

Riverview Park Community Association (RPCA) Planning & Development Report for 2024-25

The RPCA Planning and Development (“P&D”) focus this past year has been on proposed developments which might affect the Riverview Park community as well as those outside our ward that may have direct or indirect effect on us all. (E.g. the LRT, additional redevelopment of Lansdowne Park (Lansdowne 2.0

Articles on P & D issues of interest appear in the community newspaper (Riverview Park Review) – and on the RPCA website. A fair amount of information sharing and discussions was conducted via email and at monthly RPCA Board meetings.

In communications with the City, the RPCA has reiterated support for 15- minute neighbourhood concept (with increased walkability) and opposed giving carte-blanche to intensification without limits. The RPCA has stressed need for meaningful community input, respect for community context respect for greenspace and existing tree canopy, and not overloading existing infrastructure. The RPCA continues to push for safer pedestrian and cyclist infrastructure and has shared suggestions for filling in some of the sidewalk gaps along Industrial Avenue.

We continue to monitor and forward concerns about traffic safety near the Tim Horton’s on Dorion and complaints about speeding and appropriate means of traffic calming, particularly near schools. Thus far, the RPCA has been unsuccessful at convincing City Officials to reposition the sign so it is more visible to driver and to allow the painting of **a yellow crosswalk so that cars turning into the Tim Horton’s from Dorion do not block vehicular traffic** on the street and obstruct pedestrians who are trying to use the sidewalk path to cross the entrance. The current situation at this site does not appear to meet the City’s [Urban Designs Guidelines for Drive Throughs](#)

Most proposed projects of interest are still on hold or have been put off indefinitely, including high-rise rental apartment units along Steamline Street in the Ottawa Trainyards and proposed high-rise complexes along St. Laurent Boulevard between Industrial Avenue and Smyth Road.

In terms of other developments with potential impacts on Riverview Park residents that we are following include:

- 1) Proposed Tremblay Multi-Use Connection (Terminal Avenue to Tremblay LRT Station).** **project remains on hold** following the February 2025 federal government announcement it was now planning to build a High-Speed Rail (HSR) between Montreal and Toronto
- 2) Disposition of the National Defence Medical Centre (NDMC)** , one of 14 surplus National Defence buildings to be put up for sale and possible conversion into affordable housing. .
- 3) Potential Housing Complex at 1460 Riverside Drive** In early March 2025, the National Capital Commission (NCC) in collaboration with the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation publicly announced it was seeking a proponent for the construction of residential housing at 1460 Riverside Drive (the empty lot directly across from the Cancer Survivors Park) No further details are available.
- 4) Alta Vista Transportation Corridor (AVTC)**, The Northern Portion (between existing Hospital Link and across Rideau River to Nicholas Street was removed from the Transportation Master Plan (TMP) by Council in July. The remainder of the AVTC remains in the TMP.
- 5.) Converting far-right hand lane at Industrial/Riverside** RPCA requested this lane (restricted to buses only during LRT construction) be converted to regular traffic or a dedicated right turn onto Tremblay and perhaps also for Eastbound ramp onto HWY 417 only. This change would improve traffic flow and reduce risk of collisions from vehicles making last minute lane changes

6.) Groundbreaking for Perley Health Intergenerational Child Care Centre, a partnership between Perley Health and the Andrew Fleck Children's Services. Scheduled to open in Spring 2026, the Centre will serve 49 children and create daily opportunities for seniors, veterans, and young children to connect. Marilyn Minnes is still the Riverview Park community liaison with Perley

7). New Matthew House Warehouse at 700 Industrial Avenue The organization recently signed a lease and is preparing to expand the Furniture Bank into a nearly 20,000 sq. ft. facility, Construction and design planning will start in November and the move is anticipated for February 202

In 2025-26 we will also keep monitoring local developments and also follow City efforts to implement measures respond to climate change following Council's 2019 declaration of a Climate Emergency.

We welcome further input from the Riverview Park Community and from anyone who wishes to join the P & D Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

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