

# 2008 Report to Constituents

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Participating in Spring Cleaning the Capital with Cst. Ryan Strotmann, Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator Jean Hutcheon and dedicated Kanata volunteers.

### TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN MAKES KANATA NEEDS A PRIORITY

The extension of Hope Side Road to Moodie Drive is in phase one of the roads section of the Transportation Master Plan. Along with the completion of Crownridge this will provide an additional route in and out of Bridlewood to take the pressure off Richmond and Stonehaven. Also in the phase one of the roads section is the completion of Terry Fox between Richardson and March.

On the transit side, the first section of light rail to be built will provide the first step towards getting east-west light rail and fixing congestion downtown.

Among the first routes to be built in the plan is the extension of the Western Transitway from Holly Acres to Moodie. With the completion of the Western Transitway between Pinecrest and Bayshore, the existing section between Bayshore and Holly Acres, and bus lanes between Moodie and Eagleson, buses will be able to by-pass most of the congestion on the Queensway. For transit users this will mean faster trip times. As the strike has reminded us, anything that improves transit service and increases ridership is good news for people who have to drive.

### EXPANDING NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

One of the most effective ways people can respond to problems with noise and vandalism is by setting up Neighbourhood Watch on their street. For the police, the information Neighbourhood Watch volunteers generate can make a real difference with problems. I would like to thank our community police officers and Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators for working with people to expand Neighbourhood Watch.

If you are interested in setting up Neighbourhood Watch on your street, please call 613-236-1222, ext. 2001.

### STOPPING DEVELOPMENT PLANS THAT CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR EXISTING NEIGHBOURHOODS

In Kanata, people accept that new development will take place. In most cases issues are easily addressed. What does concern people are plans that cause serious problems for existing neighbourhoods.

This is why I have worked with communities to ensure that development causes as few problems as possible for existing neighbourhoods.

Plans for development at 310 Stonehaven would have pushed traffic on Stonehaven and at Stonehaven and Richmond to unacceptable levels. Urbandale was planning to build 217 homes that would be adding to traffic at a point when Stonehaven is already close to capacity.

Because 310 Stonehaven was not zoned for development, it was possible to get council to agree to a motion I moved to prevent development from taking place until traffic problems at Stonehaven and Richmond are fixed.

The City of Ottawa Official Plan for Kanata's Town Centre calls for land between homes on Hearst Way and the Queensway to be used for employment uses. When people nearby bought their homes, they did it knowing land would be developed for employment uses. However, plans for a second hotel opposite their homes represented a major change and a problem of traffic at all hours of the day. With the Official Plan provisions, Council agreed to turn it down.

The developers have appealed both decisions to the OMB. The appeals show why it can be a fight to get development that addresses community concerns. Even though the wishes of the community were clear in both cases and people could point to either the Official Plan and traffic problems on Stonehaven, developers still felt it was worth appealing Council's decision to the OMB.

### CAPITAL BUDGET INCLUDES RENEWING CITY INFRASTRUCTURE AND PROTECTING BRIDLEWOOD GREENSPACE

To deal with the infrastructure issues identified by the Auditor General, a number of infrastructure renewal projects were funded. These include work on the Jack Charron Arena, Lion Dick Brule Community Centre and the Kanata Recreation Complex.

The 2009 Capital budget also provides the tools for the City to acquire land like the area by Deevy Pines Park in Bridlewood so that the community as a whole can continue to enjoy it. This land has been identified as having high environmental value and if the city does not acquire it will be developed.



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### 2009 CITY BUDGET MAINTAINS SERVICES KANATA RESIDENTS VALUE

Through the budget consultations and talking to people around Kanata the clear message I received is that people expect the City to do what it can to keep costs under control and provide the services that contribute to the well being of the community.

That was what council worked to do in the 2009 budget. What was passed is not perfect – every councillor who voted for it had to make compromises – but it protects services Kanata residents have told me they value.

The budget included \$37.5 million in efficiency savings and over \$24 million in cuts and deferrals. Ideas from almost all members of council were included.

What is equally important is that services people rely on will still be there next year. The decision not to increase recreation facility rental fees for children's and teens' sports by between 51% and 346% will keep recreation activities for families affordable. Personal care and nursing for seniors in City of Ottawa long term care facilities will be maintained. Outdoor rinks will continue to be funded. There will be additional adult crossing guards for locations where safety is an issue.

We will be able to respond to the problems caused by the emerald ash borer, which threatens 25% of our tree cover. Community agencies will still have the ability to provide services ranging from Meals on Wheels for seniors to counselling for troubled youth to supports for women fleeing violence.



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