



**RIVER WARD CITY COUNCILLOR MARIA McRAE'S REPORT TO
THE CARLETON HEIGHTS AND AREA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
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Budget Results – Carleton Heights

As a part of the 2010 Budget, Carleton Heights will see significant investment in their community. Projects include:

- Replacement of the asphalt walkways in Carleton Heights Park;
- Replacement of the chain link fence around the tennis court in Carleton Heights Park;
- Resurfacing of the Carleton Heights Community Centre parking lot, replacement of the concrete curbs and sidewalk;
- Replace rooftop condensing units and lights at the Carleton Heights Community Centre
- New traffic control signal on Fisher Avenue in front of St. Pius X High School;
- Road preservation treatment on Prince of Wales Drive between Baseline Road to Fisher Avenue;
- Conversion of the traffic circle at Prince of Wales Drive and the Experimental Farm to a modern roundabout.

Community Environmental Initiatives Application

With environmental and climate-change concerns growing globally, I want to remind you that funding is available to make a difference, beginning in our local environment, through the Community Environment Projects Grants Program (CEPGP).

Funding totaling \$50,000 is available through CEPGP for community-based initiatives and non-profit organizations interested in improving and preserving the environment in such areas as solid waste diversion, water efficiency, wastewater management, water environment protection and sustainable development.

The deadline for submissions is Wednesday, March 31, 2010.

For more information on CEPGP and its eligibility requirements, you can visit www.ottawa.ca or call my office at 613-580-2486.



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 www.ottawa.ca/careers. Applications will be accepted until **Monday, February 22, 2010**.

Downtown Ottawa Transit Tunnel: Open House

The City of Ottawa will be hosting an open house to discuss the environmental impacts of the planned Downtown Ottawa Transit Tunnel (DOTT) light rail project. The session will provide residents with information on current environmental conditions, and an assessment of the impact of the project's design, construction and operation.

Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Time: 5 to 8:30 p.m.

Location: Ottawa City Hall, Jean Pigott Place, 110 Laurier Avenue West

Transit Routes: 5, 6, 14 and Transitway routes

In January 2010, City Council approved the functional design for the DOTT project, a light rail transit link between Tunney's Pasture and Blair Road, with trains passing below downtown through twin 3.2-kilometre tunnels. A draft Environmental Project Report is being prepared to identify the scope of the project, and to describe the measures proposed to moderate and monitor its environmental impacts.

I encourage you to take this opportunity to ask questions and share your comments on the environmental assessment of this major transit project. For more information on the DOTT project, visit www.ottawa.ca/tunnel or call 3-1-1.

Sno-Bus Service for Winterlude

OC Transpo will once again offer the popular Sno-Bus service for Winterlude this year – the best way to travel during North America’s greatest winter celebration.

The Sno-Bus will operate on all three Winterlude weekends and travel from Confederation Square downtown to all the sites along the Rideau Canal and Dow’s Lake. For service to Jacques-Cartier Park, customers can transfer downtown to the STO Sno-Bus in front of the National Arts Centre.

Winterlude enthusiasts can also park for free at Greenboro Park and Ride lot and take the O-Train to Carling Station where they can enjoy the activities at Dow’s Lake or connect with the Sno-Bus. Parking is free at all OC Transpo Park & Ride lots during Winterlude weekends.

The Sno-Bus is free for children 11 and under. Customers 12 and older pay \$3 – cash only – and can ride the Sno-Bus all day with their Sno-Bus ticket. Passes, transfers, bus tickets, O-Train tickets and STO Smart Cards will not be accepted on the Sno-Bus. Customers can transfer between the OC Transpo and STO Sno-Bus services with their Sno-Bus ticket, which is only valid on the Sno-Bus.

For further transit information, you can call OC Transpo at 613-741-4390 or visit www.octranspo.com.

Registration for March Break Programming Now Open

All residents are welcome to register now for March Break programs. Plenty of great programming is available during the week of March 15-19, 2010 when most school-aged children are away from school.

Register your children or grandchildren for programs like swimming, dance, arts and all sorts of other activities and interests for children of all ages.

You can register online at www.ottawa.ca , by phone at 613-580-2588, or in person at any Client Service Centre or recreation facility.

For more information on March Break programs, please visit www.ottawa.ca/recreation.

2010 Civic Appreciation Awards: Nominate a Volunteer

You can show your gratitude to that special individual by nominating them for a City of Ottawa Civic Appreciation Award.

The City's Civic Appreciation Awards ceremony is held each spring following National Volunteer Week. This volunteer appreciation program provides an opportunity to nominate and recognize individuals, groups and organizations that volunteer in a variety of ways throughout the city.

The deadline for nominations is **Friday, March 26, 2010**. Nominations can be completed online at www.ottawa.ca or you can also download and print the form. Nomination forms are also available at any Client Service Centre or any branch of the Ottawa Public Library.

Awards will be presented in the following categories:

- Citizen of the Year Award (youth, adult and senior)
- Brian Kilrea Award – for excellence in coaching in amateur sports
- Distinguished Civic Award
 - Arts and Culture
 - Recreation and Sports
 - Education / Training
 - Environment
 - Health
 - Heritage
 - Humanitarianism
 - Rural/Agriculture
 - Community Activism (youth, adult, senior and group)

For more information on the Civic Appreciation Awards, visit www.ottawa.ca/volunteering or call my office at 613-580-2486.

City of Ottawa 55+ Short Story Contest

The City of Ottawa's 13th annual 55 + Short Story Contest invites submissions of original, unpublished short stories or memoirs of 2000 words or less by Ottawa residents 55 years or older. Eight entrants will be named to the 2010 Winners Circle, sharing recognition and prize money of \$400. They will be recognized at *An Afternoon of Readings* on Wednesday April 28, 2010 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Heron Seniors' Centre, 1480 Heron Road.

One of the winning stories will be selected for publication in the spring issue of Forever Young newspaper. Though contestants may submit multiple entries, they will only be eligible to win one prize.

An entry fee of \$5 per story is applicable. Deadline for submissions is **Monday, March 15, 2010**.

This contest is co-sponsored by the Colonel By Retirement Residence and the Forever Young newspaper.

For full contest details, pick up a brochure at any City of Ottawa Client Service Centre or call the Heron Seniors' Centre at 613-247-4808 ext.1.

Integrated Road Safety Program (IRSP)

January Results

The Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) focus on **tailgating** and **stop sign running** resulted in **258 charges** being laid in January, according to the City's Integrated Road Safety Program (IRSP).

Specifically, **46 tickets** were issued to **drivers following** the vehicle ahead too closely and the **stop sign running initiative** resulted in the laying of **212 charges**.

February Initiative

The City's Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) is placing its attention on **stopping distracted driving** and **unsafe lane changes** on Ottawa roads this February.

Between 2006 and 2008, driver distraction was either fully or partially attributed to being the cause of 5,490 traffic collisions in Ottawa, resulting in 1,938 injuries and eight deaths.

Distracted driving is the focus of the IRSP's major public awareness campaign, entitled *Distractions Impair! Driving requires your full attention*. The campaign began on 26 October 2009 – the same day the Province initiated the new legislation banning the use of hand-held communications and entertainment devices while driving.

Since the law came into effect, the emphasis has been on education. But on February 1, it shifts to enforcement.

Unsafe lane changing is also a serious issue on Ottawa roadways. In fact, 1,060 reportable collisions occurred on Ottawa roads in 2008 due to unsafe lane changes. These collisions resulted in 127 injuries - with three of them life-threatening.

Lansdowne Park Update

On February 10, 2010, City Council approved the Request for Proposal (RFP) process for the design, construction, operation, and financing of an exposition hall facility in Ottawa. The facility would require 220,000 sq. ft. consisting of a main exhibit hall with a minimum floor area of 150,000 sq. ft and an approximately 70,000 sq. ft. annex. The next phase of the project will be the issuing of the RFP on February 19, 2010, with the goal of having the new facility opened by September 2011.

This process is related to Council's decision in November 2009 to conditionally proceed with the Lansdowne Partnership Plan. One of the conditions of its support was that the City request expressions of interest for the construction and operation of a trade and consumer show facility to make up for the loss of exhibition space at a revitalized Lansdowne Park. As part of this important project, the City has already initiated a study that will assess the economic and social benefits of a new facility.