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## Back-to-back storms haven't slowed candidates

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Voters in Carleton will have a full ballot of candidates to choose from at the polls on Feb. 27.

Incumbent Goldie Ghamari is not seeking re-election. Ghamari served two terms as the Carleton MPP and was elected as a member of the Progressive Conservative Party.

In June of last year, Ontario Premier Doug Ford kicked Ghamari out of the PC caucus for accepting a request for a virtual call with British activist Tommy Robinson, whom she had never heard of before talking to him.

Ghamari served the remainder of her term as an independent MPP.

While a derecho in the middle of a short campaign threw an obstacle into campaigning and door-knocking for the candidates in May 2022, this year's campaign has been challenged by back-to-back blizzards and record snowfalls for the month of February.

It was already a challenge

for candidates to get election signs into snowbanks and into frozen ground. Many of those signs were either partially or full buried by the snowfall.

Regardless of the weather challenges, candidates and their volunteers have been braving the weather and going door-to-door to meet their constituents.

Running for the PC Party in her place is longtime Osgoode Ward city councillor George Darouze. He has been the chair of Ottawa's Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, and has served as Deputy Mayor.

Riverside South resident Brandon Bay is the Liberal candidate. Bay, who recently became a father, has been visible as a housing advocate and has been vocal about Ontario's housing crisis while campaigning. He grew up as the son of parents who had a small business in rural Ontario.

The NDP candidate is Sherin Faili. She moved to Ottawa nearly 25 years ago after receiving a scholarship to the University of Ottawa. The



One of the challenges of a winter election has been sign placement.

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Stittsville resident retired from her career in human resources, policy and planning.

The Green Party Candidate is Mystic Plaunt. According

to social media profiles, she is a student at Carleton University.

Three of the candidates return after being on the

Carleton ballot in 2022.

Richmond resident Myles Dear is running for the Ontario Party, Bruce Faulkner is running for the Libertarian

Party, and Rob Stocki is running for the New Blue Party.

The other name on the ballot is Brian Hull, who is running as an independent candidate.

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# Brian Hull running as independent

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Political veteran Brian Hull has entered the race to become Carleton's next Member of Provincial Parliament.

Hull, who is running as an independent, is no stranger to Queen's Park. For 10 years, he helped prepare the annual budget of the Province of Ontario. Working directly with Ontario's Finance Minister, he was senior budget advisor for personal income tax and social policy.

He then shifted to strengthen Ontario's fiscal policy capacity. Among his many responsibilities in this role was forecasting Ontario's tax revenues.

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Later in his career he served with the federal government in several capacities: from the fall of 1984, as the special adviser for sales tax reform in the Department of Finance; from 2000, once again in the Department of Finance as

senior specialist for all seniors' income issues in the Social Policy Division; and finally, from 2005, as manager of the team in the Treasury Board Secretariat responsible for advising the external panel overseeing the pension plan of federal public servants (PSSA).

Hull's parents moved to Manotick in 1950. He said because his father was in the air force, they were in and out of their house on Long Island several times.

He attended Manotick Public School for Grades 3-5.

Brian attended the University of Toronto, studying political science and economics and winning a variety of awards.

He then completed a further degree in economics at Cambridge University and studied for his doctorate in economics at Yale.

Hull said he proposes to bring his "enduring commitment to responsible fiscal policy, the careful planning and delivery of new initiatives and the thoughtful delivery of socially progressive initiatives in ways that serve those most in need - with wisdom and respect."



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# Liberal candidate Brandon Bay launches campaign in Manotick

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Carleton provincial Liberal candidate Brandon Bay was joined by family and a large group of supporters as he officially launched his campaign at the Mill Tavern in Manotick Sat., Feb. 8.

Bay hit the ground running when the snap election was called by Ontario Premier Doug Ford, as his launch was just 19 days ahead of election day. However, Bay began campaigning long before then in anticipation of an early election.

"It's been a cold start to this sudden campaign, we've had volunteers out knocking doors in 20-below weather," Bay told the crowd at his launch. "Your enthusiasm, your commitment to our community brings so much energy and warmth."

While campaigning through bad weather is one thing, it is compounded by the vast

geography of a Carleton riding that stretches from Munster to Vernon, near Winchester, and includes suburban Stittsville, Riverside South and Findlay Creek as well as the villages of Manotick, Richmond, Greely, Osgoode, Kars, North Gower, Metcalfe and all areas in between.

"As I meet people across this huge riding, I've been thinking a lot about what makes Carleton unique, what makes it special, and what unites us," Bay said.

"You don't get the same experience living here in Manotick as you do in Stittsville, North Gower, or Findlay Creek.

"I choose to live here with my wife and son for those reasons, but I think it's a little different for everyone. The answer I'm landing on is just that universal Canadian one - everybody is just trying to build a good life for themselves and their families."



Staff photo

Brandon Bay was joined by his family, friends and supporters during his campaign launch in Manotick Feb. 8.

Bay, who has a wife and young child, said that building a good life is becoming increasingly difficult for young

families like his own.

"Lately, that has been getting harder," he said. "Like trying to build without the right

tools—the effort is there, but the support is missing. People are working harder, stretching every dollar, and still

coming up short. These are real challenges that need real solutions."

While the Liberal governments of Dalton McGuinty and Kathleen Wynne in the 2000s and 2010s are not looked upon favourably – after scandals and mismanagement of Ontario's finances the party was beaten so badly at the polls that they lost party status at Queen's Park – Bay is looking forward, not backward.

"I'm running as a Liberal because the platform we've built today, for our future, is made up of all of these things that are important to me, to my family, and to families like mine," he said.

"It's not about partisanship, about a lifelong attachment to this team. It's about shared priorities and community values - respect, hard work, and compassion. The values I was raised with, that I'll raise my son with."



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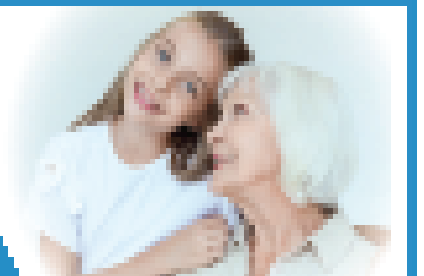
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# Carleton Candidate Q and A: Sherin Faili, New Democrat

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Sherin Faili lived in Ottawa for nearly 25 years to attend the University of Ottawa where she completed her degree in Social Sciences. She then began her career journey, focusing on areas of Human Resources, Policy and Planning.

*Can you identify two concrete steps a provincial government can take to make life more affordable?*

An Ontario NDP government will introduce a Monthly Grocery Rebate to help put money back in people's pockets and offset the rising cost of groceries under Doug Ford. At a time when people are feeling anxious about their budgets, the Rebate, that grows based on household income and family size, will give stable relief to millions of households.

To help with housing affordability, Marit Stiles will establish Homes Ontario to provide grants, low-cost financing, public land and other resources to help non-market, non-profit and co-op housing providers quickly increase the supply of permanently affordable non-market homes. Our plan will build or acquire



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300,000 new units of housing over the next decade, making more affordable housing available to the people who need it.

*Ontario spends \$24 billion on education every year. Do you think that there are places where funding for education should be increased or cut?*

After seven years of Doug Ford's cuts and underfunding, classes are crowded, students have fewer supports and schools are in need of repair. Our plan for education will fix

that by addressing the school repair backlog, hiring more staff and introducing a universal school food program to ensure that not a single kid goes to school hungry.

*Can you identify two concrete steps a provincial government can take to spur construction of more homes, and two concrete steps to make those homes more affordable?*

Homes Ontario plan will get us back to building, securing 300,000 new affordable homes.

In addition to taking on this task Homes Ontario will provide grants, low-cost financing, public land and other resources to help public, non-profit and co-op housing providers quickly increase the supply of permanently affordable non-market homes.

An Ontario NDP government will also legalize fourplexes and increase density around transit to create stronger, accessible, affordable, and connected communities.

Taken together, our plan for to make housing affordable in Ontario will ensure that everyone can afford a good home in the community they want to live in.

*Would you support a grant program to encourage and help seniors to make home modifications that allow them to stay safe at home?*

There is nothing more important than ensuring seniors – the people who built our province – have the housing they need and support they deserve to stay in their homes as long as possible.

As your MPP I would work with local seniors' groups and housing advocates to explore every available option that will ensure Carleton residents can stay in their homes for as long as they want to.

*Do you support reversing changes that limit the protections of all wetlands and that make it easier for them to lose their provincially significant status?*

Doug Ford has stripped power from conservation authorities to make it easier for wealthy developers, his buddies, to pave over them. The Ontario NDP stood up to these changes when they were introduced, and we will continue to push back against actions that threaten our vital wetlands in favour of wealthy insiders.

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# ----- EDITORIAL -----

## How are we supposed to get to the train?

We have been covering a number of issues regarding the LRT and the new Limebank Station located in Riverside South. This is an important piece of the LRT puzzle as it gives commuters more options to get downtown.

In January, we headed to the Limebank Station to check it out and maybe snap some pics for stories on Lines 2 and 4 for upcoming issues.

There was only one problem.

We drove to the station, slowed down, and looked for the parking lot. We must have missed it, so we ended up circling back to try again.

We drove around again, and still couldn't find the parking lot.

Maybe it's across the road, we thought.

But that's not a parking lot, it's a strip plaza being built. Hey look, Riverside South is getting a McDonald's! If it's anything like the LRT I hope they have a drive thru.

Eventually, we turned around and went back toward the Vimy Bridge.

We came to the conclusion that you actually can't park at the new LRT station.

How on earth are you supposed to take the LRT if you can't get to it? If you have to take a bus to the LRT station, why not just take the bus all the way downtown?

We would love to hear from some of you in Readerville who take the LRT from Limebank Station. How do you get there? Has it improved your commute? Are we missing something?

Which party do you plan to vote for in the upcoming and absolutely unnecessary provincial election?

Liberal leader Bonnie Crombie has been grandstanding about how she will change healthcare, and promise a family doctor within four years to every Ontario resident.

The Liberals are quick to accuse the Ford Progressive Conservatives of derailing Ontario's healthcare system.

Really?

Voters always have short

memories. Do we even remember that Canada Post was on strike, or that the LCBO was on strike last year?

As Crombie was trumpeting PC healthcare shortcomings, she left out a few facts regarding the Dalton McGuinty and Kathleen Wynne Liberal governments that slaughtered Ontario's healthcare system.

In the first 12 years of the McGuinty-Wynne anti-dynasty, Ontario's debt more than doubled and sat at \$304 billion in 2014. It had grown to \$324 billion in 2018. McGuinty introduced the "health premium".

The Liberals cut 5,500 nurses between 2013-16, and left 1.8 million people in Ontario without a doctor.

Do you remember the group Concerned Doctors of Ontario? They are an advocacy group representing Ontario's estimated 20,000 doctors. Before the 2018 election, they said that "gross mismanagement and negligence" by the Kathleen Wynne Liberals saw billions of dollars cut to front line care. COD President Dr Kulvinder Gil went on Global News Radio and stated that physicians have had consecutive cuts for front-line patient care for seven straight years, and they had been without a contract for five years.

Of course, it's not like Doug Ford came in and fixed everything, let alone anything. The problems still exist, and the Ford Government had to deal with COVID-19.

But that is not an excuse for the PC candidates deflecting

any talk of health care to focus on President Donald Trump and his tariffs.

And that is laughable as well. If this entire election is about fighting tariffs, why did the Premier call an election and put the province on ghost ship mode at the exact time when the tariffs were being introduced?

As tempting as it is to look at two misguided campaigns and messages and decide not to vote, you aren't helping the problem by sitting the election out. Ontario needs you to vote, regardless of your political stripes.

You might notice that this issue contains candidate Q and A's with the NDP and Liberal candidates, but not with PC candidate George Darouze.

This newspaper reached out to the Darouze team to take part in the Q and A. We thought it was essential for this election to have a Q and A before the election for two reasons.

The first is that it is a short campaign that has been hampered by extreme snowfall.

The second is that there are no all-candidates meetings. There was no time to put those meetings together.

Unfortunately, it would appear that a muzzle has been put on the PC candidates when it comes to the local media.

This is the exact type of thinking that cost the PC party the Kanata-Carleton riding in a 2022 by-election, and it is also the thinking that could

lead to the PCs having only one MPP in the entire of city of Ottawa after Feb. 27.

The Ontario Community Newspaper Association is conducting a provincial election survey among community newspapers in the province.

Here are some of the results:

- Two-thirds of respondents reported having difficulty getting in touch with one or more of their local candidates. Of those who named names, 64% said they were having trouble speaking to their local PC candidates, 50% said cited their local Liberals, 43% said their local Greens, 29% said either independents or candidates from other parties, while 21% reported having difficulty talking to their NDP candidates.

- 86% said that they weren't planning on holding an all-candidates meeting, debate or election event. Of the three members who were planning on holding an event, the only party that they didn't have trouble getting to agree to attend were the Liberals. All other parties turned down at least one invitation. (One member reported that the PC candidate cancelled her participation via Facebook just before the event was to begin. Due to complicating factors, she would have been sharing the stage with one other candidate — an independent who is the riding's incumbent MPP.)

February is Black History Month, and if you are a hockey enthusiast, there is an amazing event planned for Ben Franklin Place.

Black History Ottawa and the Ottawa Senators have joined forces to celebrate the 130th anniversary of the Colored Hockey League of the Maritimes. This league, made up of all Black players, was the first organized hockey league in the world. It was operated by local churches, and the Bible was the league's official rule book.

On Thursday, February 20th at 7:00 pm at Ben Franklin Place (The Chamber) at 101 Centrepointe Drive, Canadian historian, George Fosty will give a talk on the revised and expanded edition of his book *Black Ice: The Lost History of the Colored Hockey League of the Maritimes, 1895-1925* followed by a panel discussion on the significance of the CHLM and Black presence in hockey moderated by Bob Dawson, a former hockey player, sports writer and Black hockey historian. Admission is free.

The Ottawa Senators will be paying tribute to the Colored Hockey League before their game against Montreal Sat., Feb. 22. On Monday, February 24th at 7:00 pm at the Canadian Tire Centre, Black History Ottawa, in partnership with the Ottawa Senators, will host a Commemorative Hockey Game with Mark Fraser, former NHL player, along with other local players and members of the Senators alumni. For the game, the teams will assume the names of the Halifax Eurekas and Dartmouth Jubilees who played in the CHLM's first game on February 27, 1895.

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# It's important for residents to file reports with OPS

BY DAVID BROWN  
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Lately, many residents have been noting an increase in concerns around public safety issues. Whether it's speeding, or break-ins, or any other manner of criminal activity, keeping our communities safe is a major priority for me personally and an issue where the community itself can play a major role.

The Ottawa Police Service (OPS) is vital to ensuring that our communities remain safe. I believe that the service is full of exemplary and very capable officers. However, the OPS is faced with three distinct challenges: funding and officer availability, structural issues, and community reporting.

On the first, I am proud to have voted and advocated for more robust budgets for the OPS. In 2022, the OPS had an

operating budget of roughly \$385 million; this year, that number has risen to just over \$442 million.

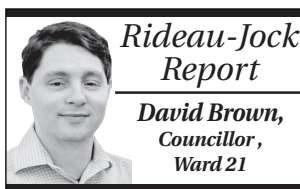
This means more officers on the streets, on patrol, and in our communities proactively, which translates directly into greater safety.

While I would like to see increased OPS funding to meet growing demands in our communities, I believe it is just as important to rethink how the OPS goes about policing.

The service is moving toward a district policing model which will see more resources remain in our communities rather than being siphoned off to deal with urban problems.

This new model helps improve response times and leads to better enforcement around issues such as speeding.

Already we have seen an improvement within the ward, with many residents noting a greater police presence in



*Rideau-Jock  
Report*

David Brown,  
Councillor,  
Ward 21

recent months. Just seeing more officers in our communities will have a positive effect on deterring crime.

While, as a Councillor, I advocate for high-level policies and ensure that proper budget authority is given to the police, one thing that I cannot do is direct the OPS in its day-to-day operations. Many residents reach out to my office asking that I tell the police to address a specific issue for them; though provincial law forbids my office and I from getting involved at that level, that doesn't mean that there's nothing that can be done.

The single most important thing that residents can do when they are aware of criminal activity in our

communities is to file a police report with the OPS. For emergencies, of course, the best recourse is to call 9-1-1, but non-emergency reports can also be filed online or over the phone. The OPS use these reports as the basis for criminal investigations, to better understand where to assign officers, and to ensure that adequate police resources are assigned to emerging issues in the community.

I cannot stress enough how vital it is for folks to

file reports. Often concerns around crime are discussed over Facebook or in emails to my office, but unfortunately, these kinds of engagements cannot replace reporting to the OPS. Reports from the community are often the only way that police become aware of criminal activity. These reports are vital for keeping everyone safe and discouraging crime. As the OPS is a data-driven organization, reports from the community also help me make the case

to OPS senior leadership that more resources are needed in rural Ottawa.

At the political level, I will keep pushing to make sure that the resources are sufficient and structure of the OPS is effective to keep our communities safe. I would encourage everyone in the ward to make sure to file reports with the OPS whenever they are aware of criminal activity. By working together with the OPS, we can keep our communities safe.



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# Carleton Candidate Q and A: Brandon Bay, Liberal

## COMMUNITY VOICE STAFF

*Can you identify two concrete steps a provincial government can take to make life more affordable?*

Affordability is a top concern for families across Ontario, with rising costs making it harder to keep up with everyday expenses.

Ontario's Liberals will cut taxes on middle-class incomes and home energy bills, saving the average Ontario family \$1,150 annually. Reducing the tax burden on families helps put more money back in people's pockets when everything is getting more expensive.

Carleton residents would also benefit if their government kept their infrastructure dollars in Ottawa. Too often, we see our tax dollars spent in Toronto on priorities that don't serve our community. We need to reinvest in our

communities, ensuring that roads, transit, and essential infrastructure keep up with our rapid growth and improve daily life for those who live here.

*Ontario spends \$24 billion on education every year. Do you think there are places where funding for education should be increased or cut?*

Education is the foundation of a strong economy and a thriving society, yet Ontario's system has been underfunded for years.

Ontario has some of the worst funding for post-secondary education in the country, both as a percentage of GDP and on a per-student basis. Chronic underfunding of our universities and colleges is leading to tuition hikes, cuts to programs, and less support for students. Investing in education isn't just about today's students—it's about

ensuring Ontario's long-term economic success.

At the K-12 level, our schools are underfunded and overcrowded. The OSSTF estimates that more than 112,000 students are not in appropriate learning spaces, such as grossly overcrowded classrooms, makeshift temporary learning spaces, and portables that are not meant to be used permanently. This is unacceptable. I want to make sure our government invests in school infrastructure, teacher hiring, and resources for students so every child in Ontario gets the education they deserve.

As the father of a newborn, I'm also worried about how daycare remains out of reach for many families. Spaces are limited, and those that exist are often quite expensive. Expanding affordable childcare options will ensure more parents can participate in the workforce while giving kids



Staff photo

Brandon Bay addressed his followers at his campaign launch at the Mill Tavern Feb. 8.

the best possible start in life.

*Can you identify two concrete steps a provincial government can take to spur construction of more homes, and two concrete steps to make those homes more affordable?*

Ontario's housing crisis is one of the most significant barriers to affordability, as families struggle to find homes within their budget. The Housing Affordability Task Force has outlined dozens of solutions, yet the Ford government has refused to act

on these recommendations.

Zoning and building code reform are the biggest opportunities to affect both construction and affordability. Modern technologies, a wider array of building materials and forms (e.g. mass timber, point access blocks), and economies of scale will help get homes built faster and end our housing crisis.

To make homes more affordable, Ontario Liberals will eliminate development charges and the land transfer tax—removing up to \$76,000 in costs for Carleton homebuyers. These fees add unnecessary costs and slow down homebuilding. Replacing them with targeted infrastructure funding through our Better Communities Fund will ensure communities get the support they need while keeping home prices within reach.

**LIBERAL, SEE PAGE 11**

## MY COMMON SENSE PLAN:



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**LIBERAL, FROM PAGE 10**

*Would you support a grant program to encourage and help seniors make home modifications that allow them to stay safe at home?*

Aging in place is a preference for many seniors, yet too often, they are forced to move due to accessibility challenges in their homes.

However, these home modifications are too expensive for many families to undertake, especially in this economy.

I would support a grant program to help seniors afford home modifications that allow them to stay in their homes safely, comfortably and accessibly – such as installing ramps, accessible bathrooms, or better heating and cooling.

Keeping more seniors safely in their homes will also help ease pressure on hospitals.

And it will also ease pressure on long-term care facilities, which are already facing

massive waitlists and chronic understaffing.

People also stay healthy and retain high cognitive function for longer when they are active and engaged in their communities, surrounded by friends and family.

Not only would this program be a good health policy for our community, but it's simply what seniors want for themselves. That's really what matters the most here.

*Do you support reversing changes that limit the protections of wetlands and make it easier for them to lose their provincially significant status?*

The changes the Conservative government has taken to weaken protections for our wetlands are deeply harmful to our ecosystem, and should undoubtedly be reversed.

Protecting our environment is not just about conservation,

it's about ensuring our communities are resilient against extreme weather events.

Wetlands are critical in preventing floods, filtering water, and regulating temperatures, making them essential to our province's climate strategy.

Removing protections from wetlands threatens biodiversity and increases long-term costs for municipalities, which will need to spend more on stormwater management and climate mitigation.

Investing in natural infrastructure is one of the most cost-effective ways to build resilience against climate change.

Wetlands, forests, and green spaces absorb excess rainwater, reduce air pollution, and act as natural cooling systems.

Instead of weakening environmental protections, our government should be leveraging nature's ability to manage our most pressing climate challenges.

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# Successful end to 2024 for Richmond Village Association

BY RICHMOND  
VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

The RVA is a not-for-profit corporation whose volunteers seek to provide activities and events for the various residents of our community, as well as to advocate for our community's needs and interests with local government representatives and officials.

In December, the RVA organized and held its annual Christmas and Winter events for the Richmond community. On Saturday, December 7th, the annual RVA Christmas Parade travelled up McBean Street from South Carleton High School to Perth Street. There was an excellent turnout as hundreds of Richmond residents lined the street to see a record number and a wide variety of colorful floats and walking groups parade up McBean Street. The weather was ideal as a light snowfall added that extra seasonal touch! The RVA thanks all of the organizers and volunteers who together made this event such a success.

That same evening, Santa Claus and His Elves were

visiting the newly opened Richmond Community Legacy Pavillion on the Fairgrounds. Over 85 families and children greeted Santa! Thank you Santa Claus and your Elves for visiting with Richmond's children! See you next year!

Lastly, that Saturday evening marked the RVA's annual "Lighting of the Park" as the trees at Richmond's Memorial Park were lit up in those sparkling Christmas and Winter colours. The park and its trees will remain a glow Throughout the winter season... Enjoy!. Thank you to the RVA Board and the support of Richmond's Lawn & Order for their work on this effort.

The RVA will be holding its Annual General Meeting (AGM) Wednesday, February 19th 7-8 pm upstairs at the Richmond Community Centre. At the corner of Perth Street and Huntley Road. Doors open to the public at 6:45 pm. There's plenty of free parking and the Community Centre is accessible to all.

At the AGM, the RVA will

update the community on its initiatives from the past year. Any member of the Richmond community may attend this open meeting to learn more about the RVA and its activities.

At the AGM, any member of the Richmond community can be nominated to serve as a Director on the RVA's Board of Directors.

Later in the month, the Directors of the newly established Board will select the Executive for the upcoming year - the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

We hope that you will be able to attend!

This intersection continues to remain a concern for the Richmond community given the volume of traffic it experiences daily. Shea Road is one of the main roads into and out of Richmond for those commuting to and from work and for those commuting into Kanata, Stittsville, and beyond. Perth Street is obviously the main street through our town for its residents and those from surrounding areas who commute through

Richmond into Ottawa. These factors are further complicated with the traffic from the shopping, gas, and retail area that exists at this intersection.

Recently, the RVA communicated with City Staff responsible requesting and presenting the argument for an upgraded and improved traffic control measure and system at this intersection to address this ongoing concern.

The RVA submitted an application to Adopt-A-Road with the City to commit to keep it clean for our community. As Perth Street is the "main street" through Richmond and its many neighbourhoods, the RVA's Board of Directors selected Perth Street to adopt. The City's "Clean Up The Capital Campaign" is held each year in April. The RVA will be out cleaning up Perth Street this Spring! We would invite anyone in our community to help us out! More details to come.

The RVA will organize and participate in the City of Ottawa's "Clean Up the Capital" campaign this coming Spring in April and in the Fall in October.

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# Kiwanis Club get strong support from businesses, organizations

BY RALPH TWEEDIE  
MANOTICK KIWANIS CLUB

What makes Manotick a great village is our sense of community.

The people of Manotick have always supported the great work Kiwanis does. This is evident with the many organizations and local businesses that support us. The Kiwanis Club of Manotick is very thankful for their contribution.

The Bingoland South

Gaming Association greatly deserves our gratitude.

Our alliance with them is our main source of revenue. Without the opportunity to participate weekly we would not have the financial stability to provide ongoing support to many local service organizations and still have the ability to provide large sums of money to support major community projects.

Similarly, Home Hardware and Office Pro provide year-round support. Both

establishments maintain membership in Manotick Kiwanis. Jim and Sheila Stewart at Manotick Office Pro have been actively involved in Dickinson Days since Jim's time as a Kinsmen. His store sells our cookbook year-round. At Christmas he sells our Christmas cakes, Shortbread cookies from Scotland and the Chocolate Truffles.

Adam McCosham at Manotick Home Hardware has carried on the tradition of providing us with a location to sell Christmas trees. This is our second most significant fund raiser and a great service to the community. He also sells our Christmas cakes and goes one step further. He proudly display a Kiwanis Club of Manotick banner over his storefront.

The sales of Christmas cakes has also had a considerable boost from other local establishments. Paul's Pharmacy sells the cakes. The Wright

Royal Lepage team donates 40 deluxe cakes every year to the first 40 Christmas tree buyers on our opening Saturday. Perkins Lumber in North Gower supports us by buying a selection of cakes, cookies and truffles for their employees for Christmas.

We are also extremely thankful for the support we get from other associations in Manotick. The Manotick BIA's support is fundamental. Their cooperation has helped make Dickinson Days a regional event.

Since its inception Dickinson Days has grown from the Watson's Mill area to include Manotick Main Street, the Manotick Mews, and other locations in the village. The BIA participates in the Santa Claus Parade of Lights and takes a leading role in promoting it.

We are proud to align with the Manotick Village & Community Association (MVCA) and the Youth

of Manotick Association (YOMA). We participate in projects like the Allan Haan Soap Box Derby and Shiverfest. They in turn participate in many of our events.

We have a long association with the Manotick Legion with many dual members over the years. They participate in Dickinson Days and are co-sponsors of the Allan Haan Soap Box Derby. They provide us with a reasonable cost venue for our meetings and events like our Charter Night. They have been a drop off point for the Key Club Blanket Drive.

The St. James Anglican Church has volunteered as the main collection point for the Blanket Drive. Their participation makes the drive a possibility.

Our support of the Boy Scouts and Army Cadets has been a two-way street. Both youth organizations help out at Dickinson Days and various other events such

as Christmas tree sales and parades.

Without corporate support, Dickinson Days would be a much smaller event. We thank:

- Leimark Development Ltd. for the fire works
- Minto Community Canada for the parade
- Manotick Optometric Centre for the Pancake Breakfast
- Ken Gordon Holdings Inc. for the variety show
- Wilson Law Partners for financial support.

We're proud of what we do together. It really does take a village!

The Kiwanis Club of Manotick has been serving our community for more than 64 years.

We meet the second Tuesday of each month at the Manotick Legion. Meet and Greet is at 6 p.m., dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. For more information contact us at [president@manotick-kiwanis.org](mailto:president@manotick-kiwanis.org).

## Make it Do: Great Depression-Era Resourcefulness - Part 3

BY CJ ROONEY  
RIDEAU'S REARVIEW

The third part of our Great-Depression-Era mantra is "make it do".

This part of the mantra refers to using what you have to fulfill your needs, even if it isn't a perfect fit. This often referred to using substitution items in baking, (such as now-infamous cakes that include mayonnaise in place of other ingredients) or not buying a new 'something' if the old one would last a bit longer.

Did you really need a new shirt, or do you just want it? Can you hang onto the old furniture for another year? Sure, it's got a few stains, maybe even a tear or two, but that's nothing a slipcover won't fix! Just don't sit on the end, there's a spring poking through!

The point here is to stop being a throwaway society, replacing things simply because they may not be the latest style, or they may look slightly used. (You do live in your house, after all!)

So, think before you go buy the latest thing, will your old one last a while longer? At least, that's what you'd see if you took a glance in *Rideau's Rearview*.

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# Ottawa Rural Youth Expo postponed until March 29

## BY YOUTH OF MANOTICK ASSOCIATION (YOMA)

Rural Youth Expo – POSTPONED  
YOMA and the City of Ottawa are partnering again for the annual Rural Youth Expo. It is an opportunity for local youth to meet potential local employers or groups and organizations who have volunteer opportunities to offer high school students.

We have had to postpone this event. The new date will be Saturday, March 29.

## YOMA AT SHIVERFEST

The perfect pairing continues to be the Chili Cook Off and the YOMA Bake Sale. The Shiverfest event at the Manotick Legion, was very well attended. After taste testing the chili, the attendees were able to enjoy some

delicious home baked treats. The YOMA bake sale is by donation and the community once again this year was incredibly generous. We are fortunate to report that we raised \$475. Thanks again to everyone who came out to support YOMA.

YOMA organized and hosted a fun afternoon of free BINGO at Shiverfest on February 8. The Hall at the Community Centre was filled to capacity with families, friends and neighbours of all ages. Special thanks to Manotick Place Retirement Community and The Miller for the tasty sweets to go along with the tea and coffee. Folks were surprised to receive free raffle tickets to use to enter to win lovely prizes donated by local businesses. The Lollies & Scoops prize had the room buzzing with excitement. The young winner was

thrilled when their ticket was called. More special thanks to the volunteers who helped make the afternoon fun.

## YOMA ACTIVITIES

Remember that if you want to know what the activity of the week is at YOMA, see our website or sign up for our weekly e-newsletter. In February we will be joining in the Shiverfest fun, we will be celebrating Valentine's Day YOMA-style, we may be going on an outing and we are planning a pizza party and Zumba night at the end of the month.

We are always excited to hear from youth and their families with suggestions for activities or ways to make YOMA even better. We ask that families and youth sign up in advance so that we can plan to have enough materials for everyone.

## PARENT SUPPORT GROUP IS AT A NEW LOCATION

Our Support Group moved to Lume Club on Tighe Street. This is for parents and caregivers of youth who may be experiencing stress or anxiety, depression or struggling with addiction. YOMA and PLEO have partnered to offer this support group on the third Thursday of each month. You do not need to register. **Come to Lume Club at 6:30 on the third Thursday.** Someone will greet you and show you where to go. Feel free to contact us at YOMA or contact PLEO if you have any questions.

You can reach us any time at [youth.of.manotick@gmail.com](mailto:youth.of.manotick@gmail.com)

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Last year's Jock River Race drew a large number of paddlers and spectators.

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## Jock River Race registration open

### COMMUNITY VOICE STAFF

Registration is now open for the 2025 Jock River Race.

This year's annual race takes place Sat., April 26 at 12 p.m. It takes place on the Jock begins in Munster and ends in Richmond.

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### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS



**Feb. 19 – Junior B Hockey**  
Wed., Feb. 19, 8:20 p.m., Casselman Vikings at Richmond Royals at the Richmond Memorial Community Centre.

**Feb. 23 – Junior B Hockey**  
Sun., Feb. 23, 7:20 p.m., Arnprior Packers at Richmond Royals at the Richmond Memorial Community Centre.

**Feb. 24 – Rural Ottawa Parent Support Group**  
Monday, February 24, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Willow Wellness, 5944 Perth Street Richmond. For parents and caregivers of children, youth and young adults (13-25) facing mental health or addiction challenges.

**Feb. 28 – Family Trivia Night**  
Trivia Night hosted by the Richmond Legacy

Community Association, Friday, February 28, 7:30 p.m. 10:00 p.m., Danby's Roadhouse, 6127 Perth Street, Richmond. \$20 per person, teams of 4-6. 50/50 and silent auction draw.

**Feb 28 – Ecumenical Praise and Worship Sing-a-Long**  
Friday, February 28, 7 p.m., St. Brigid Catholic Church, 2015 River Road. All Welcome, Light refreshments to follow. Free.

**March 7 – Trivia Night**  
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**March 19 – Fallen Heroes: Their Journey Home**  
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The Manotick Legion is promoting a screening of Fallen Heroes: Their Journey Home.

Fallen Heroes; Their Journey Home is a powerful documentary about the Canadian Armed Forces in Afghanistan. It highlights the war's impact on Canadians and honours the courage and bravery of our men and women in uniform.

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### YOMA

Youth of Manotick Association is a registered not-for-profit organization offering safe, social, inclusive programs and activities for youth in our community.

Friday nights Pre-Teen Program for youth in Grades 4-6 6:30 - 8:00 pm / Youth Drop-In for youth age 12-17 7:30 - 9:00 pm.

See the website for more information <https://www.yoma.ca>

### MACAW

The Manotick and Area Centre for Arts & Wellness (MACAW) focuses on intergenerational connections for seniors through arts and wellness.

This includes a multitude of activities such as Tai Chi, yoga, art, music, and dance classes as well as community dances.

Their popular concert series

focuses on our local singers and musicians. For more info go to <https://www.manotick-macaw.com>

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# 10 Years ago: MacLeod out of leadership race, considers Parliament Hill



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With Minister John Baird's announcement that he would not seek re-election in the new Nepean federal riding in 2015, Nepean-Carleton MPP Lisa MacLeod was considering a jump to federal politics.

**FROM THE MANOTICK MESSENGER, FEBRUARY, 2015**

Nepean-Carleton Progressive Conservative MPP Lisa MacLeod ended the chapter on one ambition, but as she turned the page, she may have another ambition in site.

MacLeod dropped out of the race to replace Tim Hudak as the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party leader last week. Hudak resigned as the PC Leader immediately after his party was thrashed by premier Kathleen Wynne's Liberals in last summer's provincial election.

MacLeod threw her support behind frontrunner Christine Elliott in the race to replace Hudak.

"Christine Elliott and I were elected on the same day and we have been seatmates," said MacLeod in a statement sent to her Nepean-Carleton supporters.

"Our families are friends. We also share the same values and passion for the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party. I believe with the team Christine has built and the positive message she is running on, our great Party will once again lead this province."

MacLeod's resignation coincided with the resignation of Foreign Affairs Minister and Ottawa West-Nepean MP John Baird. MacLeod replaced Baird as the Nepean-Carleton MPP, and with Baird's announcement that he would not run again, the Conservatives are in need of

a candidate for the new riding of Nepean in the federal election, to be held later this year.

"Over the last week the changes in the political landscape both within the PC Leadership race and in my home riding of Nepean-Carleton have been dramatic and have had a direct impact on me," stated MacLeod. "The sudden departure from Parliament by my local MP, my friend John Baird, undeniably altered my own political realities."

MacLeod said that her decision will be based on what is best for her riding, for her family, and for her.

"As I leave the Ontario PC Leadership race, I will consider running in the federal riding of Nepean in the next general election as it is being strongly urged by my constituents," said MacLeod.

"The City of Ottawa needs a strong champion on Parliament Hill to carry important projects forward, such as the LRT and Canada's 150th Birthday. These projects will be keys to my decision on whether or not I will run to replace my good friend, John Baird.

"Over the next few weeks I will meet with my constituents and local conservatives so we can make a decision together on how we will best proceed as a community.

"In the meantime, I will remain the PC MPP for Nepean-Carleton and will continue to focus my efforts on choice in childcare, gang violence in Ottawa and holding Kathleen Wynne's Liberals accountable."

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# U11 Senators win ORMHA minor hockey tournament

## COMMUNITY VOICE STAFF

The Osgoode-Rideau U11 A Senators were winners of the ORMHA Winter Classic hockey tournament last month.

The Sens won their final game of the tourney against the Kanata Blazers in Osgoode on with a come from behind win, clawing back from a two-goal deficit to win 5-3.

During the weekend, the Senators posted wins over the Kemptville Royals (7-0), West End Honey Badgers (6-0), Nepean Ice Hogs (8-0), and the Kanata Blazers in the final. Matt Wingate is the head coach, with Ken Stevens and Gord MacGregor serving as assistants. Karen Carr is the trainer and Julie Stevens is the



Submitted photo

The Osgoode Rideau U11 Senators won the ORMHA Classic.

manager.

Team members are Oban MacDonald, Owen Cinnamon, Brayden Mulligan, Rhys Wingate, Brayden Carr, Everett

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# South Carleton clinches first in NCSSAA girls hockey

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The South Carleton Storm senior girls hockey team clinched first place in the National Capital Secondary School Athletic Association Tier 1 standings with three victories last week.

The wins, all in a daylong tournament at the Nepean Sportsplex, gave the Storm a record of 8-0-0 for the regular season.

South Carleton beat John McCrae 6-0, Pierre-Savard 4-2, and St. Mother Teresa 4-0 to close out the regular season.

The Storm scored 39 goals on the season and gave up only 10. Three of their wins were by shutout.

South Carleton will host a playoff game at the Richmond Memorial Community Centre Feb. 18 with their opponent still to be determined.

The South Carleton Storm senior boys basketball team heads into this week's NCSSAA Bronze semi-final after posting a convincing 61-42 win over Omer-Deslauriers Mon., Feb. 10. The Storm finished the regular season with a 2-4-0



Staff photo

The South Carleton Storm scores one of their four goals against St. Mother Teresa as they finished out their unbeaten regular season with a 4-0 win.

record and dropped an overlap game against Pierre-de-Blois 45-40 Feb. 5.

The Storm senior girls volleyball team had a strong regular season with a 5-1-0 record, but then hit a wall heading into the postseason. They lost to Earl of March and St. Joseph in straight sets in a pair of overlap games Feb. 5 and Feb. 7. In their playoff game, they fell to unbeaten Colonel By 3-0 Feb. 12.

The Storm boys curling team heads into the playoffs this week after finishing their

regular season with an 8-7 win over Glebe. The Storm finished the season with a 5-3-0 record and will take on St. Pius X Feb. 19 at 2 p.m. at the Nepean Sportsplex in their first round playoff match.

The Storm girls curling team ended their season with a one-sided 12-3 win over Canterbury. The result gave both teams a 4-4-0 record.

South Carleton and Canterbury will face each other again in the first round of the playoffs Feb. 20 at 1 p.m. at the Nepean Sportsplex.

# St. Mark wraps up girls hockey season in second place

COMMUNITY VOICE STAFF

The St. Mark Lions finished the regular season in second place in the National Capital Secondary School Athletic Association Senior Girls OFSAA Hockey League with a 4-2-2 record.

The Lions wrapped up the regular season Feb. 10 with a 4-1 loss to Louis-Riel. That came on the heels after a 2-1 win over Nepean and a 2-2 tie with Sacred Heart the previous week.

A playoff schedule had not yet been finalized for the Lions as off press time.

The St. Mark Lions senior boys basketball team breezed through the regular season with

a 6-0-0 record.

They played a pair of overlap games, beating Sacred Heart 64-55 Feb. 5 and Holy Trinity 86-44 Feb. 10.

The unbeaten Lions visited Gisele Lalonde Feb. 14 for a playoff game and were upset 72-64.

The Lions boys curling team ended their regular season on a positive note, as they beat Holy Trinity 11-2.

Their Feb. 13 game against Longfields-Davidson Heights was snowed out.

St. Mark opens the playoffs Feb. 19 against Brookfield with a 2 p.m. start at the Nepean Sportsplex.

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# Mariners knock off unbeaten Rockets in final regular season game

## COMMUNITY VOICE STAFF

To say that the inaugural season in senior A hockey for the Manotick Mariners was a success would be an understatement.

The Mariners clinched first place in the Eastern Ontario Super Hockey League Capital division by closing out the regular season with three wins, including a 6-3 “statement win” over the previously undefeated North Dundas Rockets.

On Feb. 1 at the Mike O’Neil Arena at the Manotick Community Centre, the Mariners beat the Pontiac Comets 8-5.

Ryan Lough had two goals and two assists, Jonathan Cyr had two goals and an assist, Nicholas Hamre had a goal and an assist, and Brandan Makara, Liam Dennison, and Brett Gustavsen all scored.

Storm Admas had three assists, while Corey Tam, Lucas Roy and Daniel Iasenza had two assists each. Tyler Melvin also added an assist.

Berk Berkeliev made 45 saves for the win.

On Sat., Feb. 8, the Mariners headed to Prescott for a game against the South Grenville Rangers at the Alaine Chartrand Arena. Manotick



Brett Gustavsen scored three goals in the last three games of the regular season for the Manotick Mariners.

Manotick Mariners photo

had another big offensive output as they were 9-3 winners.

Nathan Hudgin and Brett Gustavsen scored two goals each with Jonathan Cyr adding a goal and three assists. Ryan Lough, Jacob Renaud-Viau and Jeff Hayes had a goal and an assist each. Timothy Cousineau also scored.

Nicholas Hamre and Daniel Iasenza had two assists each with one each going to David Chevrier, Lucas Roy and

Brandan Makara.

Cory Garrow was in goal for the Mariners, making 37 saves for the victory.

On Feb. 9, the Mariners finished their regular season with a big 6-3 win over the previously unbeaten North Dundas Rockets. The Rockets were 19-0-0 heading into the final game of the season, but the mariners prevented them from running the regular season table.

Jeff Hayes had a hat trick for the Mariners. Makara and Gustavsen each had a goal and an assist, and Dennison scored the other goal.

Ryan Lough had three assists for Manotick with Cyr, Renaud-Viau, Cousineau and Gregg Burmaster also adding assists. Berk Berkeliev earned the win with 41 saves.

The Mariners face the Pagan Falls Rapids in the first round of the playoffs.

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