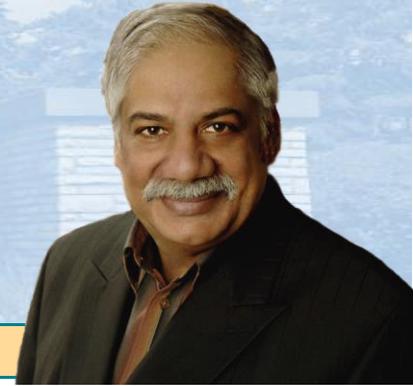


# Councillor's Column

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## Stittsville Receives Funding for a Public High School

This morning, I was pleased to join Member of Provincial Parliament, the Honourable Bob Chiarelli, at Stittsville Public School for a very special announcement regarding a public high school in Stittsville.

The need for a public high school in the community has been a talking point for a long time. First appearing on the radar in 2003, later gaining momentum in 2006 as Stittsville's burgeoning youth population continued to grow.



At that time, it was felt that the high school would need to be built by 2010 in order to meet the needs of Stittsville's population growth. However, due to a lack of funding, that did not occur.

Stittsville's population is now approximately 34,000, up 15,000 from when the need was initially established (that's a growth of over 75%). **There is no other community of this size in Ontario that does not have a public high school.** That number is expected to grow to over 70,000 within the next 20 years.

In 2016, a community-led effort by Stittsville residents Jennifer Smith and Jenny Guth in collaboration with my office, collected signatures on a petition to make the funding of a Stittsville Public School the number one priority on the OCDSB Capital Funding Priorities list. With the help of some very committed individuals like Leonard Baak, that goal was achieved and a strong case was presented to the Provincial government in late 2016.

Getting a public high school in Stittsville has been one of my top priorities as a City Councillor since being elected into office.

**Now, after much determination and hard work from many of our residents over the years, I am thrilled to share that the province of Ontario will at last be providing funding for a Stittsville Public High School!**

I was proud to be in attendance at Stittsville Public School this morning as MPP Chiarelli made the announcement confirming that \$37.4 million of funding would be provided by the province to build a school in the Fernbank area. The new structure is expected to accommodate an estimated 1,353 pupils.



This is exciting news for the community as this is an institution that our community has been waiting for a very long time. It is the result of many dedicated individuals working very closely with school boards, the community, and of course, our provincial representatives.

I would like to provide my sincere thanks to MPP Chiarelli for helping to finally make this request a reality. I would also like to thank Jennifer Smith, Jenny Guth, OCDSB trustee, Lynn Scott, and everyone else who has assisted in this process over the years gone by as well as Jim Watson as

Mayor of the City for his support on this file and MPP Lisa Macleod for supporting the efforts of our community.

The Fernbank site, located north of Fernbank Road, west of Robert Grant and will be south of the Cope Road extension, and a number of other school sites were identified through the [Fernbank Community Design Plan](#) as potential locations for future schools, which are shown on the [demonstration plan](#) .

It is located within the CRT development lands and the development applications for this location have been draft approved and should be registered later this year. In the [draft plan of subdivision](#) for this property, the school is noted as the Block 654 Institutional.



Today, more than 500 high school students bus out of Stittsville every day to attend South Carleton (15km away), while others switch to another school board so they can remain in Stittsville. No parent should have to choose between switching school boards and sending their children so far away every day.

The new facility is presently slated to open in 2021 with many of the details to be worked out over the coming months. As updates arise, I look forward to sharing this information with residents in my electronic newsletter.

I would lastly like to thank all member of the community for your patience and support as Stittsville moves forward with this important new project in sight. You have all helped to make this future a reality. Thank you.

## Planning Committee Items of Interest

On January 23, the City's Planning Committee will consider the following items in or around Stittsville.

### AGREEMENT WITH THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY FOR WORKS IN THE UPPER POOLE-CREEK SUBWATERSHED STITTSVILLE (6)

Delegated authority is sought to enter into a financial agreement with the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority to undertake work related to the Upper Poole-Creek Subwatershed. When Porter Place subdivision in Stittsville was approved by Council, the developer agreed to contribute financially toward the protection of the watershed, in accordance with a 2000 study of the watershed.

For additional information on this agreement, please visit [here](#) and review the [report](#).

### ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT – 737 SILVER SEVEN ROAD AND 15 FRANK NIGHBOR PLACE KANATA SOUTH (23)

Approval is sought to rezone 737 Silver Seven Road and 15 Frank Nighbor Place to permit 10 additional uses. The site is under construction with one of four buildings completed. The amendment would permit these uses: animal care establishment, animal hospital, amusement

centre, catering establishment, convenience store, instructional facility, place of worship, retail store, retail food store and small batch brewery.

## PART LOT CONTROL AND ROAD OPENING APPLICATIONS – PART OF 300 GOULBOURN FORCED ROAD KANATA NORTH (4)

Within the Kanata subdivision planned at 300 Goulbourn Forced Road, the developer, KNL Developments, has planned a street network that would bring Solandt Drive to a place where it could eventually cross an existing railway corridor.

For more information, you can view the meeting agenda and access all the reports [here](#).

## Ottawa Public Health All Staff Meeting 2018

I had the privilege of speaking at the Ottawa Public Health (OPH) Annual All Staff meeting on January 16<sup>th</sup> in my role a Chair of the Board of Health. The theme this year was *“Welcoming our Future, Together”*.

The annual meetings provide an opportunity to network with OPH employees, hear from the Senior Leadership Team, and learn more about key department and Service Area/Branch priorities for 2018.



Some of the points I spoke to were reflecting on 2017– recognizing areas where the organization has grown over the past year, highlighting some public health challenges we have faced, and looking ahead to 2018.

2017 was an extraordinary year for the City of Ottawa and presented unique operational challenges for Ottawa Public Health. As we celebrated Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday, we welcomed many festivals,

special events and visitors to the capital. For our team of Public Health Inspectors, this meant a higher number of premises to inspect, especially in the summer.

We also found that other environmental health challenges presented themselves in the summer months. More and more residents this year appeared with ticks for testing. For the first time, more than 20 % of the ticks tested positive for Lyme disease. This made Ottawa a higher risk area for Lyme disease and called for increased vigilance from residents while enjoying the outdoors.

How OPH has responded to many of these challenges accredited to the organization and its people. Inspections were conducted throughout the busy Canada 150 celebrations, protecting residents and Ottawa visitors from food-borne illness. Awareness was raised about Lyme disease

Our Medical Officer of Health spoke before a Senate Committee in support of legislation aimed at reducing barriers to calling for help after an opioid overdose. Naloxone is more widely available in this community than it ever has been. OPH school health nurses provided targeted education in schools and presentations for parents on the subject of substance use. Supervised injection services are now being offered to clients in need, by OPH and other community partners.

There are also many other ways OPH has grown over the year. In the first quarter of last year, we gathered to reflect on health equity and reconciliation with Indigenous people. Some staff went on to take Indigenous Cultural Safety Training and pursue other learning and development.

Finally, I reflected on the leave of Dr. Isra Levy who was the City's Medical Officer of Health for 10 years and welcomed Dr. Vera Etches as our Interim Medical Officer of Health. I have the utmost confidence that Vera will provide excellent leadership and support in the year ahead.

In 2018, the Board of Health will continue to develop a strategic focus on creating an adaptive workforce, inspiring and supporting healthy eating and active living, fostering mental health, advancing healthy public policy, and preventing infectious disease. As I have read in Board of Health progress reports, a great deal of meaningful work has happened as we shifted more focus towards these areas.

I have faith in the staff at OPH to continue their strong momentum to build, support and educate residents in building a strong and healthy environment for their communities and the City as a whole.

## Crime Prevention Ottawa Plans for 2018

At its January 8 meeting, the Crime Prevention Ottawa (CPO) Board of Directors approved the 2018 CPO Operational Plan



CPO continues its work to make Ottawa a safer city by focusing on our three priority areas: **violence against women, neighbourhoods, and youth**. Planned activities for 2018 include:

- Exploring the development of a new Community Safety and Well-Being Plan.
- Managing the renewed Ottawa Street Violence and Gang Strategy and delivering on the new recommendations.
- Preventing sexual assault and gender violence through initiatives at mass gatherings, high schools and agencies serving youth.

To view the presentation in full, please click [here](#). You can also review the full operational plan for CPO in 2018 [here](#).

To learn more about CPO initiatives, please visit [crimepreventionottawa.ca](http://crimepreventionottawa.ca).

### IN THE COMMUNITY

## Stittsville Rotary Club Film Series



I would like to take a moment to share a special initiative coming to Landmark Cinemas presented by the Rotary Club of Stittsville.

From January 22<sup>nd</sup>–May 28<sup>th</sup>, residents can enjoy [a series of high quality films](#) that have been featured at the Toronto International Film Festival. This film series is one of three major fundraising activities that the Rotary Club of Ottawa–Stittsville holds each year.

All films will be screened at Landmark Cinemas (801 Kanata Ave, Kanata). Passes for all 5 films will be sold for \$55 and can be purchased by contacting Leo Maiorino at 613-371-6975 or leom@mortgagebrokersottawa.com;

Or any member of the Rotary Club of Ottawa-Stittsville. For those that can't make the first film on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, pro-rated passes will be sold for the remaining films in the series.

The 7:00 and 7:15 showings are already sold out but tickets are still available for 4:00 PM. Dates for each film showing are:

<p><b>Novitiate</b> TIFF Official Selection 2017</p> <p>Oscar winner Melissa Leo (<i>The Fighter</i>) oversees a bevy of up-and-coming female actors in this drama about aspiring nuns at an isolated Catholic school in 1964, who are forced to re-examine their faith and their calling in light of the liberal reforms of Vatican II. Unable to find her place at home or amongst her peers at school, Cathleen finds solace with the nuns at school and decides to turn to the Catholic Church to find meaning in her life. A coming of age story, this is a stirring exploration about women finding themselves, their faith, and their passions beyond religion.</p> <p><b>Principal Cast:</b> Margaret Qualley, Milissa Leo, Dianna Agron, Julianne Nicholson <b>Director:</b> Maggie Betts <b>Classification:</b> 14A</p>	
	<p><b>Sámi Blood</b> TIFF Official Selection 2016</p> <p>Amanda Kernell's powerful feature debut follows a teenage Sámi girl (Lene Cecilia Sparrok) in the 1930s who is forcibly removed from her family and sent to a state boarding school that is intended to raise its indigenous charges to a level "acceptable" to the rest of Swedish society. <i>Sámi Blood</i> has all of the anger and indignation one should expect from a dram centered on such appalling events. But with Kernell's nuanced direction and Sparrok's devastating performance, it's also a brilliant character study, showing how this kind of officially sanctioned abuse insidiously attacks the minds of its victims as well as their bodies.</p> <p><b>Director:</b> Amanda Kernell <b>Classification:</b> 14A <b>Subtitled</b></p>
<p><b>Tulipani, Love, Honour and a Bicycle</b> World Premiere - TIFF 2017</p> <p>A wonderfully woolly tale of rediscovering one's roots, this film has more fantastic twists than its title has nouns. A young Montrealer arrives in a small Italian village to scatter her mother's ashes, and finds herself embroiled in a bizarre series of family histories and feuds. Bursting with colour and romance and teeming with charming performances, this is a story about travelling far to know who you are, and about the joys and consolations of storytelling itself.</p> <p><b>Director:</b> Mike van Diem <b>Classification:</b> 14A <b>Subtitled</b></p> <p><b>Award:</b> Siena Film Festival—Best International Film</p>	
	<p><b>Meditation Park</b> World Premiere - TIFF 2017</p> <p>When Maria (Cheng Pei Pei; <i>Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon</i>) finds evidence that her husband Bing (Tzi Ma) may not be the perfect person she believes him to be she embarks on a journey of self-discovery by engaging with the world around her, something that her workaholic husband has always discouraged. <i>Meditation Park</i> is a charming and generous film, boasting fine performances by its leads and great support by McKellar, Liane Balaban (<i>The Grand Seduction</i>), and the phenomenal Sandra Oh as Maria's daughter.</p> <p><b>Principal Cast:</b> Cheng Pei Pei, Tzi Ma, Sandra Oh, Don McKellar <b>Director:</b> Mina Shum <b>Classification:</b> PG</p>
<p><b>C'est la Vie!</b> World Premiere - TIFF 2017</p> <p>This effervescent comedy from celebrated French directing duo Nakache &amp; Toledano (<i>The Intouchables</i>) invites us to an opulent chateau to attend a très extravagant wedding, where the groom is an obnoxious tyrant, the band is at war with the organizers, and the chief planner is looking for the exit. An Altmanesque ensemble work brimming with offbeat, lovable characters, and hilarious set pieces, <i>C'est la vie!</i> is a fendishly smart, sprawling comedy as only the French do it. You will be laughing all the way down the aisle.</p> <p><b>Directors:</b> Oliver Nakache, Eric Toledano <b>Classification:</b> PG <b>Subtitled</b></p>	

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26-Feb-2018

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26-Mar-2018

TULIPANI: LOVE, HONOUR AND A BICYCLE

23-Apr-2018                      MEDITATION PARK

28-May-2018                      C'EST LA VIE

The funds raised will be applied to the various service projects initiated by the club. The club's past service projects have included:

- The Ottawa Youth Drug Treatment Centre (\$30,000 donation completed)
- The Rotary Peace Park in Stittsville
- Ruddy-Shenkman Hospice in Kanata (\$10,000 donation completed)
- Sending high-school students to the Rotary Youth Leadership Development Program
- High School Bursaries
- Providing Dictionaries to Elementary School Students
- International Projects such as the Luweera Uganda Library Project

To learn more about this event and other initiatives by the Stittsville Rotary Club, please visit <http://www.stittsvillerotary.com/>

## Stittsville Girl Guide Events



Girl Guides  
of Canada  
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du Canada  
Ontario Council

Want to learn some real-life survival skills? The 4<sup>th</sup> Stittsville Guides and the 1<sup>st</sup> Stittsville Pathfinders are hosting the following Red Cross courses for girls in our community. All girls are welcome so you do not need to be a Girl Guide member to sign up.

### RED CROSS HOME ALONE COURSE

The Red Cross Home Alone Program is designed to provide girls 10 to 14 years with the necessary skills and knowledge to be safe and responsible when home alone for short periods of time. This course will help girls learn how to prevent problems, handle real-life situations, and keep them safe and constructively occupied.

#### Topics include:

Establishing a routine, making important telephone calls, handling emergency situations, internet safety, and basic first aid skills

**Things to bring:**

NUT FREE lunch/snacks and a water bottle

**When:** February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

**Where:** Stittsville United Church, 6255 Fernbank Road, Stittsville, ON, K2S 1X5

**Time:** 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Cost:** Girl Guide Members – \$45.00 plus HST, Non Members – \$55.00 plus HST

## RED CROSS BABYSITTING COURSE

This Babysitter training course is designed for youth aged 11 – 14. Participants will learn how to create and manage a babysitting business including how to supervise younger siblings in a safe and responsible manner. Aspiring babysitters will also gain basic first aid skills.

**Topics include:**

How to find clients and make money babysitting, caring for children of all ages, creating a safe environment and preventing accidents, fire safety and prevention, what to do in an emergency, good decision-making, leadership skills, and basic First Aid skills

**Things to bring:**

NUT FREE lunch and snacks, Water bottle, Doll

**When:** January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Where:** Stittsville United Church, 6255 Fernbank Road, Stittsville, ON, K2S 1X5

**Time:** 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Cost:** Girl Guide Members – \$45.00 plus HST, Non Members – \$55.00 plus HST



For more information on either of these great courses, please contact Guider Patty at [guiderpatty@gmail.com](mailto:guiderpatty@gmail.com)

## West Ottawa Business Excellence Awards

The West Ottawa Board of Trade Business Excellence Awards are once again right around the corner and nominations are now open!

The Business Excellence Awards Gala is a celebration of businesses and individuals who have demonstrated excellence in achievements and contributions in our community. This sell-out gala event attracts over 300 business leaders and community members each year!

Residents can nominate local businesses and community leaders in the following categories:

- Small Business of the Year (1–10 employees)
- Medium Business of the Year (11–50)
- Large Business of the Year (51+)
- New Business of the Year
- Community Impact Award
- Professional Services Award
- Tourism Award
- Tech Award
- Manufacturing Award
- Company to Watch
- Young Entrepreneur of the Year
- Business Leader of the Year



I highly encourage residents to take a moment to submit a nomination to show appreciation to some of the great businesses who make our community a great place to live!

For more information, please visit <http://westottawabot.com/nomination-form>

## Fireside Café – Wellings of Stittsville



A VIBRANT NEW COMMUNITY FOR ADULTS 55+

On Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, I am happy to be stopping by one of Stittsville's newest retirement residence, the Wellings of Stittsville, for their Fireside Café!

Throughout January, February, and March, a series of guest speakers will be stopping by the residence to sit by the fire (TV) and chat about various topics.

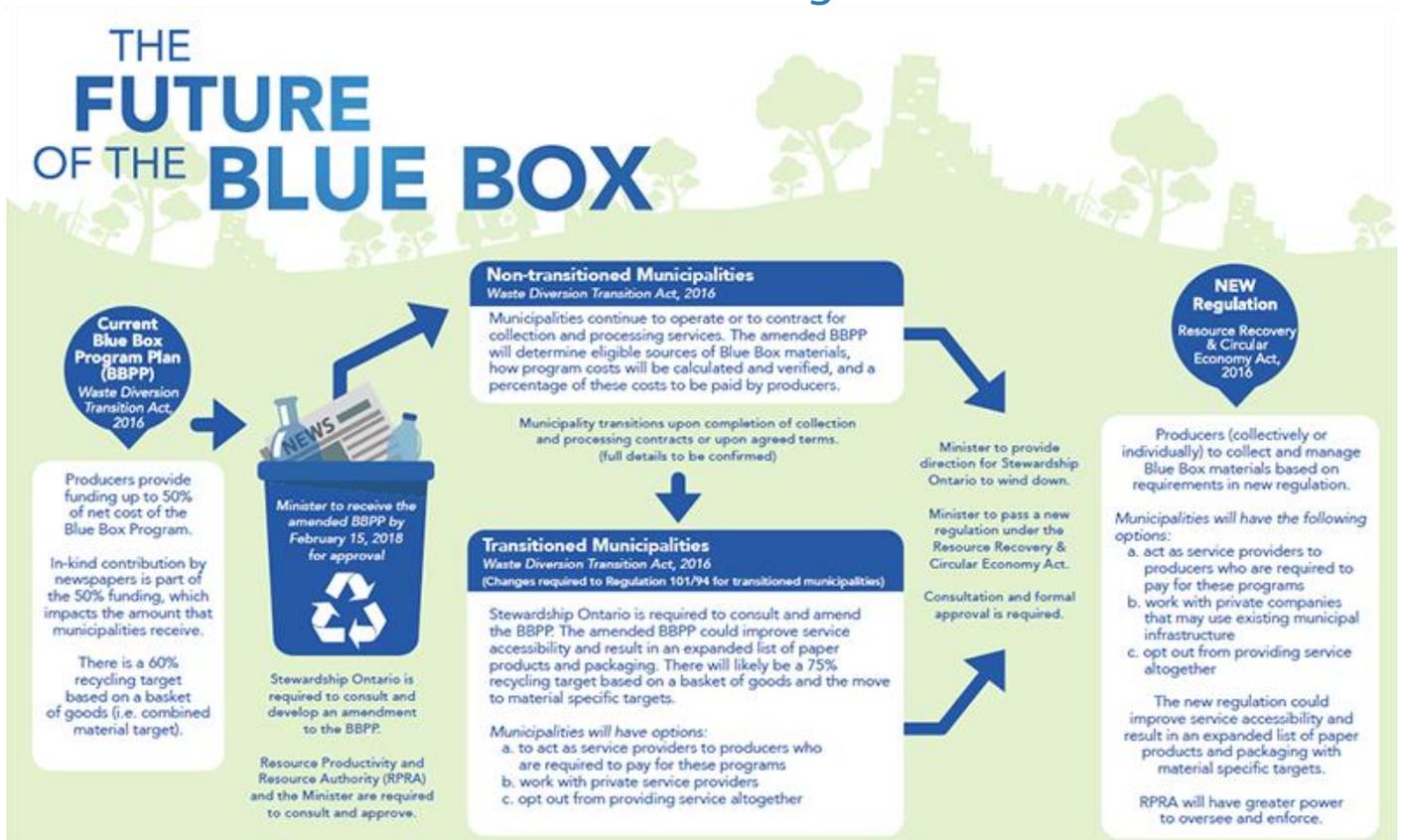
I will be sharing some information on news around the Stittsville area and giving a brief overview of how Stittsville is developing. I will also be providing some background on the Queensway Carleton Hospital's Hopes Rising campaign for mental health and will graciously be accepting any donations attendees may be willing to contribute.

Coffee and treats will be provided.

The event will run from 11:00–12:00 January 30<sup>th</sup> at the Leasing Centre on 5709 Hazeldean Road (attached to the Shoppers Drug Mart at Huntmar). I hope to see many residents join to learn more about what's going on in Stittsville!

AROUND THE CITY

## Amended Blue Box Program Plan



In November 2016, the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) repealed and replaced the Waste Diversion Act with the Waste-Free Ontario Act (which includes the Waste Diversion

Transition Act and the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act).

This is an important piece of legislation affecting how municipalities handle waste management.

Presently, the cost to run programs for collecting and recycling paper products and packaging is split 50/50 between municipalities and the companies that produce these items. The new legislation will transfer to full producer responsibility.

This week, the Municipal 3Rs Collaborative submitted comments on the draft amended Blue Box Program Plan (a-BBPP).

These documents and additional information on the a-BBPP are available at the following link on AMO's website: <http://www.amo.on.ca/AMO-Content/Waste-Management/WasteDiversio>

I feel that this is an important step forward in creating a sustainable municipality. As such, I highly encourage residents to take some time to review the background on the project as it moves forward in the comments period.

## The VOscars are coming! – Volunteer Ottawa Awards



Volunteer Ottawa (VO) will be holding its 8th Annual VOscars on the evening of April 19, 2018 at Ottawa City Hall.

The VOscars celebrates Ottawa's vibrant volunteer community and gives special recognition to those individuals, organizations and corporations that have made a meaningful difference in people's lives.

Volunteers play a significant role in our community whether it be helping those less fortunate than ourselves or bringing people together for a good cause! Now, it's your chance to nominate a deserving volunteer for recognition.

Do you know of someone who exemplifies the spirit of volunteering? Do you know a young person or senior who has made a significant contribution to our community through their volunteering efforts? Do you know a corporation, business or organization that supports volunteering among its employees or that has built a successful volunteer program?

The 2018 VOscars Award categories include: the Mayor's Award for Volunteer Spirit; Outstanding Youth Volunteer Award; Outstanding Senior Volunteer Award; Leadership in Corporate Volunteerism; and, Outstanding Volunteer Program Award.

To submit a nomination or to review the nomination criteria, please click [here](#). Tickets for the event can be purchased on the VO event page [here](#).

The deadline for volunteer nominations is **February 26, 2018**.

I highly encourage everyone to consider nominating someone they know for recognition of their efforts in volunteering!

For more information on the VOscars nomination process please contact Suzanne Seebach at [sseebach@volunteerottawa.ca](mailto:sseebach@volunteerottawa.ca).

## Door-to-Door Marketing Scams

I would like to remind all residents to be vigilant of door-to-door marketing scams in the area particularly by individuals claiming to be affiliated with City of Ottawa's water filtration unit.

Remember:

- City employees do not contact residents to sell products or services.
- Except for emergency situations, any visits that may require access to homes or businesses by City staff are scheduled in advance.



- Residents are provided with advance notice of projects that may impact them.
- All employees requesting access to homes have City-issued photo identification cards.

The drinking water delivered to Ottawa residents exceeds all federal and provincial health-based water quality guidelines and standards. Ottawa's drinking water has already been rated by the Ministry of the Environment as being among the safest in the world and it is continually tested to ensure those high standards are maintained.

Residents who are directly contacted by persons claiming to be City employees for City business are asked to check identification, and, if concerns remain, contact the City prior to allowing access. Please report any suspicious, unsolicited calls or visits to the Ottawa Police Services by visiting calling 613-236-1222 (ext 7300) or online at <http://www.ottawapolice.ca/en/contact-us/Online-Reporting.asp>.

To learn more avoid possible scams and how to avoid them, click [here](#).

## Meetings at Ottawa City Hall next week

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

**[Planning Committee](#)** – Tuesday, 23 January, 9:30 a.m., Champlain Room

- Official Plan and Zoning Amendments –Rochester Field (Ward 15 – Kitchissippi)
- By-Law – 325, 327, and 333 Montreal Road, 334 Montfort Street and 273 Ste. Anne Avenue (Ward 12 – Rideau-Vanier)
- Official Plan and Zoning By-Law Amendment – 1026, 1038, 1040, 1050 and 1054 Hunt Club Road (Ward 10 and 16 – Gloucester-Southgate and River)
- Zoning By-Law Amendment – 737 Silver Seven Road and 15 Frank Nighbor Place (Ward 23 – Kanata South)
- Front-Ending Report– Stormwater Management Ponds 1 and 2, Leitrim Road Storm Drainage System, North-South Swale and Oversized Trunk Storm Sewers in Leitrim Community (Ward 20 and 22 – Osgoode and Gloucester-South Nepean)
- Agreement with the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority for Works in The Upper Poole-Creek Subwatershed (Ward 6 – Stittsville)
- Zoning By-Law Amendment – 168 Daly Avenue (Ward 12 – Rideau-Vanier)
- Official Plan Amendment – 4497 O'Keefe Court (Ward 3 – Barrhaven)

- Part Lot Control and Road Opening Applications – Part of 300 Goulbourn Forced Road (Ward 4 – Kanata North)
- Application to Demolish the Parking Garage, Château Laurier, 1 Rideau Street, a Property Designated under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* (Ward 12 – Rideau–Vanier)
- Application for Demolition and New Construction at 485 Maple Lane, a Property Designated under Part V of the *Ontario Heritage Act* and Located in the Rockcliffe Park Heritage Conservation District (Ward 13 – Rideau–Rockcliffe)