



Breaking News - - -

Our area has been chosen again for another film – this time at 13 Massey Lane. No word yet on the subject matter, but there are certainly a lot of vehicles gathered near the site!

Meeting with Our MP

Several Association Board members met recently with our MP, Mona Fortier, to discuss issues of interest to our neighbourhood. Topics included our ongoing relationship with NRC, our interests in adjacent NCC lands (boat ramp access, Eastern Parkway and river path), regional transportation and transit, and our Briarcliffe Heritage Conservation District. We indicated our interest in having several pedestrian crosswalks installed along the Eastern Parkway, to improve pedestrian access to the path system. Requests like this will be put to the NCC directly, when we find the appropriate contact.

Combermere Rink

Combermere Rink has been operational (weather permitting) since late December. Supervision and open shed hours are scheduled as listed on the City's website as follows: -

Mon-Fri: 6 to 9 pm

Sat-Sun: 10am to 4pm

The supervision and open shed hours are provided by a volunteer group paid by the City to provide 27 hours per week open time (down from 30 h/wk because of increase in Ontario's minimum wage). If you have questions about the rink or its supervision, contact Seasonal Recreation at (613) 580-2590, or email seasonalrecreation@ottawa.ca.

Requests for No Parking Signs

Occasionally, residents determine they want "No Parking" signs along some part of their street, and often for very good reasons. The City has a process for determining whether to install these signs when residents request them. The first step is to obtain a form from City Traffic Staff for a petition; the second is collecting signatures demonstrating minimum 2/3 agreement by affected residents. The Association is requesting petition forms to be used for petitioning for "No Parking" signs on Swans Way South from Blair Road to Whippoorwill Road. If you have any comments, please tell a Board member (list at the end of this e-newsletter) or write to info@rhpoa.ca.

Traffic Calming Measures

Traffic calming measures have been requested by both the RHPOA and some residents on several neighbourhood streets. We have been informed by the Councillor's office that measures will be brought to Rothwell Drive this Spring, although what measures approved by Staff are not known at this time. Several other streets (DeLong, Rebecca, Kaymar and Oriole) are reportedly on a watch list.

Launch of the LRT

The Association has been told that the LRT system will be publicly launched by the City in early May, after one month of testing through April. Bus routes will then change to a system that has local routes linking with the LRT, rather than long routes across the City. The Association has asked for more bus service to increase LRT accessibility for Rothwell Heights residents. If you plan to use the LRT and want more "feeder" bus service to our area, please tell a Board member or write to info@rhpoa.ca.

Water Service Infrastructure

Some streets in our area have experienced repeated water main breakages, the most recent happening one evening before Christmas on Swans Way South and affecting approximately a dozen homes. The Association has been told there is no planned date for replacement of this water main, although the Councillor has indicated he is making “a big push” to have more spending on roads and infrastructure. We will continue to press for updates on planned infrastructure spending in our area, for both water services and roads.

2280 City Park Drive

The Association recently received from the City copies of planning documents for the development of residential towers at 2280 City Park Drive (behind the Gloucester Centre at the Blair transit-way). One tower is under construction there now, and the restaurant Ten Sushi is situated on the property. Proposed phased development of the property will result in 5 high-rise buildings with 16-23 storeys. This is the intensity of development that is being accepted, indeed encouraged, by the City near transit-way stations.

Resources in the Neighbourhood - Easy Recycling Options for Unwanted Furniture and Household Goods

(1) *Helping With Furniture (HWF)* is a very local (Canotek Road), award-winning registered charity that provides gently-used furniture and household goods to families and individuals in distress, to help them start new lives in Ottawa. These include refugees, recent immigrants, people relocating from shelters or leaving abusive situations, and people struggling with mental illness or at risk of homelessness. Since 2005, HWF has furnished more than 1760 homes. In addition, during 2016 HWF helped to furnish 90 Syrian refugee families. The HWF is run entirely by volunteers, so that everything done for the people served is free.

With no source of ongoing funding, HWF's operations could not continue without the goodwill of donors. If you have gently used furniture, consider donating it to the group. Donations of funds and time (through volunteer hours) are also highly valued, as they have an immediate and direct impact on individuals in desperate need of help. To learn more and offer your support, please go to <https://hwfottawa.org/>

(2) *Salvation Army Thrift Store* in Beacon Hill Plaza (Ogilvie Road and LaVerendrye Dr) accepts clothing, household goods, furniture and electronics. This is a good place to pass along your gently used and still working items, as there is potential they will be sold (at bargain prices) with profits going to the agency's charitable works. For those of you who like to browse flea markets and consignment stores, this is also a good place to check out. See <http://www.thriftstore.ca>

“Spotlight” as the Source for What’s On In Ottawa

Do you ever see an event advertised and wonder what else is going on in Ottawa? Then *Spotlight* is the guide for you. It's an inventory of “What's Happening in Ottawa” in 12 Categories – From workshops and museum tours to fairs, festivals and circus. The inventory of events can be searched by category, when, where, language, etc. Go to - <https://spotlight.ottawa.ca/en>

From *Spotlight* for Book Lovers

On **Saturday 9 Feb from 1000h to 1400h**, the Friends of the Ottawa Public library (FOPL) are hosting their monthly “Mammoth Book Sale” at the James Bartleman Centre, 100 Tallwood Drive. The next ones will be on 16 March and 13 April.

The group also accepts gently used books for their sales. Donations of one or two small boxes of books can be made to any public library, if the boxes are labelled FOPL. If you have a handful of books to pass along, your library branch will accept them for re-sale. For more information, go to – <https://www.fopla-aabpo.ca/>

Heritage Ottawa Events 2019

Heritage Ottawa presents both a lecture series and walking tours of architecturally interesting areas of our city. For example, our own Briarcliffe Heritage Conservation District was featured in a walking tour in October 2018. The walking tours will start in Spring, but past walking tours can be seen at –

<https://heritageottawa.org/heritage-ottawa-walking-tours>

The 2019 lecture series begins on **Thursday 21 February from 1900h-2100h**, when a guest speaker will present “Canada’s Legacy of Modernism”. Buildings of the 1950’s through 1970’s (the Modern period) are past middle age. The architecture of this age once spoke of the future. But now, they need a critical look and decisions about modern preservation and adaptation for continued use into the future. As many of Canada’s public buildings, schools and cultural facilities were built in this period, the topic is timely for how we think about these places.

For more information about this and other lectures in the series, go to –

<https://heritageottawa.org/lecture-series>

RHPOA Board Members 2018-2019

Board members always like to hear from you on neighbourhood matters that you think may be relevant to the Association. You can contact a Board member or the group as a whole using info@rhpoa.ca. Or simply call a nearby Board member!

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