



CHAMPLAIN SPEAKER



APRIL 2010

CHAMPLAIN PARK GOES GREEN AND CLEAN ON APRIL 24!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ANNUAL SPRING CLEANUP

April 23-25 is Capital Cleanup Weekend, and Champlain Park needs you!

Spring Cleanup is an annual tradition in Champlain Park. It is a chance for neighbours of all ages – kids, teens, and adults – to get together and help spruce up the neighbourhood. It is part of a larger City of Ottawa campaign to pick up garbage and beautify green spaces each spring.

We'll meet at the fieldhouse **Saturday, April 24 at 10 a.m.** Juice, coffee and cookies will be served, and people will pick an area to do. Usually the work is done by noon. In case of rain, we'll meet on Sunday instead.

The designated cleanup areas: Patricia north of Clearview, the north side of Pontiac, the boulevard on Northwestern, and the south side of Premier along the Transitway. It can also include the area along the river at the foot of Carleton.

We recommend wearing pants and long-sleeved shirts. Wear appropriate footwear and bring gloves. The City will provide garbage bags and other supplies.

The Keyworth School Age Program has adopted Champlain Park and the students of St. George School are doing a great job cleaning it each spring

and fall. They also clean certain areas of Pontiac. Big thanks go to them.

Now it's time for the rest of us in the neighbourhood to do our part. Last year, 21 people showed up, which was great.

If you have any questions or suggestions, call Ian Reid or Andrea Murphy at 613-715-9504.

CRIME IN THE MIDST OF CHAMPLAIN PARK

Come to a meeting and presentation by our community police officer, Andrew Milton, at the Champlain Park fieldhouse. The meeting is being organized by our community's **Neighbourhood Watch** group in response to recent break-ins and attempted break-ins.

Time: 7 p.m.

Date: Thursday April 29, 2010

ANOTHER ATTEMPTED BREAK-IN IN CHAMPLAIN PARK!

by Patrick Mates, Neighbourhood Watch

I just got a call this evening (Wednesday, March 24) from another resident in the 200 block of Patricia Avenue who tells me that someone tried to break into her house some time today while the residents were at work. I was told that the perpetrator did break into a shed in the back yard and did some damage to the door. The residents are not yet sure whether anything was stolen. They plan to report

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the incident to the police. I suggested that they not touch anything or clean up in case police feel they should come to the home to examine the place and perhaps identify anything stolen, check for fingerprints, etc.

This the FOURTH break-in incident in the last three weeks in Champlain Park! Two earlier ones, on Patricia and on Daniel, were only attempts, since the resident was at home in each case. The third was an actual break-in of an unoccupied house at 171 Carleton Avenue on Monday, March 22. At around 11:15 p.m., a resident who heard a disturbance and the breaking of glass called the police. Several police cars arrived in minutes and two officers entered the house through the broken window. They found no one there. However, during a patrol of the neighbourhood that followed shortly, two young men were apprehended leaving the community carrying a bag containing burglar tools which they tried to dispose of surreptitiously. These two individuals are now in police custody and they have been charged with criminal offences. Our thanks to the neighbours who called the police so promptly and thanks for taking Neighbourhood Watch seriously.

ATTEMPTED BREAK-IN ON DANIEL AVENUE

as described by resident Jean-Paul Poissant:

On Monday, March 15, 2010 at 2:05 p.m., a black man, 5'8", wearing black pants and black jacket rang the doorbell at my back door.

As it took me a while to get to the rear door, by the time I got there, he was ringing all the time.

He was surprised when I opened the inside door—leaving the outside door locked—and asked him what he wanted. He stepped back and said that he was looking for 229 Sunnymede. I told him to wait a minute, that I would call the police and find out where it was. Of course, he did not stay around. He left my property and turned right on Keyworth towards Premier.

My neighbours across the street, Brian and his wife, were watching all this and they were wondering what this fellow was looking for because before he turned into my driveway he looked left and right.

Since Monday is garbage day, my driveway was the only one without garbage cans. I had picked them up as soon as the truck had gone by. He must have

thought that I was not home, that maybe I was down south.

I got into my car and drove all over for a long time and never saw him. I suspect that on foot he could not have gone very far and that he must have had a car waiting or parked on Keyworth.

BREAK-IN ON CARLETON AVENUE

From Lynne Bankier on March 22 or 23:

My neighbour reported to me that yesterday at about 3 a.m., someone broke into two cars on Carleton Avenue, and also was trying to break into a house that has been sold and is currently not occupied. The cars may have been unlocked.

TEENS AVAILABLE FOR BABYSITTING

- Emma J. -----728-6681
- Berlin-----722-2248
- Leigh -----715-9473
- Anastasia ----- 728-9014
- Emma M. ----- 728-4642
- Alexandra -----722-7482
- Ben ----- 729-1218
- Emma I. -----728-1063
- Fiona -----761-9262
- Karah P. -----722-6039
- Elisabeth (bilingual) -----722-0454
- Hanna L. (bilingual)-----792-1891

Babysitting, spring cleaning and light yard work: Will 728-1945

DEVELOPMENT AT 171 CARLETON AVE.

The Champlain Park Community Association is contesting a proposed development at 171 Carleton Avenue. The hearing date is April 7, and we will make a presentation.

The developer of the land is seeking consent from the City of Ottawa to sever the lot into four parcels. The developer has minor variance applications for:

- lot width and lot area (three units)
- reduced corner lot site triangle (one unit)
- reduced side yard between garages (two units)
- reduced side yard between garage and adjacent property line (one unit).

Here are the reasons for contesting the development as set out in the letter the Community Association circulated to neighbours before voicing our concerns at Committee of Adjustment.

- The application is for four dwellings (two semi-detached buildings) where the zoning by-law allows only two dwellings.
- They are trying to fit too much onto this lot.
- A lot of variances are required to fit this many units onto the lot.
- I don't consider this development to be a "minor" change from the zoning requirements.

- The current pattern of Champlain Park is mostly single-detached homes with a small number of semi-detached dwellings in the R2 section.
- Putting four units here is not in keeping with the existing patterns or with the zoning by-law.
- Most of the homes in close vicinity are either 1½ or small two storey older homes.
- Some of the design details do help to break up the "massing" but with four 2½ storey units, this development will still look out of scale with the homes around it.
- The reduced corner lot sight triangle (at the corner of Carleton and Clearview, required for traffic/pedestrian visibility) will affect safety at that corner as it provides access to the playground, rink and pool and is adjacent to an OC Transpo and school bus route.
- The reduced lot width, lot area, side yards and lot sight triangle all contribute to the dense appearance of this development and to the reduction of greenspace.
- Although we understand that the Official Plan's policies encourage intensification on "under-utilized" lots (one home currently exists where two homes are allowed), we feel that this proposal "over-utilizes" the lot.

-Lynne Bankier

AMY'S CORNER



BY AMY KEMPSTER
722-6039

Drinking Water Protection:

The province's Clean Water Act requires that a Source Protection Committee be formed to examine the risks to the source(s) of local drinking water and methods to reduce those risks. Where sources face

significant risks, mandatory action may be required. For the City of Ottawa, the two sources of drinking water are the Britannia water intake and that at Lemieux Island, both on the Ottawa River. The study is being done in several steps.

The first step was to delineate intake protection zones (IPZs). Three levels of zones are determined, based on differing levels of vulnerability. Level IPZ-1 is the zone around the water intake where, if a spill occurred, no dilution or attenuation would happen before the contamination reached the intake. The study has suggested that a 200-metre circle around the intakes be the IPZ-1 zone for both intakes. This reflects the province's Technical Rules which require a 200 metre semi-circle upriver and a rectangle of 400 metres extending 10 metres downriver of the intake. Thus these two zones are almost all in the river except for a portion of Lemieux Island.

The IPZ-2 zone depends partly on the two hour distance upstream where a particle would be before reaching the intake. A computer model using data on the river bed and validated by current speed data was used for the in-water portion of this zone. The Technical Rules suggest that 120 metres from the high water mark or the generic regulation limits line (i.e. the watershed boundaries as developed and maintained by the Mississippi Valley Conservation and Rideau Valley Conservation Authority) be used. Also included are any storm sewers or streams that discharge into the river within the two hour limit area. For both storm sewers and streams, the distance inland was based on flows through these pipes or channels using established formulas. For the Britannia zone, this results in inclusion of Crystal Bay and a bit further west, as well as Britannia and Bayshore plus some parts south of Britannia. For the Lemieux zone, the area extends past Woodroffe Avenue and south to include Glabar Park but excludes areas south of the Transitway cut. (Presumably the storm sewer lines were relocated when the Transitway was constructed.) Note that through cooperation with Gatineau, the maps also show the zones on the Quebec side—for information

only—as the jurisdiction for the source protection is confined to Ontario. (Meetings have now been initiated by Ontario's Minister of the Environment with Quebec regarding three key areas of shared water management on the Ottawa River.)

The IPZ-3 zone depends on assumptions of extreme flow events and large-volume chemical releases at places where road or rail lines cross the Ottawa River or its tributaries. In the case of both intakes, the IPZ-3 zones extend upriver to the mouth of the Mississippi, and up the Mississippi as far as Almonte. Again, for illustration purposes, an extension of this zone to include Chalk River is included. (For the last year, the City of Ottawa has monitored tritium levels).

After delineating intake protection zones, the next step is to assess vulnerability. This is done using the formula prescribed by the Technical Rules: Vulnerability score (V)=Area Vulnerability Factor (B) XSource Vulnerability Factor.

I will not describe how this is assessed: suffice it to say that there are some arbitrary elements, primarily the weighting of factors. That was one of the aspects of the work criticized at the session on this subject that I attended.

Once the vulnerability scores are obtained how are they used? Threats are defined as existing conditions or existing or future land use activities that could contaminate a drinking water supply. Issues are defined as documented cases of water quality contamination approaching or exceeding provincial levels; these can be naturally-occurring or caused by existing or historic land use activity. We will confine this article to provincially-defined circumstances that may be deemed significant or moderate, depending on the vulnerability score, and that are either pathogenic or chemical. Those considered significant pathogens for the vulnerability score for Lemieux Island IPZ-2 zone are operation of a waste disposal site or sewage site; application of agricultural source material to land or storage of such material; and the handling, storage, and application of non-agricultural source material to land. Besides sewage treatment, one other activity was significant for chemical reasons: application of pesticides to land. For higher vulnerability scores, such activities as application of road salt, storage of snow, and handling and storage of fuel joined these as significant. A few others were also mentioned.

For further information, consult the Ontario government's website and www.mrsourcewater.ca.

The Ottawa Riverkeeper's website is also following this issue quite closely. Visit: www.ottawariverkeeper.ca

COMMUNITY POWER AND THE REINSTATEMENT OF ROUTE 18

by Marc Chenier

Ongoing efforts to reinstate OC Transpo's Route 18 west of Bayview are paying off!

Faced with the tremendous community response to the petition that was circulated in recent weeks, OC Transpo now acknowledges that its initial modeling of the impact of the service cut was incorrect. Indeed, during a recent meeting with Kitchissippi Councillor Christine Leadman, OC Transpo presented Councillor Leadman with six options to attempt to meet the transit needs of West Ottawa residents.

Any change to routes and schedules must be done, in the short-term, within the budgetary envelope approved by Council earlier this year for OC Transpo. This is a complicating factor that means that full reinstatement of Route 18 as it existed prior to the service cut is unlikely at this time. Nevertheless, OC Transpo now realizes that there is a void in its service to West Ottawa residents, and it is open to modifications to attempt to meet this need. As evidenced by the "departure and destination" data in the petition, the biggest voids appear to be a regular direct link from the Scott/Richmond area to downtown, and to Carlingwood Shopping Centre.

Interestingly, there is a willingness to implement the changes even before TransPLAN 2010 is carried out. It was during the 2009 iteration of this annual exercise that Route 18 was cut. This willingness to act outside of the annual review process means that the resulting changes to accommodate affected transit users are likely to be implemented even before the TransPLAN changes come into force in September.

Councillor Leadman's office has reviewed OC Transpo's options, and developed an alternative that would reinstate route 18 in a manner that she says will respond to the needs of her constituents. Her office believes that this modified approach (a merging of several options and other implementation parameters not considered by OC Transpo) will lead to reinstatement of the route with little to no impact on the rest of the system. The modified option is currently undergoing modeling by OC Transpo. Should OC Transpo find the proposal viable, the new route adjustments could be implemented quickly and efficiently. As the process moves forward and the necessary approvals are obtained, public consultation will occur.

While the route has not been reinstated yet, all indications are that it will be in the near future. Councillor Leadman will meet again with OC Transpo

in the next few weeks, once OC Transpo has completed its modeling exercise.

Champlain Park residents were instrumental in gathering a significant portion of the 700+ signatures. Many thanks to door-to-door canvassers Ian Reid, Andrea Murphy, Dennis Van Staalduinen, Helen Spencer and Gordon Hughie, as well as to Thomas Lauzon and Kathleen Traeger for circulating the petition at area schools.

GOING TO THE DOGS

It is becoming increasingly common to find dog droppings on the sidewalks in Champlain Park. With many of our children walking to school or out walking with their caregivers, this is becoming a sanitary hazard as well as being just plain unsightly. Whether this trend is a result of being negligent in picking up the droppings, letting children walk the pets without emphasizing the importance of picking up after the dogs, or letting the pets out at night on their own, it is resulting in a smear on our beautiful neighbourhood. As responsible dog owners, we must all do our part to pick up and help maintain the beauty of Champlain Park. The bad behaviour of one anonymous dog owner reflects badly on all dog owners in the neighbourhood. Even dog owners don't appreciate having to step around the droppings of someone else's pet. Let's all do our part so that we can hold our heads up proudly without having to worry about what we will step in.

-Sincerely, a concerned Champlain Park resident

NOTES FROM YOUR EDITOR

- 1) Normally, the Speaker does not publish anonymous articles. Certainly, I would not publish an anonymous article if I felt its contents were offensive. The article "Going to the Dogs" came to me from a person who made his name known to me but who asked me to publish his article anonymously. Because I felt his article was non-offensive, I agreed to do so. Just want everyone to know the rules!
- 2) Do you have a favourite walking or biking destination? Do you have a favourite business in the West Wellington shopping area? If so, please consider writing a short article about this to share with other residents of Champlain Park. I'll publish your submissions in the June edition of the Speaker. Deadline for getting your article to me is May 12. June will be the last edition of the Speaker before summer arrives and we take a break for two months. -Debra Huron