

# News Release

## Riverside South Community Gets a New School and a Healthy Stream Environment

MANOTICK, July 11, 2007 — The key partners in the Riverside South High School project review - the Ottawa Catholic School Board (OCSB), City of Ottawa and the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA) - have concluded that planning for the Riverside South High School will proceed and that sensitive fish habitat areas on tributaries of Mosquito Creek in the community will be protected. This is a major milestone in the planning of this school.

Mr. Fred Chrystal, Superintendent with the OCSB, said "We will study the existing site plan to incorporate mitigation measures suggested by the City and the RVCA to protect the sensitive areas. Everyone agrees that it's important to move forward with construction of our new school as quickly as possible."

The OCSB will investigate how stormwater management, site grading and natural buffers can be applied to provide the necessary protection for fish habitat on and adjacent to the site. The functionality and safety of the school site layout will not be compromised by the conservation measures.

The RVCA, the City, the OCSB and the developer will continue to work cooperatively to develop a plan to permit construction of the school for a September 2009 opening.

"This is very good news for our community," said Gloucester South Nepean Councillor Steve Desroches. "I am very pleased that the Conservation Authority has identified opportunities that will allow the high school to move forward."

RVCA Chairman Alan Arbuckle of Manotick added "I want to salute the cooperation and respect shown by all the parties involved in the Riverside South High School file. The community gets both a new school and a healthy stream and the entire Rideau watershed is better for it. Nice job everyone!"

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