

Some good news for Ottawa's east end

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Dear editor,

The City of Ottawa budget was passed on Jan 28, 2010, with some very good news for the residents in the east end. The budget debate this year was long and drawn out, starting in early December.

The audit, finance, and budget committee originally recommended that there be \$3 million of cuts be made to OC Transpo routes,

which would have drastically cut your service in Orléans. I couldn't support any more cuts to your service, especially after the recent strike and service changes to the routes made during the Transplan 2009.

I am very happy to say that there will be no further changes to your routes and services. I fought to have these cuts put back into the budget, which they were.

The second large item I

have worked on during this budget is 6 million dollars for the Trim Rd. realignment. This money will not only help Trim Rd. but will enable the City to start work on parks 18A and B this year. This park is 5 years behind schedule and was not slated to be built until 2016. The projected time frame for completion is 2013.

The park and road is interconnected and I am ecstatic that this project has

been moved up by 3 years.

I would like to thank the Cardinal Creek Community Association for their help with this development; by working collaboratively we were able to see this projected advanced.

If you have questions about the budget please let me know.

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