



**RIVER WARD CITY COUNCILLOR MARIA McRAE'S REPORT TO
THE CARLINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
January 11, 2011**

Happy New Year! It is an honour and a privilege to continue to be your strong voice at City Hall. This term, in addition to City Council, I am serving as Chair of the City's new Environment Committee and will represent you on the newly formed Finance and Economic Development Committee, the new Ottawa Board of Health and the Hydro Ottawa Holdings Inc. Board of Directors. I look forward to continue working with Carlington residents and the CCA to make our community a great place to live.

**Traffic Safety in Carlington
Parking**

Last month, parking restrictions were changed and No Parking signs were installed on Woodward Avenue, Laperriere Avenue and Larkin Avenue in response to issues raised at Traffic Safety meetings held in September 2010. The north side of Laperriere Avenue between McBride Street and Kirkwood Avenue is signed for No Parking between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday while the south side of Laperriere Avenue is signed for No Parking.

Speed Limit

Late last year, staff approved a change in the speed limit on Marshall Avenue from 50 km/h to 40 km/h. Residents interested in lowering the speed limit on local residential streets should contact my office at 613-580-2486 for more information.

Thank you to Carlington residents who completed petitions to have these parking and speeding restrictions implemented.

Central Experimental Farm Maple Drive Entrance Relocation

I invite residents of Carlington to attend a public consultation meeting to review preliminary plans for a proposed relocation of the Central Experimental Farm entrance on Carling Avenue at Maple Drive to Melrose Avenue. Open house details are as follows:

Date: Monday, January 24, 2011
Time: 7 – 9 p.m.
Location: Central Experimental Farm, K.W. Neatby Building, Salon A,
 960 Carling Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario

City Rinks Open for the Season

Thousands of volunteers have begun flooding ice surfaces at the 248 City of Ottawa outdoor rinks. The City of Ottawa operates rinks at the following locations in Carlington:

Alexander Community Centre – 960 Silver Street
Bellevue Manor – 1520 Caldwell Avenue
Meadowvale Park – 1205 Trenton Avenue
Raven Park – 1500 Larose Avenue

Additional City of Ottawa rink locations can be found on the City's website at www.ottawa.ca.

Low-Income Energy Assistance Program

The Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) is a new year-round, province-wide program available to low-income consumers experiencing difficulty paying their electricity bills. In Ottawa, LEAP is funded by Hydro Ottawa and is administered by the United Way/Centraide in conjunction with the Salvation Army Booth Centre and a network of community in-take agencies. For more information on this program, please contact the Salvation Army Ottawa Booth Centre at 613-241-1573.

Green Bin Program

In less than one year, Ottawa residents helped divert 53,000 tonnes of organic waste from the landfill through the Green Bin Program.

To make using your green bin easier this winter, here are some cold weather tips to help prevent material from freezing in the green bin:

- If possible, store your green bin in the garage during the winter months
- Crumpled newspaper in the bottom of the bin will help prevent contents from freezing inside
- Spray the bottom of your green bin with cooking oil to prevent freezing
- Set out your green bin the morning of collection day (before 7 a.m.) rather than the night before
- Wrap wet food waste (e.g. meat, fish, fruit and vegetables) in old newspapers, used paper towels or cereal boxes or try used popcorn, sugar, flour or potato paper bags to hold your material
- Put your liquid food waste, such as cooking oil and bacon grease, in a milk carton
- Use leaf and yard waste paper bags to line your green bin

Over the winter months green bin collection takes place every two weeks. Weekly green bin collection will begin again in April 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

Snow Go and Snow Go Assist: Helping Seniors and Persons with Disabilities

We all know that Ottawa winters are tricky, messy and cold. On average we receive 235 cm of snow and an increasing amount of rain and freezing rain. Keeping our private driveway and walkways clear of snow and ice is challenging for all of us.

The City of Ottawa's **Snow Go Program** provides a matching service for seniors and persons with disabilities who are looking to hire an individual or contractor to clear snow from private driveways and walkways. Through the **Snow Go Assist Program**, low-income seniors and persons with disabilities are eligible to apply for financial assistance.

If you are interested in these programs, please call my office at 613-580-2486.

City Seeks Public Input for Review of Residential Waste Collection

The City's Environmental Services Department is reviewing residential garbage and recycling collection services and is seeking public input on the different options being considered. The Solid Waste Service Level Review (SLR) is focused on the blue and black box, the Green Bin, as well as garbage (residual waste) collection. The City's Yellow Bag Program for small businesses, Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and the *Take it Back!* program will also be examined.

This review will determine if any changes to waste collection programs are needed. As Chair of the City's Environment Committee, I encourage you to complete the questionnaire at www.ottawa.ca/wastereview and attend one of the public consultations listed below:

Thursday, January 13

5 to 9 p.m.

Walter Baker Recreation Centre
100 Malvern Dr.

Saturday, January 15

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Rideau Centre
50 Rideau St.

Sunday, January 16

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Place D'Orléans
110 Place D'Orléans Dr.

Saturday, January 22

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Carlingwood Mall
2121 Carlingwood Ave.

Sunday, January 23

Noon to 4:30 p.m.

Herongate Mall
1670 Heron Rd.

Saturday, January 29

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Bayshore Shopping Centre
100 Bayshore Dr.

Your input and feedback is important and will inform how the city will collect your garbage, recycling and green bin.

Integrated Road Safety Program (IRSP)

November Results

Red light running was the dominant charge laid in the City's Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) in **November** – accounting for **353 of the 407 total charges laid**.

The other two focus areas resulted in a total of **52 charges** – **18 for the improper use of Reserved Transit Lanes** and **36 for travelling the wrong way on roadways**.

December Initiative

Impaired driving and speeding were on the City's Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) radar in **December**.

The **Integrated Road Safety Program (IRSP)** teamed up with the **CAA North & East Ontario** to deliver additional **R.I.D.E. checkpoints during the festive season**.

In **2009, 381 impaired driving-related collisions occurred on Ottawa roads** – resulting in **nine deaths** and **175 injuries, 22 of them serious**. Of the motorists who were charged with impaired driving, **84 per cent were male** and **36 per cent were between the ages of 17 and 25**.

Speeding is also a serious issue on Ottawa roads. In **2009, speeding or driving too fast for road and weather conditions resulted in 3,454 reportable collisions**. These collisions resulted in **15 deaths and 1,002 injuries** – including **43 serious injuries**.

The speeding initiative is part of a larger IRSP public awareness and enforcement campaign entitled "Speeding Costs You."

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**.