

Riverside South Community Association News

Community Centre & Library Public Engagement Session

That Future Community Centre & Library? The City Wants Your Input!

The **City of Ottawa** is hosting a public engagement session to gather feedback on the **future Riverside South Community Centre, Library, and district park** planned near Limebank Station. If you've got ideas about what this new community hub should include, this is your chance to share them.

City of Ottawa Public Engagement Session

Tuesday, March 24

Rideauview Community Centre (Gym) - 4310 Shoreline Dr
7:00-8:30 pm (presentation at 7:30)

The project will bring together a **community centre and library under one roof**, surrounded by a district park with **sports fields, a splash pad, playground, and walking paths**. In other words... a future neighbourhood hangout for learning, playing, and inevitably running into someone you know.

To help prepare for the City's session, the **Riverside South Community Association (RSCA)** ran a quick community survey to get a sense of what residents are hoping to see.

And wow... you showed up.

We had **192 respondents**, which officially makes it **our most engaged survey ever**.

Here are a few highlights:

Library Love

- 92.7% say they'll use the library
- 40.1% expect to visit at least once a week

Community Centre Demand

- 97.4% say they'll use the new community centre
- 42.7% say they'll be there weekly

Translation: this place is going to be busy.

Getting There & Green Space

- About **two-thirds** of respondents say they'll visit **without a car at least some of the time**
- About **two-thirds** also said **native plants and trees** are important in the landscaping

So yes... people want great programming **and** a welcoming green space.

If you'd like to help shape what this new community hub looks like, be sure to attend the **City of Ottawa engagement session on March 24**, or share your thoughts online:

<https://engage.ottawa.ca/riversidescentrelibrary>

We hope to see lots of Riverside South voices there!

Upcoming Community Events

Save the date

The RSCA event calendar is starting to fill up, and we're already looking forward to another great year of community fun in Riverside South. From spring clean-ups to summer movies and Canada Day celebrations, there's plenty to look forward to.

Dates to Save

- **Spring
Clean-**

Up

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April
25

■ **Movie
in
the
Park**

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May
23

■ **Community
Garage
Sale**

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May
30

■ **Canada
Day
Celebrations
&
Fireworks**

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July
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Details for each event will be shared as the dates get closer. Keep an eye on our website, social media, and future newsletters so you don't miss a thing!

RSCA Student Bursary -

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Apply Now!

If you're a **Riverside South graduating student**, we have a friendly reminder that **March Break is the perfect time** to knock one more thing off the to-do list between sleeping in and looking for snacks.

The **2026 RSCA Student Bursary** application is now open, and **one local student will receive \$1,000** to support their post-secondary studies.

Who can apply?

- A **Class of 2026 high school graduate**
- **Accepted to or enrolled in** a Canadian college, university, or trade school
- A **Riverside South resident**
- In **good academic standing**

What do you need to do?

Just submit a **short essay (max 500 words)** telling us about yourself, your volunteer work, and why the bursary matters to you.

No trick questions. No pop quizzes. Just you.

Application deadline: May 15, 2026

Apply here:

<https://riversidesouth.org/student-bursary>

Questions? Email info@riversidesouth.org

So if you're home this week thinking, "I should probably do something productive today" ... this might be a pretty good one.

Join the 2026 Canada Day Marketplace

Marketplace

Calling all makers, creators, and local legends! If you've got a side hustle, a craft obsession, or a community group that needs some time in the spotlight, we've got the perfect patch of grass for you.

On **July 1, 2026**, Claudette Cain Park transforms into the ultimate summer hangout, and our **Canada Day Marketplace** is right at the heart of it. It's your chance to get your brand in front of **2,000-3,000 neighbours** who are out for a good time (and maybe a little shopping).

Pricing:

\$40: For vendors selling their awesome inventory on-site.

\$250: For groups joining us for promotion/outreach without direct sales.

Free: If you're a **Silver-level or above Canada Day sponsor**, your spot is on the house!

Pro Tip: Need a table or chairs? Don't sweat it. You can rent those right at checkout so you don't have to play Tetris with your car trunk on Canada Day morning.

A couple quick notes: RSCA holds the Exhibition License, so no additional business license is required, and food sales are not permitted in the marketplace area.

Ready to claim your spot? Registration is officially open! Head over to the [2026 Marketplace Portal](#) and let's show Riverside South what you've got.

Become a Canada Day 2026 Sponsor Canada Day in Riverside South

Oh Canada! (And Oh, What a Party We're Planning)

Let's be honest: Riverside South knows how to throw a party. **Canada Day 2026** is fast approaching, and if you thought last year was big, buckle up. We're transforming Claudette Cain Park into a full-blown festival ground where the only thing more abundant than the maple syrup is the sheer amount of stuff to do.

We're talking a "kids-will-sleep-for-twelve-hours-afterward" level of excitement, featuring:

High-Octane Thrills: Rock climbing, laser tag, and obstacle courses.

Classic Whimsy: A miniature train, mini golf, and inflatables.

The "Toddler Zone": A safe haven for the little ones (and a breather for the parents).

The Works: Face painting, balloon artists, and live entertainment that'll have you humming all the way home.

We Need You (Yes, You!)

Pulling off an event of this scale takes more than just good vibes and patriotic spirit—it takes local legends like you. To keep the train running (literally), the RSCA is rolling out our **2026 Tiered**

Sponsorship Program.

It's a fantastic way to get your business in front of thousands of neighbours while helping us keep this "signature event" truly spectacular. Whether you're a local shop or a big-time booster, we've got a spot for you.

Ready to be a neighbourhood hero?

Check out the sponsorship details on our [Canada Day Page](#) or send a note to our Business Director, [Andrew](#). He's friendly, we promise!

Let's make 2026 the Canada Day the history books (or at least our Instagram feeds) will never forget.

City of Ottawa

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Want to know more about what's happening in your City? Sign up [here](#) to receive City of Ottawa news through your e-mail! Choose from newsletters on courses and events or project and activity bulletins.

Want to weigh in on the projects and initiatives that you care about, at your convenience? Head to [engage.ottawa.ca](#).

City of Ottawa and 311

Decisions made by City Council have a direct effect on the residents of Ottawa and impact the type, level and variety of municipal services provided to you. Council is the decision-making body responsible for the administration of the City of Ottawa and is responsible for turning community needs into municipal services including policing, water, transit, garbage and recycling, sewers, fire and paramedics.

For service requests or to report issues with parking etc - contact 3-1-1 by phone or [online](#).

Ward 22 City Councillor: Have a community issue/need you think needs to be addressed? Contact our Ward Councillor's office: Steve.Desroches@ottawa.ca or 613-580-2751. Subscribe to the councillor's newsletter [here](#).

Feedback

The RSCA wants your input! Have ideas for our events and programs?
A community issue you think the RSCA should look into? Let us know:
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