

# Bay Ward Council

## Meeting Notes

May 6, 2009

Because of unexpected delays at the Transit Committee that day (chaired by our Bay Ward Councillor Alex Cullen) which was discussing the Environmental Assessment Study for the Downtown Ottawa Transit Tunnel project, the Councillor was unable to attend the Bay Ward Council meeting.

Sgt. Jim Devine from the Ottawa Police, however, provided an update on crime and policing issues, and took questions.

### Police Services Report – Sgt. Jim Devine

Sgt. Devine noted two significant upcoming events in which Ottawa Police Services staff will be involved. The first is a presentation by Chief Vern White on restorative justice, a method of dealing with community crime and safety issues that is used in some northern and aboriginal communities. This will take place at Centrepointe on May 13, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. The second is a coffee house/open house at the Bayshore Community Police office in the Bayshore Recreation Centre on Woodridge Crescent. This will take place on May 11, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

Sgt. Devine also noted that, with warmer weather approaching, an increase in thefts from cars left unlocked or with windows down can be expected. He discussed a number of safety tips that can be taken to lessen the chances of having items stolen. These include locking the car at all times when it is not being used (even when it is left at home), ensuring that windows are fully closed, and making sure that objects of value are not visible, including electronic equipment, cd's, GPS units, money and credit cards, and items of identification such as licenses, ownership certificates and so on. Further information on theft proofing cars and homes can be obtained through the Ottawa Police website at [www.ottawapolice.ca](http://www.ottawapolice.ca).

Recent crime and policing statistics, including recent activity reports, are also available on the Ottawa Police Services website.

These and other statistics can be analyzed using the new Google based crime analysis tool available to the public through the OPS website ([www.ottawapolice.ca](http://www.ottawapolice.ca)). This tool uses the crime statistics compiled by OPS and allows anyone to do an analysis of the crime statistics in their part of Ottawa. This tool is now available for use, and will be updated as new statistics are available.

## **Next Bay Ward Council Meeting:**

Next Bay Ward Council meeting will be held Wednesday June 3, 2009 and will start at 7:00 p.m. at the Ron Kolbus-Lakeside Centre in Britannia Park.

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