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Committee okays major design plans for Barrhaven

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The massive expansion of Barrhaven in the coming years became a step closer to reality with the approval of two major community design plans (CDPs) on June 13.

The city's planning and environment committee approved the South Nepean Town Centre CDP and the Barrhaven South CDP at its regular meeting last Tuesday.

Before any construction can begin on a new community, the city's official plan requires that a CDP be approved.

"We've worked on this for a couple of years. There was a lot of public consultation. I'm confident that they're good plans," says Bell-South Nepean Councillor Jan Harder, whose ward encompasses

the two new communities.

Harder adds that one of the reasons the extension of the southwest Transitway and the north-south light rail transit line are being pushed ahead is to accommodate the coming growth.

Every year she receives complaints from residents regarding traffic congestion on roads from new development.

"Finally in Barrhaven we're ahead of the game. I'm darn proud of that. It shows leadership," Harder says, adding that the new communities won't be as car-dependent.

"The developer has been involved from day one and they want to start building this year," Harder says, adding that it shows that population growth projections for Barrhaven are on track.

The CDPs still need to be approved by city council.

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The Barrhaven South community will be a mixture of residential uses, institutional and recreational uses, as well as commercial and office areas. It will be located on 500 hectares of land south of the Jock River, extending to Hwy. 416 in the west, Jockvale Road and Greenbank Road in the east, and the urban growth boundary in the south. The land is currently undeveloped and is mostly agricultural.

"Barrhaven South will accommodate a mix and range of residential uses, supporting school and park space, local commercial, an employment area, and a community core area comprised of mixed use office, retail, service, civic use, and high density residential uses," says the city staff report on the CDP.

The plan is based on a modified grid. Transit-oriented development, protecting the greenspace surrounding the Jock River and implementing urban design guidelines were some of the guiding principles in developing the CDP.

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Johnson and Kendra John, a Barrhaven couple, organized a family fun fair for the Canadian Diabetes Association on June 16 in Rosetta Park. Above, Autumn Woodland meets RCMP officers Cst. Jerry Healy and Cst. Johanna Robinson at the fun fair. For more on the fun fair and diabetes fundraising, see page 11.

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