

The Lindenleader

Newsletter of the Lindenlea Community Association

June 2021

Langevin Avenue becomes Commanda Way

We are excited that after many years of hard work spearheaded by resident Minori Goto, Langevin Avenue has officially changed its name to Commanda Way. Previous namesake Hector-Lewis Langevin was an architect of the residential school system, and the name change comes in the spirit of reconciliation.

The street is now named after William Commanda, an Algonquin elder and spiritual leader. He was Chief of his community from 1951–1970 and was a role model, educator, and advocate for reconciliation between Canada and its Indigenous people. Commanda was a brilliant craftsman who made beautiful birchbark canoes and worked as a guide and trapper. Above all, Commanda was a guardian of sacred wampum belts,



including the wampum of the Seven Prophecies, considered a founding document of the Algonquin Nation.

Commanda received the Order of Canada in 2008 and made many speeches to the United Nations to promote the adoption of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

We thank Councillor Rawlson King and his staff, former Councillor Tobi Nussbaum, and the residents of Commanda

Way for making this name change possible. We look forward to celebrating with the community when it is safe to do so.

Seanna Kreager
LCA General Manager

Summer Fitness Session

We're excited to be offering a variety of classes both outdoors and in person this summer. We'll have yoga in the park, several outdoor fitness programs, Tae Kwon Do and other programming available to kids and seniors. Please visit lindenlea.ca for more information. Programs will be open for registration on June 21.

If you have news or notices of local interest, contact our team at lindenleacommunitycentre@gmail.com.



The Lindenlea Community Association gratefully acknowledges the financial support of the City of Ottawa.

From Queen's Park Working for you in Toronto

Spring is in the air and I hope it's raising your spirits! I know the past while has been extra exhausting, frustrating, and even frightening. I hear you and I'm grateful to all those that have shared their concerns with me as it allows me to bring them to the attention of the government. I want to take this opportunity to give a brief update on what I have been working on recently.

The issue that has been top-of-mind is the need for a more accessible and equitable vaccine roll-out in the riding. Despite my repeated questions, letters, and statements, our community remains largely underserved by the provincial government's vaccine distribution. I continue to voice my concerns on this, and I am grateful Ottawa Public Health has recognized the need for more vaccines in our neighbourhoods.

Most recently, I introduced my first Private Member's Bill to ensure children understand the realities of racial and social inequities in Ontario through the education system. The Bill would also legislate research and action to build a more inclusive province.

Other causes I have been vocal on include promoting adequate paid sick leave, committing to accessible childcare, instituting the Long-Term Care Commission's recommendations, and doing more to protect the environment.

I want to assure residents of Ottawa-Vanier that I am always listening to the concerns on the ground, and I am working at Queen's Park to urge the government to follow the science, make better decisions, and improve access to vaccines.

It may not feel like it right now, but the end is near. In the meantime, let's all hang in there.

As always, thank you for doing your part in fighting COVID-19. My team remains available to help. Please feel free to give us a call at 613-744-4484 or send us an email at lcollard.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org.

Hon. Lucille Collard
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From City Hall

Despite the pandemic, progress continues in Ottawa



Photo: Digital rendering of the Ottawa Hospital's new Civic Campus. (credit – TOH)

The COVID-19 pandemic has undoubtedly impacted nearly every single facet of our lives in Ottawa and around the world. Virtually no domain has been left untouched in the face of this public health crisis, with one exception: work continues to move forward on major projects that will transform this city for generations. I wanted to provide a brief update on a few of our largest infrastructure projects:

New Civic Campus – The Ottawa Hospital has completed the next stage of planning for the campus and plans to open in 2028 as one of the largest and most advanced hospitals in Canada. Construction of the project will help drive the regional economy, creating an estimated 20,000 jobs, as well as research and training opportunities. Once open, it will offer world-class health care in Eastern Ontario that will attract health care providers, researchers and students from around the world.

Stage 2 LRT – With Stage 1 of our Light Rail Transit system open and operating smoothly, we are keeping up the momentum to better connect the suburbs of Ottawa to the downtown core. Residents will see construction on all three O-Train extensions: South to Limebank and near the airport, East all along Highway 174, and West towards Moodie Drive and Algonquin College. I am encouraged by the pace of the ongoing work and look forward to seeing these next stages of our LRT rollout over the next few years.

OPL/LAC Central Library – The new net-zero carbon joint facility with Library & Archives Canada will be an accessible and welcoming space for all to connect, learn, discover, and create. The plans include an area dedicated to the study of Indigenous culture, as well as an open “town square” on the ground floor, and a rooftop café that will have stunning views of our historic Parliament Hill and the beautiful Ottawa River. This exciting new space is expected to open in 2024.

With that, I would like to once again thank the people of Ottawa for their patience over the last fourteen months. Vaccines are rolling out in large quantities; the weather is getting nicer; we are making great progress on our key city-building projects and the end of this difficult journey is in sight. We will get through this together.

Mayor Jim Watson
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From the Councillor's Desk

Continuing to work on your behalf

As vaccine eligibility increases, please book your vaccine appointment as soon as you can. Each person who receives their COVID-19 vaccine brings us one step closer to achieving “community immunity.” Until enough people are immunized against COVID-19 we must still follow public health guidelines:

- Wear a mask
- Stay home unless for essential reasons
- Wash your hands
- Practice physical distancing
- Go to rideau-rockcliffe.ca/covid19 to determine your vaccine eligibility and to learn how to register to be vaccinated

During this crisis, I will continue to advocate for increased pandemic response in our ward. At the outset of the crisis, I called for the City to collect race-based and socioeconomic data on COVID-19 to determine its impact on racialized communities in conjunction with extensive discussions with members of Ottawa's racialized communities. The advocacy resulted in Ottawa Public Health (OPH) working with social service organizations to provide early socio-demographic data to City Council in June 2020, which demonstrated that 66 percent of new COVID-19 cases in Ottawa originate from racialized groups. Working in conjunction with City staff, the Ottawa Local Immigration Partnership, Ottawa Public Health and other organizations, my office has also been assisting in developing testing and vaccination strategies for immigrant, Indigenous, racialized and low-income communities in Ottawa based upon community input and dialogue. These efforts are resulting in vaccination strategies in City designated hot spots, along with door-to-door wellness checks in high-risk neighbourhoods.

Working with Lucille Collard, MPP; Rideau-Vanier Councillor Mathieu Fleury, and Beacon Hill-Cyrville Councillor Tim Tierney, I requested that Ottawa Public Health formally consider establishing a COVID-19

Assessment Centre in the East End of Ottawa. Direct advocacy with my elected colleagues was successful and resulted in the establishment of a seasonal COVID-19 testing facility at the baseball stadium on Coventry Road. I am also working with other City Council colleagues to advocate for essential worker vaccination and to urge the provincial government to reconsider closures for sports that can be played at a distance from others.

At City Hall, Council recently approved tough new rules on short term rentals in the city. Ottawa was pressed into action because too many homes in residential neighbourhoods were being rented out on platforms, such as Airbnb and were being converted into “ghost hotels” which often resulted in parties and trouble. The new Short-term Rental By-law establishes a host permit system for local short-term rental hosts, as well as rules for short-term rental platforms and property managers.

The new By-law stipulates that only principal residences and cottages can be rented out, and the number of people permitted to sleep in a short-term rental is capped at 10 persons. Some properties that are not a host's principal residence would be permitted, but only in certain rural areas. Such properties would be defined separately as cottage rentals. Contravention of the new bylaw could lead to hefty fines for both guests and hosts up to \$100,000 each day that an offence occurs. In addition, the City could suspend or revoke a host permit for violating the By-law.

During this crisis, my office continues to work on your behalf. Please call us at 613-580-2483 during office hours, Monday to Friday from 9 to 5 pm or e-mail us at rideaurockcliffeward@ottawa.ca.

Rawlson King
City Councillor, Rideau-Rockcliffe Ward 13

From Parliament Hill

Here to support you


I hope you have been safely enjoying the warm weather. While the arrival of spring brings hope and optimism, this year it has unfortunately arrived with the third wave of this pandemic. I am very inspired by your resilience and community engagement. It is truly an honour to represent this beautiful community in the House of Commons.

I have also had the pleasure of virtually meeting with various local businesses and community leaders to hear about the challenges they are facing. That is why our government has been working day and night to support Canadians. To date, we have sent almost 13 million vaccines to provinces and territories (5.2 million in Ontario), and are well on track to receive 44 million doses by the end of June.



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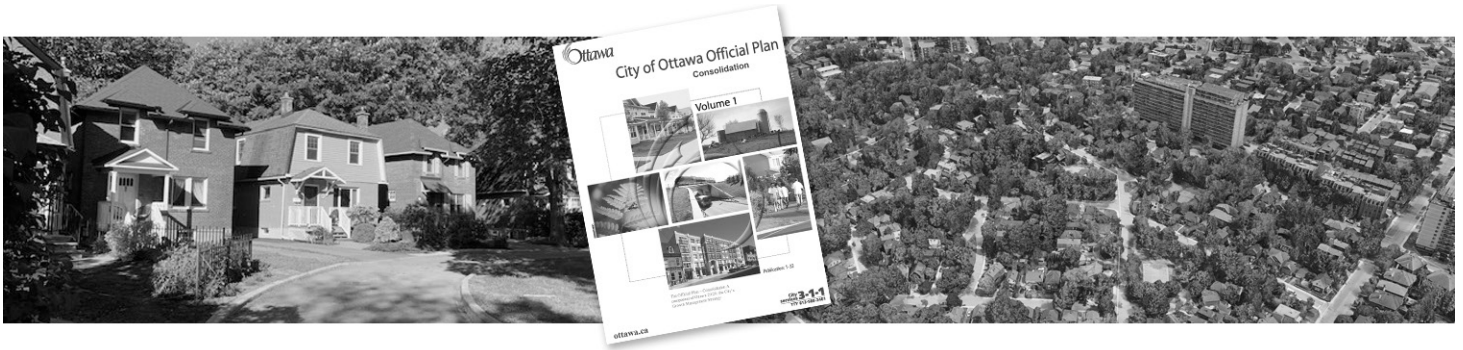
As part of our plan of economic recovery, we have committed to extending business and income support measures through the fall and presented Budget 2021, a legislation that builds on the work we've been doing since 2015 to create jobs and grow the middle class. Among many other things, this budget includes:

- investing \$30 billion in early learning and child-care over the next five years with permanent ongoing funding;
- allocating \$1.5 billion dollars for the Rapid Housing Initiative in 2021–22;
- committing to one million new jobs by the end of this year;
- establishing a \$15 per hour federal minimum wage;
- planning for green recovery that builds a net-zero economy and creates good middle-class jobs in the green economy along the way;
- providing \$4 billion over four years, starting in 2021–22, to help small-and medium-sized businesses grow, access financing, and adopt new technologies; and
- making available a package of supports, totalling \$1 billion, to revitalize the tourism sector.

I look forward to virtually seeing more members of our community and continuing these important conversations. You can also contact my office at 613-998-1860 or via email at mona.fortier@parl.gc.ca to share your questions, concerns, and ideas with me.

Hon. Mona Fortier
Member of Parliament, Ottawa-Vanier

Ottawa's Official Plan for Development: What We Are Doing; What You Can Do



As many of you are aware, the City of Ottawa has embarked on a broad and extensive development plan that will have a significant impact on Lindenlea and its surrounding areas. At the centre of this plan is the need to provide housing for a projected significantly increased population over the next 25 years. A strategy of “intensification/densification” is proposed, one that will allow for bigger, taller, and more crowded housing projects. Areas just outside the urban core will be bearing the brunt of this development, including Lindenlea. Here is how we are addressing this:

1. The Lindenlea Community Board has sent a formal letter to the City of Ottawa (directed at the development planners) outlining our concerns. Of note is that we are requesting that most of Lindenlea be recognized for its historical significance and exempt from a strategy of intensification. We ask that you read this letter which is posted on our website: lindenlea.ca
2. The Beechwood Village Alliance (BVA) composed of members from neighbourhoods along the Beechwood–Hemlock transitway is proposing and formulating a Secondary Plan which would amend the Official Plan by taking into consideration the specific needs and constraints and logistics of the neighborhoods; focusing most directly on development along Beechwood Avenue and Hemlock Road (which includes portions of Lindenlea).

Here's what you can do:


1. Get a copy of the Official Plan at engage.ottawa.ca, or just Google “City of Ottawa Official Plan” and you will see a link to the document.
2. Start writing personal letters. You can direct these letters to Mayor Watson or just send them as “Letters to the Editor” to any of our local papers. Of note is that Rawlson King is well aware of many of the problems associated with the new Official Plan and is on board to advocate on our behalf, so a letter to him might not be as necessary or important.

Note that the Official Plan is due to be amended some time in August. There is no expectation of any major changes. However, the amended document might put a somewhat more balanced burden on some of our outer communities to provide housing as part of the city's intensification strategy. The City of Ottawa will also be releasing an “As We Heard It” report on June 7, detailing the feedback that the city received from its initial City Development Plan release. Also of note: there is a massive development proposal for several buildings to be constructed in Manor Park, in areas at and near the corner of Hemlock and St. Laurent Blvd. More on that to come.

Ralph Hesse
on behalf of the LCA Board of Directors

Lockdown Scavenger Hunts!

Thanks to everyone who participated in our photo lockdown scavenger hunts this spring. We had five weeks of hunting for a variety of subjects: robins, something green, something sweet, tulips and things you find at a farmers' market. We received so many great submissions and awarded 10 gift certificates to local businesses. We've included some of the entries here – check out more on our website, Facebook page and Instagram!



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We plan to continue our scavenger hunt fun with a Canada Day edition! We'll have a list of items for you to find and photograph for a chance to win one of five DIY pancake breakfast kits delivered on June 30. We also have some other fun activities in store, so be sure to check out our website and social media for more information.



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Tennis 2021

Tennis season is underway, and we're thrilled to see everyone on the courts again! To find out more information or to purchase a membership, please visit our website: Lindenlea.ca. We'll be posting our court rules and regulations and members will be updated by email of any changes that may come up due to the pandemic. Andrew Clark-Alfaro will provide lessons when allowed – we will provide his contact information to anyone who registers with us. We hope to run some small group lessons for kids this summer as well. If you have any questions, please email us:

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Seanna Kreager *General Manager*

The Board meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month, except in the summer. Meetings are normally held at 7:30pm in the Lindendlea Community Centre and are open to the public, however during the Covid-19 crisis and until further notice, the Board is meeting via Zoom video conferencing.

Next meetings

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