Councillor’s Column

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Carp/Hazeldean Collision Report

Residents have been reaching out to my office with concerns regarding the intersection at Carp and Hazeldean. My office has been looking into concerns pertaining to this particular intersection with traffic staff for quite some time.

Upon forwarding resident requests for an advance green left-turn-light, staff response in the past has always been that vehicular traffic is not high enough to justify such a feature. More background on this particular study can be found on my website here.

While I can appreciate the desire for additional safety concerns at this intersection, I have requested that Traffic staff supply my office with traffic data / collision reports so that I may share it with residents.

A summarized breakdown of the collision data from 2011–2015 is available in PDF form here.

In 2015, this intersection ranked 167th of 955 signalized intersections in the City (tied with 19 other intersections) with a total of 10 collisions, comparative with 2014 data wherein the intersection ranked 50th (tied with 11 other intersections) with a total of 18 collisions. Of note, Hunt Club and Riverside had the highest number of collisions in 2015 with a total of 60. 2016 numbers are not available for review until finalized later this fall.
The City’s Safety Improvement Program (SIP) identifies high collision locations, based upon police collision reports and traffic volumes. Engineering studies have found that locations that have a statistically over-represented collision trend, may benefit from engineering countermeasures. For example, if there are more left-turn collisions at a location, than other similar intersections, and these are found to be statistically over-represented, then it may be worthwhile to install a protected/dedicated left-turn phase.

If a collision trend is not over-represented, compared to other similar locations, then it is possible that a side effect of the intervention may create other problems that could result in a general decline in the safety of the location.

The SIP program recognizes that there are many locations across the City, that have over-represented collision trends, and uses it’s funding to address these locations as a priority. The SIP program is mandated to determine locations where the investment is likely to reduce the most collisions.

I hope that these statistics help to shed additional light on the intersection for many residents. Of course, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me at Shad.Qadri@ottawa.ca.

For a full list of annual road safety reports, please visit http://ottawa.ca/en/residents/transportation–and–parking/road–safety/annual–safety–reports
Public Meeting for Future Blackstone Development Phases

I am happy to invite residents to attend a Public Meeting regarding a proposed plan of subdivision by Mattamy Homes Ltd. for the property at 5505 Fernbank Road.

Thursday October 12, 2017
Open House 6:30 pm, Presentation 7:00 pm
Goulbourn Recreation Complex (Hall A)
1500 Shea Road

The Plan of Subdivision proposes the development of approximately 950 residential units, with 425 detached dwellings, 27 blocks for townhouses, and one block for condominium apartments or stacked units. The subdivision includes lands for an elementary school and a high school. Two 1-hectare parks are proposed as well as pathway blocks to provide connections to the Monahan Drain and throughout the site.

For more details on this development please click here.

Fernbank Lands CRT Development Tree Removal & Blasting

I have received notice from the City that the developers of the CRT lands in the Fernbank community are undertaking blasting and tree clearing as part of their development. The development is located at 5786 Fernbank Road and for additional information on the development plans please visit here.

The property for this development is located west of Robert Grant Avenue, north of Fernbank and south of Abbott Street.
The draft approved plan of subdivision contains the following:

- 523 lots
- 25 blocks for attached and stacked dwellings (approximately 300–350 units)
- One Community Park
- One Neighbourhood Park
- Two blocks for stormwater management
- Two blocks for schools: one secondary (OCDSB) and one elementary (CEPEO)
- One block: Hydro corridor

Tree Removal Information

A tree permit has been approved as part of the CRT subdivision application. Tree protection fencing is up and has been inspected by the City.

Blasting Information

I have received notice that blasting will be underway in the Fernbank area for subdivision construction. Residents within 150 meters of the site will be receiving a blasting notification letter, and residents that are within 75 meters of the site will also receive a letter offering a pre-blast survey of their homes.

If residents have concerns with the blasting, please feel free to contact my office and you may also contact the following staff with the contractor DST Consulting Engineers:

- Andrew Couturier during business hours at 613.697.9326 / acouturier@dstgroup.com.
- For after business hours, please contact Anas Saleh at 613.219.3728 or asaleh@dstgroup.com.
ATTENTION ALL BARBEQUE LOVERS!

Please join me in kicking off Thanksgiving Long Weekend on Friday, October 6th, 2017 with a FREE community BBQ! Residents who attend are asked to please bring a small donation for the Stittsville Food Bank in the name of a non-perishable food item, thank you.

The event will take place at Village Square Park (at the corner of Stittsville Main Street and Abbott Street) from 11AM-4PM with hotdogs and beef burgers being served while quantities last between 12PM-3PM. Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate dietary restrictions; however, we encourage you to bring your own food of choice and join in the festivities!

As part of their corporate community giveback, Tim Horton’s will be on site with their mobile café and Enbridge will be preparing the food while ample fun and games will be present for children, teens, and families. This is a great opportunity for youth of all ages to spend some time outdoors connecting with their peers and having some fun! Seeing as October 6th is a P.D. day for some school boards, my hope is to see as many youths attend the event as possible!

I look forward to seeing you and enjoying a hamburger and/or hotdog with you!
Looking for something spooky to get up to this October? Consider stopping by Saunders Farm’s 7th Annual “Scaring is Caring” event!

This October 6th, Saunders Farm will once again be donating $5 to the Youth Services Bureau to support mental health services for local youths.

Scaring is Caring was established six years ago in the memory of Jamie Hubley, son of Kanata South Councillor Allan Hubley and his wife Wendy. This is a wonderful opportunity to raise both money and awareness in support of youth mental health programming in the Ottawa area.

Once more, my office is sponsoring discounted tickets ($20 instead of $40) and free bus transportation to and from the event. Participants can board the bus at the Goulbourn Rec Complex beginning at 5:30 PM with a scheduled departure time of approximately 6:00 PM (show up early!). Discounted tickets can be purchased on the bus prior to departure (as space permits). Return departure will leave Saunders at 10:00 PM.

Please note that Saunders Farm strongly do not recommend the Night Haunts for children under the age of 10 years old.

I would like to thank Councillor Hubley’s office for organizing this event and Angela and Mark Saunders for their continued assistance in hosting.

I highly encourage all residents to consider making it out and supporting this great cause! For more information, please contact Destini.Mclean@ottawa.ca.
The Complex is Haunted!

Stop by the Goulbourn Rec Complex on October 27th for an array of spoOoOoOoky fun!

Show off your costume as you partake in cookie decorating, a haunted house, a spooky family portrait and more!

Admission is free and donations will be accepted toward the Stittsville Food Bank. The event runs from 5:00–7:00 PM with Haunted Swim continuing until 8:30.

I hope that all residents join this great opportunity for a wicked good time!

Male Athlete of the Year – Jack Fan

I am thrilled to share that gold-medal-winning Special Olympian and Stittsville resident, Jack Fan, has been named Male athlete of the year by Special Olympics Canada.

Jack has been involved in Special Olympics Ontario for 10 years, competing in Figure skating, swimming and athletics. Demonstrating dedication and success in all 3 sports, Jack has been described as an incredibly kind competitor and teammate, who can often be heard offering words of encouragement to those around him, and even to himself. In 2017, Jack was selected to compete at World Games in Austria, where he captured a Gold medal in the level 4 men’s single Figure skating, as well as Gold in the level 2 pairs and a silver medal in the world dance contest.

In addition to this incredible award, Jack just found out he was chosen to represent Ontario in the National Games in PEI in 2018 to compete in swimming. Most recently he has joined the Goulbourn Sea Hawks competitive swim Club where he will train to prepare for Nationals.

What a stellar year for this champion!

I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to Jack and the entire Goulbourn Skating Club for all of their hard work. With dedication and perseverance, it is incredible to see what our youth is capable of. Truly, Stittsville breeds champions.

If you are interested in getting involved with the Goulbourn Skating Club this season, it is not too late! There is still space available in all programs. For more information, please visit http://www.goulbournskatingclub.com/

Ball Hockey 3on3

On Saturday, October 14th from 2–5 pm, the Stittsville RAMS Minor Atom hockey team will be hosting a 3 on 3 ball hockey tournament for Novice, Atom and Peewee teams (kids born between 2005 – 2010) at the old Stittsville flea market lot on Hazeldean Rd. near the corner of Main Street.

A first for Stittsville, the team hopes it will become a fun, annual event, bringing friends and neighbours together. Hot 89.9 radio station will be there to provide music and energy and Urban Cowboy food truck will offer players, parents and spectators a mouth-watering selection of hamburgers, sweet potato fries, shrimp tacos, chicken wraps, poutine and more. The event will feature a series of 20 minute games, with semi-finals and finals. Prizes will be awarded to the winning teams from each division!

Spots are limited and registration closes on October 8th, so get your team of 5 ready and join in the fun! Any teams of 5 are welcome – boys, girls or co-ed!
The cost to register a team of 5 players is $125 ($25 per player). To register, please click here. Any questions can be sent to minoratomrams@gmail.com. Come out for a great afternoon with friends and neighbours! All proceeds support the Minor Atom Stittsville RAMS team.

On October 14th, 2017, 9runrun will be hosting its 8th annual run and your help is requested! 9runrun is Ottawa’s very own run in support of local emergency services. It is a community event that supports mental health programs in our community such as Do It For Daron (DIFD), bringing together runners, walkers, volunteers and spectators through its partnership with the Ottawa Police, Paramedic and Fire Departments.

Volunteers are needed to support traffic barricades along the race route, perhaps directly on your street.

Successful barricade management helps to ensure runners are kept safe throughout their run and keeps traffic moving as needed.

Volunteering is a great way to take in the race, be involved in the community, cheer on your friends and neighbours, and for students to collect community service hours! Youth under 16 years old are welcome when accompanied by an adult.

To date, the race has raised over $140,000.00!

I would like to encourage all residents to consider helping out with the race for this great cause.

To register as a volunteer, please click here. For more information and to register as a racer, please visit http://www.9runrun.ca/

**Road Closures**

On October 14, 2017, the following road closures will be in effect to allow runners to safely complete the courses. Note that these times are approximate and may change closer to the date/without notice.
• 07:00 to 13:00 Abbott Street West – both directions will be closed from Stittsville Main Street to Westridge Dr
• 08:45 to 09:30 Stittsville Main Street – both direction from Abbott St to Fernbank Rd will be closed for the start of the 10K and Half Marathon races. The roadway will re-open once the last Half Marathon runner has passed by Fernbank Rd.
• 08:45 – 09:30 Closure of 10 K route (Stittsville Main, Brae Cres, Henry Goulbourn, Cypress Gardens, Snowberry Way, Westridge from Snowberry to Abbott)
• 08:45 to 09:45 Stittsville Main to Flewellyn – southbound lane closed till last half marathoner passes Flewellyn
• 08:55 hrs to 09:30 Westridge Rd – northbound will be closed from Snowberry St to Abbott St The road will reopen once the last 10k runner has passed and is on the trail
• 09:15 to 11:15 Flewellyn Rd – westbound only, will be closed from Main Street to Munster Rd. It will be re-opened once the last runner has turned onto Munster Rd.
• 09:30 to 11:15 Munster Rd – northbound lane only, will be closed from Flewellyn Rd to Fernbank Rd. It will be re-opened once the last runner has turned onto Fernbank Rd.
• 09:30 to 11:30 Fernbank Rd –eastbound will be closed from Munster Rd to Jinkinson Rd. It will be re-opened once the last runner has turned onto Jinkinson Rd.
• 09:30 to 12:00 Jinkinson Rd –both directions will be closed from Fernbank Rd to a location north of the Trans Canada Trail (passed the turn around point). It will re-open once the last runner is on the Trans Canada Trail.

Amberwood Neighbourhood Garage Sale

While summer winds to an end, there is still at least one community garage sale in Stittsville residents may want to check out!

Amberwood Village will be holding a neighbourhood garage sale on Grand Cedar and Innebrook Courts on Saturday, October 14 from 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Stop by for any last minute nick–knacks before the holiday season!
Stittsville United Church Fundraising For Ruddy–Shenkman Hospice In Kanata

Six west-end Ottawa United Churches are coordinating efforts to raise money for Hospice Care Ottawa, specifically to support the construction of the Ruddy–Shenkman Hospice – Kanata.

Stittsville United, Bells Corner United, Glen Cairn United, Kanata United, St. Paul’s United (Carp), and St. Paul’s United (Richmond) have set a goal to jointly raise at least $50,000 for Hospice Care Ottawa with fundraising events wrapping up by the end of March 2018. All money raised will be directed to fund a room in Hein House which will help to highlight the importance of community involvement in hospice programs and operations.

In support of this campaign, Stittsville United will be hosting a Bridge/Euchre/Lunch Fundraising Event on Thursday, October 12. The event will start at 11:00 a.m. with coffee and muffins. Cost for the day is $20 per person.

There will also be another event later in October. Mark your calendar for a Fashion Show/Sale by Swirlicious on Sunday, October 29 at 1:00 p.m. – $10.00 person. More information will be provided as the date comes closer.

I highly encourage all residents looking for an opportunity to socialize and play some Bridge/Euchre to consider joining in support of this great cause.

For more information or to register, please call the church office at 613–836–4962.

BNI Stittsville

I am happy to share that Business Network International (BNI) is the most recent organization coming to Stittsville later this fall.

BNI is a professional networking organization that aims to facilitate exchange of business referral by word of mouth marketing.
With only one member per business category allowed in each chapter, the leads and business generated through the chapter remain local. This means that there is only one accountant, one dentist or one mechanic etc. per chapter. While 14 of these categories have already been filled out for the Stittsville chapter, there are many categories still available for business owners who would like to grow their business and expand their network. The mission of BNI is to help members increase their business through a structured, positive and professional referral marketing program to develop meaningful, long-term relationships with quality business professionals.

I encourage interested business owners to learn more about the Stittsville BNI chapter; please contact Antoine Rempp at (613) 621-0113 or Antoine@RemppFinancial.com. The next two information session meetings take place on Tuesdays Oct. 10th and Oct. 24th from 9:30am to 11am at the ALE restaurant at the Amberwood Golf Course. Registration is required.

Oasis in Kanata

On October 16th at 7:00 PM, The Oasis in Kanata, a place for caregivers of people with mental illness, presents “Exploring the Possibilities” – a free public information session

Paul McIntyre, a volunteer with the Mental Illness Caregivers’ Association (MICA), will share some of the lessons he has learned as a caregiver for loved ones living with mental illness, from treatment and rehabilitation to recovery – including recovery now focused on exploring the possibilities.

The event will be held at the Glen Cairn United Church, 140 Abbeyhill Drive.

I highly encourage all residents to take this opportunity to learn more about mental health and how to care for our loved ones. For more information, please visit www.theoasiskanata.ca
Shine your light and stay safe at night!

I am happy to share that Ottawa Fire Services, in partnership with Safer Roads Ottawa and the Ottawa Police Service has launched the third annual “Be Safe, Be Seen” initiative.

As part of the initiative, residents are encouraged to drop by any of the City of Ottawa Fire Stations in urban areas or one of the four rural fire offices, and receive a complimentary light or reflective item. Each resident will be able to choose one item from the following list:

- a set of bike lights;
- a reflective armband/leg band; or
- a pedestrian light

The safety items will help make road users more visible at night while walking, biking, running or partaking in other activities. For residents or groups of residents looking for safety items, please send your request to Safer Roads Ottawa at sro@ottawa.ca.

The initiative runs until Tuesday, October 31 so don’t delay and pick up your reflective gear today!

For a full list of station locations and the hours in which residents can pick up their items, please contact Ottawa Fire Services at firerequests@ottawa.ca or call 613–580–2860.
S.T.E.P. to focus on distracted driving and speeding

The Gatineau Police Service and Ottawa Police Service’s Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) will focus on distracted driving and speeding violations during the month of October.

26,860 traffic collisions, 5,761 injuries, and 18 fatalities occurred between 2011 and 2015 involving distracted driving.

Likewise, there have been 15,850 collisions involving speeding. These collisions resulted in 3759 injuries and 54 fatalities.

The Selective Traffic Enforcement Program helps to raise awareness of easily preventable traffic violations to help to keep our roads safe.

It operates in coordination with the Safer Roads Ottawa Program, a partnership between Ottawa Fire Services, Ottawa Paramedic Service, Ottawa Police Service, Ottawa Public Health and the Transportation Services Department, committed to preventing or eliminating road deaths and serious injuries for all people in the City of Ottawa, through culture change, community engagement, and development of a sustainable safe transportation environment.

Planning Committee Stittsville Items

On October 10th the City’s Planning Committee will be considering two planning applications in Stittsville. Please see the below information on these items and for additional information I encourage you to review the full reports which are available here.
Zoning By-law Amendment – 5960 Fernbank Road

- The property is municipally known as 5960 Fernbank Road and is located southwest of the intersection of Fernbank Road and Shea Road at the southeastern edge of the community of Stittsville. The site is located within the urban area and is designated as General Urban Area and Developing Community (Expansion Area) under the City of Ottawa Official Plan.
- The site is approximately 2.77 hectares in size and has approximately 204 metres of frontage along Fernbank Road and 161 metres of frontage along Shea Road. The site is currently vacant with minimal tree coverage and existing hydro towers and lines bisect the property.
- The site is currently zoned Rural Countryside Zone. The application proposes to rezone the property from Rural Countryside Zone (RU) to General Mixed Use Zone (GM) in order to permit future commercial development consisting of a grocery store, two retail stores and a restaurant. The GM Zone will permit the proposed grocery store, retail and restaurant uses, as well as other commercial, residential and institutional uses.
- For more information on the site plan please visit my website here.

Zoning By-law Amendment – Part of 5831 Hazeldean Road

- The site is located in the southerly portion of the Poole Creek Village subdivision between Hazeldean Road and Rosehill Avenue, west of the Poole Creek corridor. The Plan of Subdivision received Draft Approval in 2012 and the first two phases are under construction. The lands are in the third and final phase. The land proposed to be rezoned are approximately 0.25 hectares in size and are currently vacant. The lands north of Rosehill Avenue are occupied by a mix of detached and townhouse dwellings, while the lands immediately to the north and west of the site will be developed as the third phase of the subdivision. Lands to the east are within the portion of the Poole Creek corridor being dedicated to the City through the subdivision. Lands to the south are occupied by a used automobile sales operation.
- The site is currently zoned Parks and Open Space (O1), and forms part of the lands within the Poole Creek corridor. The applicant has requested that the site be rezoned to Residential Third Density Zone Subzone Z Exception 2017, holding provision, (R3Z[2017]–h) to permit residential development. The R3 Zone permits detached, semi-detached and townhouse dwellings, while Subzone Z establishes zoning provisions for minimum lot width, area, coverage, setbacks, and maximum building height. Exception 2017 denotes a holding provision that prohibits all uses until it has been demonstrated that the existing infrastructure has the necessary capacity to allow for development of the subject lands.
• Rezoning the subject parcel would allow for a slight realignment of one street (Vivera Place) and the reconfiguration of a few lots adjacent to the creek corridor. Three residential lots would be created within the area currently zoned O1.

• The Maple Grove Co-Tenancy subdivision now known as Poole Creek Village received draft approval in 2012. At the time of the original zoning by-law amendment for the subdivision in 2013, the subject lands were affected by the floodplain overlay for Poole Creek and were therefore zoned O1 because development within the floodplain is not permitted.

• In 2016, the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority and the City updated floodplain mapping for a number of creeks and rivers within the City boundaries. Council approved these updates on May 11, 2016, resulting in amendments to the Official Plan and Zoning By-law. Through this process, the Poole Creek floodplain overlay was removed from the subject site, resulting in additional lands being available for development. The floodplain had been the most restrictive setback for the limit of development to the west of the Poole Creek corridor.

• For additional information please review the zoning report on the agenda and you may wish to visit information on my website here.

Residents are welcome to attend the meeting or can listen live through the City’s website. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 10th at 9:30am in Champlain Room at City Hall. Residents can also submit comments to my office and to the Committee Coordinator Melody Duffenais at 613–580–2424 x20113 or Melody.duffenais@ottawa.ca

City fleet continues to go green

This week, Transportation Committee received the City’s plan for the municipal fleet in 2018. The City plans to spend $25.7 million to replace 97 vehicles and pieces of equipment and to acquire 16 new vehicles. Funding for the new vehicles would be sought in the 2018 Budget.
If electric vehicle technology is ready for purchase, cost effective and able to meet operational needs, the City could begin introducing electric vehicles into its fleet in 2018. The City already owns 72 hybrid vehicles and is exploring the potential of modifying existing vans and pick-up trucks with hybrid technology.

During the coming winter season, some City snow clearing vehicles would run with broadband back-up alarms, as part of a pilot to address noise complaints about snow clearing equipment. It is my hopes that the City will also initiate conversations with contract snow removal companies to ensure that all snow removal vehicle back-up alarms may be consistent across the City. The Committee approved a one-time draw of up to $120,000 for the pilot and, if successful, the installation of the alarms on the City’s snow clearing vehicles.

Items approved at today’s Transportation Committee will go to City Council on Wednesday, October 11.

Upcoming Meetings at City Hall

All public meetings will be held at Ottawa City Hall, 110 Laurier Avenue West, unless otherwise noted.

Planning Committee – Tuesday, October 10, 9:30 a.m.

Ottawa Public Library Board – Tuesday, October 10, 5 p.m.

Council – Wednesday, October 11, 10 a.m.

For a full list of meetings and agendas, please visit http://app05.ottawa.ca/sirepub/agendaminutes/index_en.aspx
Thanksgiving schedule changes

Please take note of holiday schedule changes this weekend for Thanksgiving! All garbage, green bin, and recycling pickup will be delayed one day next week.


On this long weekend, I would like to thank all residents for contributing to this kind and healthy community we each call home.

It is a time for residents to express gratitude and appreciation for all of the gifts we have living in this beautiful country of peace and freedom while showing those we love our appreciation for their kindness.

I hope that all residents have a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving weekend.

May we take the time to spend with loved ones as we celebrate and relax. Happy Thanksgiving, Stittsville.