



MVCA 2026 Budget Requests

Manotick Village & Community Association (MVCA) is submitting the following budgetary items for our community for consideration during the 2026 City of Ottawa Budget process. We recognize the complexities of budgeting for such a large and diverse city and appreciate the financial challenges the City faces. Thank you for your consideration of the requests for our community.

MVCA's priorities focus on the safety of pedestrians, cyclists and motorists and ways to improve and enhance liveability and mobility for our residents.

Traffic flow improvements:

- **Extension of Earl Armstrong Road**
This would facilitate the shift of truck traffic to Earl Armstrong from Manotick. Residents continue to be concerned about the volume of large trucks travelling along Bridge Street to Bankfield Road and Rideau Valley Drive North. Since the environmental assessment has been completed and the project has been moved to Phase One of the Transportation Master Plan, this project needs to be prioritized.
- **Roundabout or Traffic Light at Rideau Valley Drive and Bridgeport Avenue**
Increases in residential and commercial development in the area and recreation activity has resulted in growing numbers of motorists. The traffic volumes, poor driver behaviour, a lack of multi-use pathway for pedestrian and cyclist safety and proximity to the fire station are all conditions making traffic control measures necessary there.
- **Traffic Light at Barnsdale and Rideau Valley Roads intersection**
There are frequent motor vehicle collisions at this location. Prioritizing the completion of the planned traffic light at this intersection is important.
- **Median Extension and Signage on Bridge Street**
MVCA requests an extension of the raised median at Bridge and Main Streets (east of Main St.). Motorists are not permitted to turn left out of the plaza onto Bridge Street but do so frequently. Others turn left onto Bridge Street (going east), and some want to immediately turn left into the plaza which causes traffic congestion and near collisions.
*Alternatively, a temporary measure could be the installation of flex stakes in the painted portion beyond the existing raised median and the addition of a "no left turn sign" on Bridge Street pointing toward the plaza.
- **Safety measures at Bridge and Main Streets**
Implementation of safety measures for the northeast corner of Bridge and Main Streets where large trucks are driving across the sidewalk at a busy pedestrian crossing.

- Traffic and parking management near Mahogany Harbour
Attention to this area along with the addition of a sidewalk and cycling lane referenced in the next section is needed. A designated drop-off/loading zone and restrictions for parking near the Harbour would assist with visibility of pedestrians near this popular recreation spot.
- Roundabouts at Bankfield Road and Prince of Wales Drive and at First Line Road and Prince of Wales Drive. (outlined in the Secondary Plan).

Walkability and Safety

Our Secondary Plan notes that new sidewalks, paved shoulders and multi-use pathways will be constructed in a variety of locations over time. Two Walkability Surveys of the Village Core helped highlight a number of areas that need to be addressed. Progress has been made on improving sidewalks within the Village Core. Additional needs are:

- A multi-use pathway along Main Street between Eastman Avenue and Century Road is an overdue necessity. MVCA is seeing an increase in vehicular traffic, pedestrians and cyclists in this area due to population growth south of the village and the popularity of the dock in Mahogany Harbour. A soft shoulder on the side of the road is not a safe alternative. There is no safe active transportation option for the residents in this part of the community, in the winter, for safe travel into the village. This project is a top priority for Manotick.
- A crosswalk across Rideau Valley Drive at Eastman Avenue.
- Sidewalk along Currier between Main Street and the Mews shopping plaza.
- Sidewalk along Eastman Avenue linking the Mews shopping plaza to Potter Drive.
- Painted crosswalk across Manotick Main Street at Currier Street.
- Plans to upgrade the bridge along the pathway from the Mahogany neighbourhood into the village to permit snow removal and winter maintenance so this can be used year-round.
- Sidewalk along Long Island Road from West Avenue to the new crosswalk (located between Elizabeth Avenue and Edward Street). This would provide a safe pedestrian route, especially for students walking to and from Manotick Public School and St. Leonard Elementary School. Long Island Road is increasingly busy with residents, school buses, OC Transpo and other motorists travelling through the village attempting to avoid congestion on Bridge Street. The City's addition of the crosswalk and sidewalk near Manotick Public School demonstrates acknowledgement that this is an area in need of safer options for pedestrians.

As always, MVCA and the community thank you for your time and consideration of these requests.