

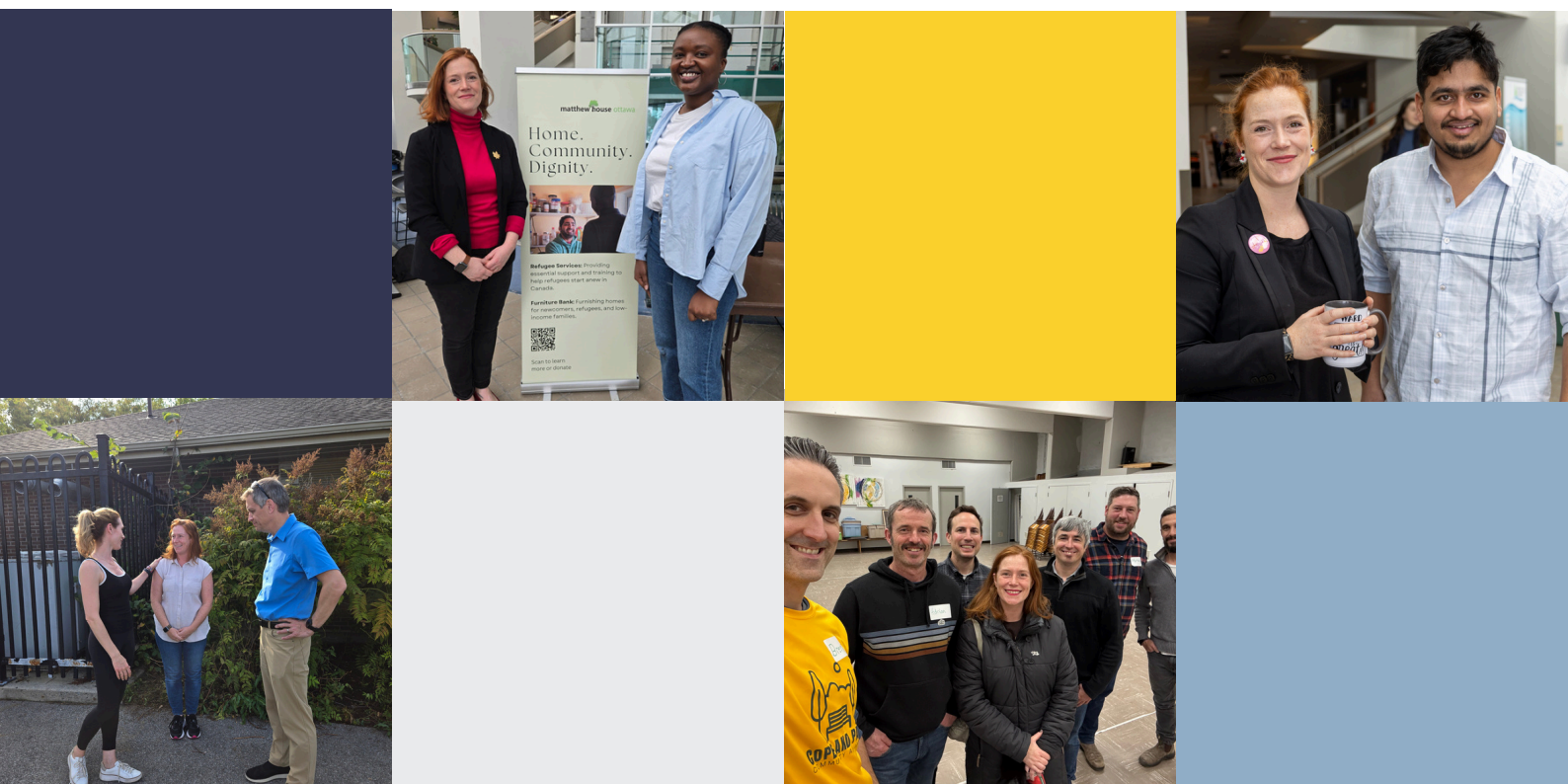
Year Three in Review: A Progress Report for College Ward Residents

Dear Neighbours,

I am pleased to provide you with the College Ward Annual Progress Report. I work hard every day to represent you on the issues that are important to our neighbourhoods.

I hope this Progress Report is informative of the projects we took on last year, and that it demonstrates my continuing transparency and accountability to you. There is still more always to do, and I list some future areas of interest.

Warm regards,
Laine



Improving safety on our streets

COMPLETED IN 2025

In the past year, we have:

- Installed speed humps on David Drive
- Installed speed humps on Cobden Road
- Installed speed humps on Moodie Drive
- Installed speed humps on Monterey Drive
- Liaised Envirocentre and Pinecrest Public School for Active Transportation Audit and Recommendations
- Installed no U-Turn signage in front of Agincourt School
- Moved a motion creating a Community Safety Zone on Maitland Avenue between Baseline and the 417 interchange
- Moved a motion to review and reprioritize sidewalks and traffic calming around new public school catchment areas
- Completed Ainsley Park multi-use pathway
- Installed new ladder markings at the Holly Acres, Richmond, and Nanaimo intersection
- Installed new left turn signals at Northside and Robertson, and at the Queensway Carleton Hospital
- Worked with Meadowlands Public School and Abraar School to get no parking along Fieldrow Street
- Met with St. John the Apostle and Mamawi School to advocate for safety investments
- Improvements and innovation at the Centerpointe pedestrian crossing at Hemmingway!

LOOKING AHEAD

Moving forward, we will:

- See the completion of the Baseline/Greenbank intersection construction
- Build a new sidewalk (on the northside of Robertson) as well as sidewalk improvement (on the southside of Robertson) on Robertson Road from Westcliffe to Fitzgerald
- Renew critical infrastructure at Cline/Whitmore/Sherman
- Install speed humps on Lotta and Withrow
- Install new traffic calming measures to replace automated speed enforcement cameras
- Begin the Centrepointe Traffic Calming Project (finally!)
- See progress on the pedestrian crossing on Baseline Road at Rockway Crescent
- Consolidate the Temporary Traffic Calming program with the Neighbourhood Traffic Calming program, improving long-term solutions to speeding



Welcoming Neighbourhoods

COMPLETED IN 2025

In the past year, we have:

- Completed the Bassano Park project
- Morrison Gardens Community House renovation
- Hosted a tour of Pinecrest Pond with the NCC and the City of Ottawa
- Completed the additions of a gazebo and basketball court at Kilreen Park
- Advocated for the replacement of the CentrepoinTE Park pond water pump
- Supported neighbours by bringing a motion to have CentrepoinTE Park zoned as Greenspace to ensure that the park remains a park for the community
- Moved a motion to allow gardening in the Right-of-Way
- Moved a motion to allow for turfgrass alternatives to grass in the Right-of-Way
- Done ongoing consultation, community support, and education items in response to antisemitic attack at Baseline Loblaws
- Tabled at the Ben Franklin Place Wellness Fair in September 2025
- Connected Lionhearts to IKEA to support food security donation programs
- Opened College Ward's first disc golf course in CentrepoinTE Park

LOOKING AHEAD

Moving forward, we will:

- Complete the Legacy Skatepark Lighting project in Fall 2026
- Conduct public consultation on two upcoming Parks projects: the Pinecrest Park Splash Pad and the St. Claire Depaving Park project



Smart Development

COMPLETED IN 2025

In the past year, we have:

- Increased the number of electric vehicle charging stations at Mary Pitt Centre
- Begun the Reimagining Robertson Road project and moved a motion committing city resources to the project
- Worked to preserve the Community Benefit Charge which invests in communities facing new developments
- Worked with colleagues to ensure NCC lands in the Southern Corridor are not developed without consultation with neighbouring residents
- Made BRT investments in the 2026 City Budget
- Helped re-zone Queensway-Carleton Hospital lands to allow a residential care facility to be built



LOOKING AHEAD

Moving forward, we will:

- Continue the development of Secondary Plans for Algonquin Station, Baseline-Merivale, and Pinecrest/Queensview neighbourhoods
- Ensure that College Ward and other outer urban neighbourhoods get their fair share of infrastructure renewal projects
- Fight for priority in water servicing upgrades so our essential services continue uninterrupted



Housing

COMPLETED IN 2025

In the past year, we have:

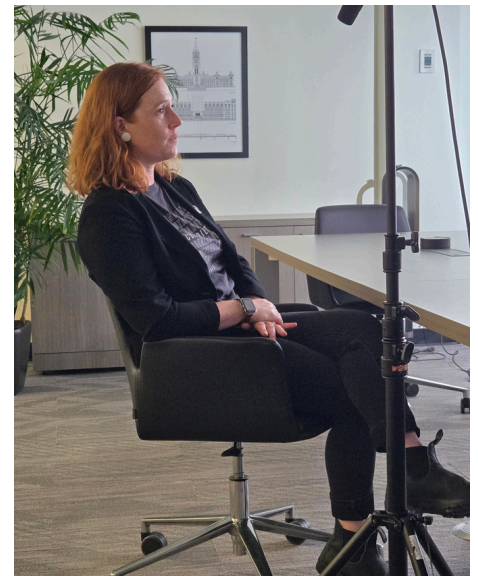
- Supported Jami Omar Mosque to build affordable housing by accessing development charge reductions
- Supported a motion to have site plans as a requirement for buildings 12 units and over, rather than 10 units to help speed up approval processes.



LOOKING AHEAD

Moving forward, we will:

- Advocate for age-friendly housing options in mature neighbourhoods
- Fight for affordable housing options as part of redevelopment of 100 Constellation
- Fight for preservation and reinvestment in larger units to support families



Accountability

COMPLETED IN 2025

In the past year, we have:

- Voted against the City’s “return to office” mandate for employees
- Established regular reporting meetings with OC Transpo Leadership on behalf of all my West End colleagues to deal with construction issues
- Moved a motion to create transparency and accountability for the City’s public engagement strategy and methods with the public
- Voted against the Landsdowne Park expansion
- Moved a motion to ensure that red light camera revenues will be spent only on road safety programs
- Moved a motion to encourage the federal government to include Ottawa in its high-speed rail priorities
- Moved a motion to ask the federal government to ban the use of Nazi symbols
- Moved a motion to hold developers accountable for how they are using financial incentives to build more housing
- Advocated for and received Hydro Ottawa’s “After the Derecho: Adapting to Climate Change,” Ward 8 report

LOOKING AHEAD

Moving forward, we will:

- Advocate for an improved City of Ottawa website that lets residents find policies and information more easily
- Robust evidence-based project design



My office hosted many events this year:

- Pop Ups in Jan & June
- BRT public meeting
- LRT public meeting
- College Ward Skating Party
- Ward 8 Council meetings
- Seniors’ Strawberry Social
- Reimagining Robertson Road Walkshop and Engagement sessions
- Crestview Community Public Meeting
- Algonquin Secondary Plans Meeting
- Baseline/Greenbank Information Sessions in August and October
- City 2026 Budget Meeting in October
- Whitmore and Cline Sidewalk Meeting in November
- Annual College Ward Town Hall

Thank you!

My office can help with issues like parking, traffic calming, accessing social services and several other City programs. Never hesitate to reach out with anything, we can help you find the right door.



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