

Public Comments Crucial for Lansdowne Park

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Councillor Reports
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Last week my Council colleagues launched a great initiative that gives Ottawa residents the opportunity to provide input on the future of Lansdowne Park.

River Ward Councillor Maria McRae and Orleans Ward Councillor Bob Monette have spearheaded this project in an effort to gather public comment on future plans for the park. My colleagues have printed 12,000 comment cards, which were handed out during an Ottawa 67's game. This is a great effort by both Councillors and I applaud this initiative. If you would like a copy of the comment card sent to your home, please contact my office by phone at 613-580-2476 or by email at shad.qadri@ottawa.ca.

I agree that any proposal for Lansdowne should include maintenance of the stadium. Having this stadium is about more than just having a CFL team in our City. This will certainly open the door for Ottawa to host a number of great events such as FIFA Soccer.

The City is hosting a facilitated workshop on Feb. 26 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in Salons A and B (Civic Centre) at Lansdowne Park. Residents will join together and engage in open discussion on development of the site and provide input on the suggested Guiding Principles for Design. To view the plans and make comments online, please visit my website and click on the "Design Lansdowne" button, located in the right-hand menu, at www.shadqadri.com.

For more information on this

project please call City Planner Selma Hassan at 613-580-2424 ext. 25192 or email designlansdowne@ottawa.ca.

Free Training for Volunteer Supervisors

The City is offering a great opportunity for residents to learn more about how they can contribute to their communities.

On Feb. 4 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. a free training session, provided by Crime Prevention Ottawa and Volunteer Ottawa is being held in the Richmond Room on the 2nd floor of City Hall, located at 110 Laurier Ave. West. All community volunteers and leaders are invited to attend and learn more about the organization of volunteer run initiatives, Neighbourhood Watches and community associations.

Sessions will be held in English but all materials discussed will be available in French. A number of topics will be discussed including volunteer management, trends in volunteering, how to motivate volunteers, recognition and retention.

Please note that a priority is being given to volunteer supervisors. All others who are interested in attending will be placed on a waiting list. To register please call 613-580-2424 ext 22454 or email CPO@ottawa.ca.

Community Associations

I encourage all community associations in Stittsville-Kanata West to provide my office with your contact information so we can

update our outreach list. Joining our outreach is a great opportunity for you to receive updates on public meetings, events, recent developments and issues in our community.

Community associations play an important role in each neighbourhood and provide residents with a strong, collective voice to represent their concerns and issues. Also, getting involved is a great opportunity to contribute to your community and meet new people.

If you are interested in starting up your own community association and require assistance in any way please contact my office by phone at 613-580-2476 or by email at shad.qadri@ottawa.ca

Motorized Vehicles on Trails

Recently I have learned of concerns with the use of motorized vehicles on the Trans-Canada Trail in the area between Stittsville Main Street east and Terry Fox.

Many residents use this beautiful trail as a walking path and it is illegal to drive any motorized vehicle including snowmobiles, pocket motorcycles and ATV's on the Trail. Not only does this pose an extreme safety issue with the vehicles themselves, but also damages the walking path with holes and bumps.

If you witness anyone driving a motorized vehicle on the Trans Canada Trail, please contact Ottawa Police at 613-236-1222 ext. 7300. Also, please ensure you inform my office of any incident of concern. I have spoken with

Community Police Constable Ryan Strotzman and he is aware of this issue. For more information, please contact my office.

Winterfest

The Stittsville Village Association is once again gearing up to host one of our community's favourite events.

On Feb. 24 Winterfest is being held in Ralph Street Park and the day will feature a number of fun activities including sleigh races, broomball and sleigh rides. This is a great opportunity to join your neighbours for a fun-filled day and I hope to see all of you there. If you would like to get involved please contact Marion Gullock at marion.gullock@sympatico.ca.

Timbermere Naturalization Plan

Last week I hosted a meeting with City of Ottawa Landscape Architect Tracey Schwets to discuss the Community Planting Project to beautify the Timbermere hydro corridor. This naturalization plan consists of a multi-year community-planting project to improve the hydro corridor by planting a variety of small trees and shrubs. During the meeting residents decided to move forward with this plan. Thank you to Kimberly Mantas and her team of volunteers for spearheading this fantastic project.

My office is still accepting comments and I encourage you to submit them by Feb. 22, 2008. To view the comprehensive naturalization plan in my constituency office or on my

www.carvercommunications.ca