

A Word from your Councillor

Dear citizens of Deschênes,

With the start of the summer season, I would like to take a moment to provide you with a summary of the last few months and an overview of what lies ahead.

You will see several projects starting this summer, including the first stage of renewing Vanier Road between Lucerne Boulevard and the river, a commitment carried out and dear to my heart.

As Chair of the *Comité consultatif d'urbanisme* (CCU – Urban Planning Advisory Committee), I was directly involved in major public consultations, including one on recreational vehicles (June 4) and the Museum district, in Hull (June 15). In May, I chaired a forum on city planning and was proud to participate in a citizens' forum – also on city planning – organized by Deschênes Residents Association and Lakeview Terrace Residents' Association.

Under my responsibilities, I was also appointed to an advisory committee ("*Comité des sages*") with the task of rethinking the

organization *Développement économique – CLD Gatineau*, in order to turn it into a significant player for economic development.

Finally, as district councillor, it has been my desire to give citizens a chance to express themselves. As a result of my initiative, two information sessions were organized by the city. The first (in January) concerned the work on Vanier Road, while the second (in April) concerned the work planned for M^cConnell Road. I have also attended numerous citizen activities. Besides, I made it my duty to contribute financially to philanthropic and citizen causes.

Several challenges lie ahead, in urban planning as well as in public transit, and I am counting on you so that, together, we can meet these challenges.

Wishing you a good summer!

Projects

2015 Project Planning

Major projects at a cost of \$8.4 million will be undertaken in the district this summer.

Vanier

We shall benefit from work in the amount of \$2.3 million for replacing water and sewer mains on Vanier Road between Lucerne Boulevard and the Ottawa River, to begin renewing and beautifying the sector. With an amount of \$583,900 taken from my *Fonds des communautés* budget, the street will be brought up to standards, the sidewalks widened and street furniture installed. A recreational path will be built, which will be appreciated by cyclists and pedestrians, and landscaping will be carried out. The work should be finished by the fall of 2016.

Lucerne

Improvements to Lucerne Boulevard between Vanier Road and the Champlain Bridge are also planned at a cost of \$3 million. The road will be repaved and widened to allow for a bicycle path to be built on both sides of the road. At the present time we are waiting for approval from the National Capital Commission of Canada (NCC) for the section of the road near the Champlain Bridge. These works are subject to environmental analysis, and federal and provincial requirements.

M^cConnell

Finally, M^cConnell Road will be repaved between Vanier Road and Allen Road, and the recreational pathway will be extended between Rivermead Road and Allen Road. The work is estimated to cost \$3.1 million. The mini traffic circle will be removed and stops, pedestrian crossings and other landscaping will be added, all with the objective of reducing transit traffic in this residential district and ensuring the safety of pedestrians. This project is subject to an authorization certificate from the *Ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement et de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques*.

Other Expenditures

Road network	\$4 million
Restoration of the Symmes Inn Museum	\$615,000
Paul-Pelletier Dog Park	\$139,000
Belmont Park	\$64,000

In Progress or Being Planned

Expansion of libraries (Plateau, Lucy-Faris and Guy-Sanche)	\$21.9 million
Renovation of Parc des Cèdres (pavillon)	\$5.4 million
Parc de la Croisée	\$180,000
Study on the heritage protection & enhancement of the Deschênes Rapids	\$45,000

City Planning

Comprehensible and Accessible Public Notices

Since January 28, as a result of my initiative, public notices are now accessible and comprehensible. From now on, public notices are being published two weeks ahead of the sitting of the city council, which will allow residents to obtain information more quickly and be better able to ask questions to the elected officials. By going to the city's website (gatineau.ca), just click on "public notices" in the "Search" window. There, you can consult notices in easy-to-understand language, and see the plans and analyses submitted to the *Comité consultatif d'urbanisme*. You can also subscribe to receive the notices. This manner of proceeding is a first in Québec.

Citizens in Action

Interpretive Panels in Deschênes

Three interpretive panels highlighting the rich biodiversity of the Deschênes district were recently installed at the La Vérendrye/Mackenzie lookout and near the Marais du Canard Branchu. Congratulations to the Deschênes Residents Association for the initiative!



Neighbourhood Active Transport Plan in Lakeview

The Lakeview Terrace Residents' Association was also innovative by launching its own neighbourhood active transport plan. The plan, developed by the Gatineau firm MOBI-O, contains several recommendations aimed at improving the quality of life in the district through a sustainable mobility approach. The document may be downloaded from the Association's website (lakeview-terrace.ca).



Agreement between the City and the Aylmer Canine Club

This past April an agreement was reached between the City and the Aylmer Canine Club respecting the maintenance of the dog exercise area in Parc Paul-Pelletier, located behind the Centre aquatique Paul-Pelletier on Chemin d'Aylmer. While the City is the owner of the site, the dog club will assume its maintenance in addition to ensuring the preservation, improvement and clean-up of the park. This dog exercise area is the second one created in the Aylmer sector, in Deschênes District.



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Political Responsibilities

- Chair of the *Comité consultatif d'urbanisme* and of the *Comité sur les demandes de démolition*
- Chair of the *Commission sur les aînés*
- Member of the *Commission des loisirs, des sports et de la vie communautaire*
- Member of the Board of Directors and of the *Comité des affaires courantes de Développement économique – CLD Gatineau*
- Member of the Board of Directors of *Tourisme Outaouais*
- The city's representative with Interclubs Aylmer and the *Corporation de l'âge d'or d'Aylmer*

