St. Mark Catholic High School 1040 Dozois Rd.	3:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, January 16	Ottawa City Hall 110 Laurier Ave. West	8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Monday, January 18	Bayshore Public School 145 Woodridge Cres.	3:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday, January 19	Confederation High School 1645 Woodroffe Ave.	3:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, January 20	Rideau High School 815 St. Laurent Blvd.	3:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 23	Centre Pauline-Charron 164 Jeanne-Mance St.	8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Monday, January 25	West Carleton Community Complex 5670 Carp Rd.	3:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 27	École secondaire catholique Béatrice-Desloges 1999 Provence Ave.	3:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Thursday, January 28	Jim Durrell Arena 1265 Walkley Rd.	3:30 – 8:30 p.m.
February		
Monday, February 1	Dempsey Community Centre 1895 Russell Rd.	3:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 3	Le Patro Community Centre 40 Cobourg St.	3:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Thursday, February 4	Bellevue Community Centre 1475 Caldwell Ave.	3:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, February 6	Gloucester High School 2060 Ogilvie Rd.	8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Monday, February 8	South Carleton High School 3673 McBean St.	3:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 10	Ridgemont High School 2597 Alta Vista Dr.	3:30 – 8:30

For more information, visit www.ottawa.ca/health or contact the Ottawa Public Health Information Line at 613-580-6744.