

CHAMPLAIN SPEAKER



<https://champlainpark.org/>



Views sought on park expansion plan

Section of Pontiac would close / feedback until Oct. 31

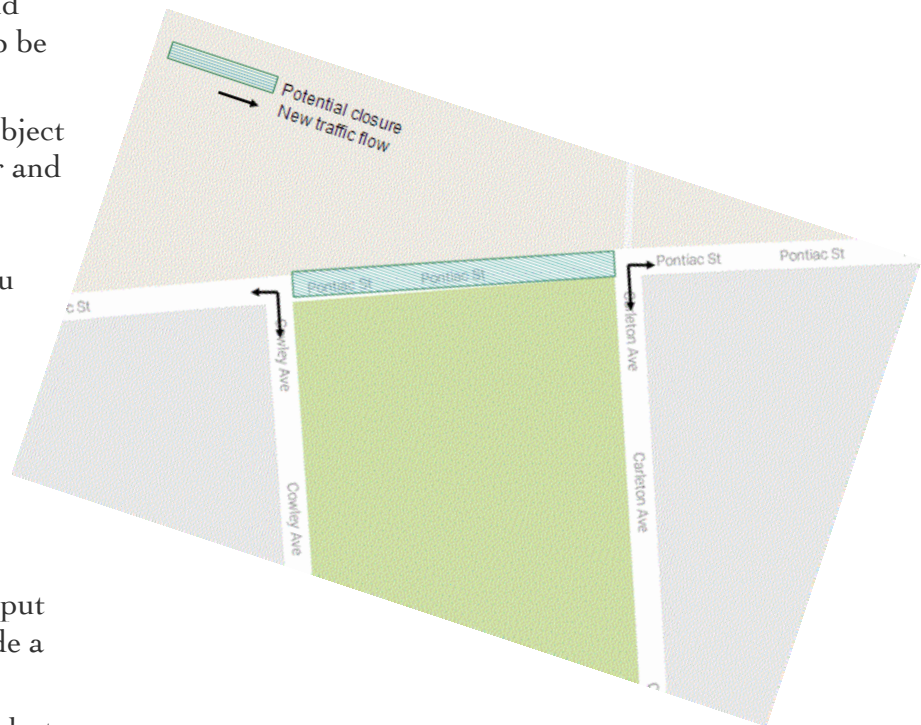
There is a plan afoot to permanently close the portion of Pontiac Street between Carleton and Cowley avenues. This would allow our park to be expanded and joined to the NCC green space.

There was a lively public meeting on the subject on Sept. 27, with opinions expressed in favour and against. Our ward councillor, Jeff Leiper, is leaning favourably towards the plan and has written an extensive report on his website. You can find it here: <http://www.kitchissippiward.ca/content/update-potential-pontiac-closure>

Coun. Leiper did his own survey of cars, bicycles and pedestrians during a morning and afternoon rush-hour and has provided an analysis of traffic impacts.

He is open to receiving more community input until the end of the month and hopes to provide a status update in November.

Some traffic patterns will obviously change but proponents see advantages in terms of enhanced green space, more recreational area and a chance to better connect with a 16-km winter trail along the Sir John A. Macdonald Parkway.



Don't be left out of the debate! Please contact Coun. Leiper by phone 613-580-2485 or email: Jeff.Leiper@ottawa.ca

Halloween Fun Run Oct. 29, 9:30 a.m.

The 5th annual run will be held Oct. 29, at 9:30 a.m., starting at the play structure in the park, rain or shine.

The route will be the same, taking runners aged five and over through a trail in the Champlain Woods.

Those four and under will do a slightly shorter route and should probably be accompanied by a helper. Costumes encouraged!

Candy medals will be given to all participants. Food and drink, supplied by the community

association, will be available at the finish line. Nut-free donations welcomed.

Volunteers welcomed! *Please sign-up at [Genius](#):*

Last year, the weather cooperated and the 100-plus kids and adults managed to raise a record \$500 for [Right to Play Canada \(RTP\)](#).

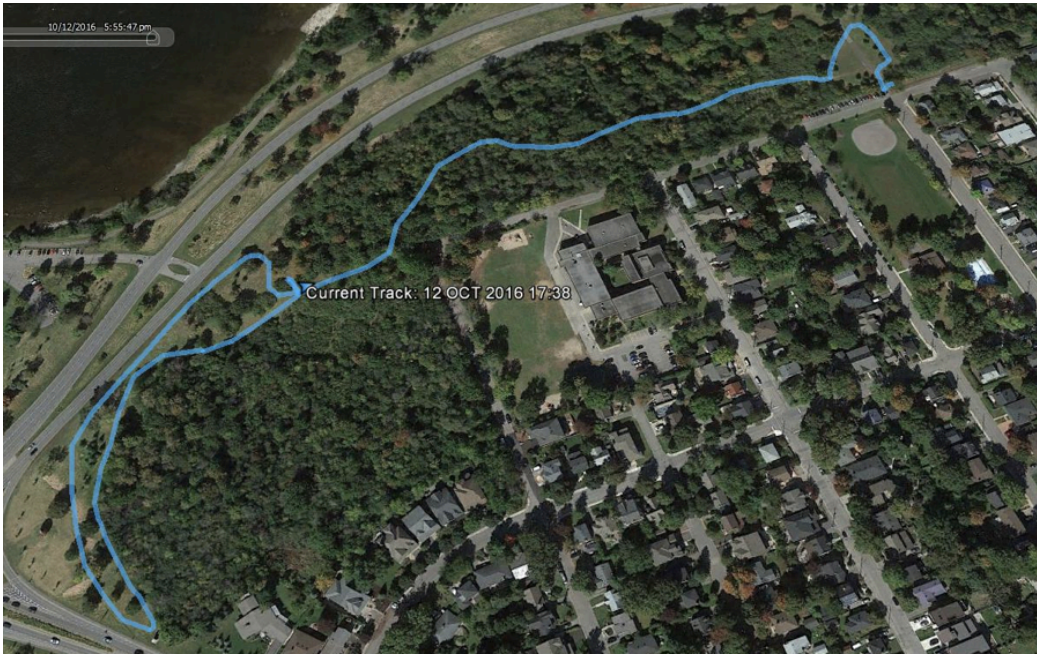
Over the past four years, we have raised close to \$1,000. No registration required, entry fee by donation (suggested \$10). For more info, contact Pete at peterlaughton@rogers.com



Reach us: champlainpark@hotmail.ca



Help needed to clear brush for winter trail



In this aerial view of Champlain Woods, trail can be seen from Island Park (left) to the edge of our ball diamond (upper right).

We're looking for volunteers to help trim small bushes and branches along the proposed winter trail within the NCC forest. Our section of trail will be joining the main Sir John A. Macdonald winter network along the river parkway.

If you can help with the trimming of buckthorn bushes and small branches along the edges of the proposed trail, please send your email to champlainpark@hotmail.ca with your contact information and you will be added to a mail listing.

We plan to start on the **Oct. 22 weekend** and continue with weekend mornings during the next few weeks, as required. Contact **Adrian Bradley**, 613-722-2248, for more information.

PROJECT DETAILS

trimming buckthorn brush at base, where possible, overhead branches from other trees.

placing and spreading all trimmings flat on the forest floor away from the trail.

Only manual garden tools will be used, like small garden saws and garden clippers.

Volunteers asked to provide their own equipment, suggest garden gloves and safety glasses.

All volunteers will be asked to sign our waiver form.

The trimming of brush in the forest area is to ensure the access and safety for all users. This work has been coordinated with agreement between the NCC, Nakkertok and the CPCA's sponsored activity approval.

If you wish to contribute to a fundraising effort to pay for the grooming, please go to <https://fundrazr.com/SJAM.Winter.Trail>.

The closing date for donations is Nov. 14.

Annual General Meeting Nov. 22

Mark it on your calendar: Details to follow in next Speaker / check website.