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Dear River Ward Friends and Neighbours:

Happy New Year! I hope that you and your family enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and Holiday season. More than two months have passed since the municipal election and I appreciate the strong renewed mandate that I received as your City Councillor. It remains an honour and a privilege to represent you at City Hall and I will work hard every day to deliver my personal best to you.

This term, in addition to serving as your member of City Council, I was unanimously elected as the 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 Hydro Ottawa Holdings Inc. Board of Directors.

Along with Ward and City initiatives that I am working on, I have also decided to focus some of my time on mental health issues this term. These issues affect all of us in one way or another and I look forward to working with you and our key partners to determine how the City can play a larger role in addressing mental health issues and in addressing homelessness in Canada's Capital. I hope that you will share your ideas and experiences with me so that we can work together to make a difference.

Throughout the campaign, I had the wonderful opportunity to meet many people with great ideas. I look forward to continuing this dialogue with you. I am enthusiastic about working with you to ensure that our city remains a great place to live, visit, do business and raise a family.

As always, I encourage you to keep in touch with me regarding the issues that matter the most to you. Best wishes to you and your family for a happy and healthy 2011.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Maria'.

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Airport Parkway Pedestrian and Cycling Bridge: Detailed Design Moving Ahead Smoothly

The detailed design of the Airport Parkway Pedestrian and Cycling Bridge to link the Hunt Club community to the South-East Transitway is well under way. I was pleased to host a Public Open House on December 7, 2010 to allow you and your neighbours the opportunity to review the design. I am confident that we will create a unique focal point, which will serve as a spectacular entry point to our Nation's Capital. The impressive design focused on a safe pedestrian and cycling friendly connection.

Construction is scheduled to start in the spring of 2011, with completion expected in the fall of 2011, barring any unforeseen circumstances. I look forward to continuing working with you as we move closer to completing this important project.



Mayor Jim Watson and Councillor Maria McRae having fun serving our seniors.

Stay Connected

If you are interested in receiving regular updates about River Ward or City issues, please send me an e-mail at RiverWard@ottawa.ca to sign-up.

You can also visit MariaMcRae.ca to see what's happening in our Ward, and to keep up-to-date on the latest City of Ottawa initiatives.

Creating a Modern Vision for Bank Street

The Community Design Plan for a portion of Bank Street that extends from the Rideau River to just north of the CN Railway tracks near the Home Depot was launched in the fall of 2010. This study will establish a cohesive vision for redevelopment along Bank Street and will take approximately one year to complete.

I am co-hosting a Public Open House later this winter to hear your feedback on what your vision is for redevelopment along Bank Street. Stay tuned for more information.



Councillor Maria McRae officially opens the newly expanded and renovated Rideau Canoe Club with our community partners.



Councillor Maria McRae commemorates a bench in memory of Debbie Ficner with her husband John, son Matt and their family, friends and neighbours.

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 driveways 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**.

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Cette information est également disponible en français.

Free C.P.R. and Automated External Defibrillator Training for River Ward Residents

Most heart attacks occur in the home. Are you prepared?

I am pleased to invite River Ward residents to enroll in free CPR and Automated External Defibrillator training and to tour the state-of-the-art City of Ottawa Paramedic Service Headquarters. Training is available on the following dates:

Date: Saturday, January 15, 2011 **OR**
Saturday, February 5, 2011

Time: Training: 8:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Tour: 1:00 to 1:30 p.m.

Location: Ottawa Paramedic Service Headquarters
2465 Don Reid Drive (off Walkley Road)



As space is limited, you must register by **Monday, January 10, 2011**, live in River Ward and be at least 12 years of age to participate. Please call my office at 613-580-2486 to register.

Improving Literacy One Step at a Time: Canada's First Library Kiosks

The newly expanded and renovated Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community Centre is home to our country's first library kiosks. The kiosks offer a vending machine-style lending service.

Kiosk service is available **Monday to Friday** from **7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.**, and **Saturday and Sunday** from **9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**, providing longer hours of service than a library branch. In addition to the kiosk service, librarians are on site **Monday's** from **4:00 to 7:30 p.m.** and **Saturday's** from **1:00 to 4:30 p.m.** to register you for a library card and provide you with items that you can order online. You can also return any library material here too!

I encourage you to stop by and indulge your love of reading or encourage a child to read a new book.

Butt Out!

Smoking Cessation in Ottawa

Quitting smoking is not easy but if you have made going smoke-free in 2011 a resolution, the City of Ottawa has programs and tools to help you reach your goal. Please call my office at **613-580-2486** or visit **www.ottawa.ca** for more information.



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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 3:00 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 serve.

**Alexander
Community Centre**
960 Silver Street

**Carleton Heights
Community Centre**
1665 Apeldoorn Avenue

**Hunt Club-Riverside Park
Community Centre**
3320 Paul Anka Drive



Councillor Maria McRae joins Frank J. Licari, his family, friends and neighbours for the renaming of "Frank J. Licari Park" in Ridgemont.



Councillor Maria McRae commemorates "Gail Denton Hall" in the Carleton Heights Community Centre with Gail and her family, friends and neighbours.

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