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Dear members of the Old Ottawa South Community Association,

The holiday season and the New Year are on the horizon, as is the possibility of better times ahead and a better city council in 2022. Now is a time to be thankful for all that we have been able to accomplish together and to look forward with optimism to what remains to be done.

It's been quite a year at City Hall and beyond. A lot has changed for so many of us, and not necessarily for the better. I hope all of you can find time for yourself and your loved ones in the month ahead. Despite the difficulties of the past year, I am thankful for all that we have achieved. It has only been possible thanks to the active and engaged community members we are blessed with in Capital Ward.

Your strong sense of community and your belief that a better Ottawa is always possible has given our office the strength and the direction it has needed to carry on despite the forces arrayed against us at City Hall.

Most recently this fruitful collaboration has found expression in the newly minted Official Plan.

The New Official Plan, a document that will shape the development of our city for the next 30 years, has many faults—the urban boundary expansion being one of the gravest. Yet the new plan also has some ambitious targets and policies that will improve the livability and health of our city. Together, we were able to make some significant changes to bolster that ambition for a better city, and to mitigate those elements that favoured developers. Some of the highlights are that:

- We were able to strengthen some of the language around development application oversight, namely through site plan control, that this plan seemed keen on weakening.
- We ensured a distinct site plan control process will be reviewed for areas of the city, like Capital Ward, that developers target for 'bunkhouse' style infill projects
- We were able to push through a more ambitious target for affordable housing: upping it from 10-15% to 20% of all new residential development and increasing the ratio thereof that will be realized through deeply affordable housing vis-à-vis 'market affordable'.
- We were able to ensure that there will be neighbourhood-level monitoring of tree canopy and smaller parkland access.
- We were able to ensure that measures for anti-displacement to protect affordable rental housing will be on the city's workplan for 2022 through direction
- Streets categorized as 'minor corridors', like Sunnyside Avenue, were slated to see an increase to 6-storey developments permitted, but we were able to see this changed to a more appropriate 4-storeys.



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- We were able to ensure more intensification will be planned for suburban areas, too, not just the urban core.

A full listing of the changes that we were able to make can be found at shawnmenard.ca/opupdate.

Our shared sense of community and our shared horizon for a better Ottawa has also found expression elsewhere and in other moments this year.

One fond memory is the community coming together to preserve the Bellwood Boulder and working with our office to see it find a home in Windsor Park. I'm also impressed with the work that OSCA has done to see an upgrade to the Windsor Park Fieldhouse move forward, and our office has been pleased to collaborate on the plans and pleased to commit \$250,000, with more to come, to the project.

When we were on the campaign trail in 2018, so many of you helped make the West Coast Video Building, and vacant buildings in general, a campaign issue. We would not be where we are today, if it wasn't for the community members who made this an issue. We campaigned on a new regulatory approach with better oversight and that penalizes owners who let buildings like this sit vacant and can confirm that such a regulatory approach is currently being reviewed by staff. The West Coast Video building, however, could not wait, and through working with the property manager, the owner, and city staff we were finally able to see this building demolished.

This year we have also been able to gain a lot of ground on transportation issues in Old Ottawa South:

- A 30km/h Speed Zone now encompasses the entire neighbourhood, making Old Ottawa South a more traffic calm neighbourhood. Signage has gone up to that end, and we continue to work on introducing the necessary infrastructure to see lower speed limits more likely to be respected.
- The Fairbairn, Willard, Belmont and Bellwood reconstruction continues. It's getting re-paved and will have permanent traffic calming and final pavement painting by next spring (the traffic calming measures—speed humps, bulb-outs, raised crosswalks) are better-suited for implementation in the warmer weather, not late November.
- Funding for our proposed redesign of Bank Street Bridge have made it into the city's budget: work will begin early next year to see the addition of protected bicycle lanes, which will change the bridge to have only three vehicular lanes. The renewed bridge will be significantly safer for cyclists and pedestrians.
- Chesley and Harvard has a new four-way stop
- A new pedestrian crossing has been implemented at Seneca and Cameron (connecting to Brewer Park entrance)



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- The Grove-Grosvenor re-design continues.
 - Re-construction of improved Sunnyside-Bronson intersection is underway—this is the re-design we pushed for to make sure it was safe and comfortable for all users.
 - Bronson between Brewer Way and Riverside Bridge has been re-paved.
 - Many beg buttons eliminated between 7am and 7pm, with a new feature that on intersections where staff wouldn't eliminate beg buttons, pedestrians will now always get a walk signal if a vehicle does.

It has been an uphill battle at City Hall, with a council in need of change, on preserving trees and environment, on affordable housing, on active transportation and one reticent to rein in developer influence. Yet the Capital Ward Office and its communities have given voice to an alternative—and we've had some significant victories along the way.

There's much more that needs to change in Ottawa, and we look forward to continuing to work with you to get it done.

All the best,

Shawn