

# WARD 9 NEWSLETTER

## COUNCILLOR KEITH EGLI

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### Canadian Youth Volunteer at Sand Dunes

On July 23, 12 youth and three adult leaders from all across Canada arrived in Ottawa to work with local conservation group,



Biodiversity Conservancy, to save and protect the rare inland Pinhey Sand Dune ecosystem located within the National Capital Greenbelt. As part of their 2012 focus on leadership and sustainability, the Children's International Summer Village (CISV) youth joined in the effort to create awareness of this conservation project, identifying and cataloguing endangered insects, and clearing encroaching vegetation to restore this unique habitat. Councillor Egli was on site to welcome the

youth and help search for ant lions and other insects. "Over the past year we restored a large, core dune with the help of the local community and many dedicated volunteers," said Stephen Aitken, project coordinator of Biodiversity Conservancy. "This rare ecosystem harbours many unique organisms and this year, with the collaboration of the NCC and a new generation of enthusiastic volunteers, we hope to recapture more of the original sandy dune habitat." For information: [www.tc-biodiversity.org/](http://www.tc-biodiversity.org/).

### COUNCILLOR'S MESSAGE

Well, the rain finally came and it has helped out a bit, however Ottawa can still use more moisture and is still under a fire ban. Please continue to be reasonable in your water use and as conditions change we will keep you posted. I appreciate the patience of those impacted by the storm this week whether it was loss of electricity or traffic issues. Our ward was one of the bigger areas that lost power on Monday so your patience and cooperation is very much appreciated.

On the subject of water, I've also been in communication with both of the Community Association Presidents for Merivale Gardens and The Glens, with regards to seeking clarification on water issues and matters related to privately serviced

communities. I thank them both for their assistance and cooperation.

Last Thursday July 19, I attended the Wish Upon a New York Star fundraiser, in support of the Children's Wish Foundation. The evening was organized by students in Algonquin College's Event Planning program including Ward 9's Steve Roberts, who invited me. Thank you for the invite. The event was located at the Sala San Marco in the heart of Little Italy and was a spectacular time.

In the ward I checked out the progress on the new enhanced parking lot for the Trend Arlington Community Centre. The project is going well and I

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I thank Stewart Kronberg, community association president, for coordinating off-site parking for various recreation programs during construction. See below for a photo of the construction.

This week I also had the pleasure of welcoming the CISV Peace Bus full of youth volunteers to Ward 9. This group of youth from all across Canada arrived on Monday morning to help out with the Sand Dune Restoration project in Merivale Gardens. We spent the morning clearing plants and also helping to relocate ant lions. See first page for more information.

Until next week,  
Keith

### Construction Continues on TACA's Parking Lot



### Nepean Blue Devils Basketball Association Calls for Volunteers



The Nepean Blue Devils are currently seeking members to fill some vacant volunteer positions. The organization is run entirely by volunteers, and it is vital that they fill these important roles in order to continue operating and offering our programs. If you have any questions about the positions please feel free to contact Paul Dufresne at [President@nepeanbluedevils.ca](mailto:President@nepeanbluedevils.ca)

### Fall Transit Service Improvements

Ottawa Transit Services has indicated service changes that will come into effect Sunday, September 2 and Tuesday, September 4, 2012. The changes fall into several categories, some include:

- Deployment of the new Double-Decker Bus Fleet – the new buses are expected to begin arriving in late August. Once sufficient operators have been trained, the double-deckers will begin to operate on many busy routes.
- Service capacity improvements – the frequency of service will be increased to reduce crowding on busy routes and to meet service capacity standards on Route 111 and higher capacity buses will be assigned to increase capacity at key times on both route 111 and 118.

Full details of these and other service changes will be communicated to transit users throughout the summer months. Please visit [www.octranspo.com](http://www.octranspo.com) or call 613-741-4390 for more information. Once the new service begins, customers can find up-to-date schedules by using octranspo.mobi or MyTransit iPhone app, by calling 613-560-1000, or by texting 560560.

### Garbage Collection Changes

This fall this City will start its weekly year-round green bin collection program. The green bin accepts all soiled paper waste (pizza boxes, paper towels) and food waste (including rice, pasta, dairy products, meat, food scraps etc). If used properly the green bin will reduce your garbage drastically.

Garbage will be collection biweekly. Households can put out up to six approved containers of garbage every two weeks (an increase from the current three).

For more information visit

[http://ottawa.ca/en/garbage\\_recycle/garbage/](http://ottawa.ca/en/garbage_recycle/garbage/) or [http://ottawa.ca/en/garbage\\_recycle/greenbin\\_yard/](http://ottawa.ca/en/garbage_recycle/greenbin_yard/)



Nepean, Rideau and Osgoode  
Community Resource Centre  
NROCRC

### Do You Need Help Getting Your Child's School Supplies?



Nepean, Rideau and Osgoode  
Community Resource Centre helps  
support families by providing the basic school  
supplies for primary and secondary students

Register by Calling:

613-596-5626 Ext.303

Registration starts July 4, 2012!



Support the Tools 4 School program at NROCRC :

- Donate supplies to **Nepean, Rideau and Osgoode Community Resource Centre** (Inside Merivale Mall). (For pick up call Bashir at 613 596-5626)
- Come out to the **Fundraising BBQ on August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012** starting at **11:00am** at 1642 Merivale Road( Front entrance of Merivale Mall)
- Make a financial donation at [www.nrocr.org](http://www.nrocr.org)
- For **sponsorship opportunities**, please call **Brad Spooner 613 596-5626 ext. 240**

### Public Art Opportunity for Artists

The City of Ottawa's Light Rail Transit Art Program invites professional artists to submit their qualifications to be considered for various permanent public art opportunities throughout the future LRT line. From the resulting adjudicated shortlist of artists, artists will be considered to create fully integrated, permanent works of art for Ottawa's Light Rail stations.

The complete Expression of Interest (including eligibility, public art vision, budget, supporting documents and selection criteria) is available at <http://www.ottawalightrail.ca/en/project-plan/public-art>

Applications must be submitted no later than Thursday, Sept 6, 2012 at 4 p.m.

### MPAC Latest Market Snapshot Released

The Ontario Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) has published its Market Snapshot. This is their report on Ontario residential property sale price trends since the last assessment in 2008. The report is intended to prepare property owners in Ontario for the new assessments that will be mailed out this fall.

MPAC assessments are conducted every four years. The last assessment was conducted as of January 1, 2008 for the 2009-2012 taxation years. This next assessment was done as of January 1, 2012 for the 2013-2016 taxation years. Assessment increases are phased in over four years and the full effect of any change will not be implemented until 2016. Any property owners who have an assessment decrease will see their taxes reduced immediately in 2013 with no phase-in period.

As the report shows, the average residential property in Ottawa has seen a 24 per cent increase in assessed value over the four years since the last assessment in January 1, 2008. This does not mean that property owners in Ottawa will experience a 24 per cent increase in municipal property tax. The City's tax rates are set each year based on the budgetary increases approved by Council. The effect of the change in the assessed value is different for each property.

Property owners who have an increase in assessment over the four years of 24 per cent will see an increase in their municipal taxes equal to any budgetary increase that may be approved by City Council. Property owners who have an increase in assessment over the four years greater than 24 per cent will see an increase in their municipal taxes greater than any budgetary increase that may be approved by City Council. Finally, property owners who have an increase in assessment over the four years of less than 24 per cent will see their municipal taxes change by less than any budgetary increase that may be approved by City Council and some may even see their taxes decrease over their 2012 taxes.

A tax estimator tool will be available at [www.Ottawa.ca](http://www.Ottawa.ca).