



## Press Release

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### ENHANCED SECURITY WELCOME ADDITION TO CITY PARKS

At 11:00am on Tuesday, May 20, 2008, Stittsville-Kanata West Councillor Shad Qadri along with Corporate Security will unveil Ottawa's first Proactive Audio/Video system at Fringewood Community Centre located at 14 Fringewood Drive in Stittsville.

The Councillor, along with members of Corporate Security, will be on hand to address questions concerning this program.

The A/V system will allow Corporate Security to monitor city-owned parks after 11:00pm, when the park is closed for public use.

The A/V system will include motion detectors, cameras, voice-over capabilities, and enhanced lighting features.

Should the A/V system detect motion in the park after hours, Corporate Security will be alerted and will be able to view the park by way of a live video feed.

A voice-over command from Corporate Security will alert users to leave the premises, as the park is closed. Should the residents not leave the premises and the system detects further motion, a second command will be issued, at which time the local police may be notified that there is a disturbance in the park.

The system is aimed at deterring illegal activities or otherwise from occurring in public parks. This will ensure community parks remain safe and hazard-free.

"This is a tremendous step in helping to curb some of the issues we have been having in our parks," said Councillor Qadri. "Residents wanted to have their park systems safe and quiet at night, and clean during the daytime, and this will produce results."

City Staff will determine "hot spots" in parks across the City and the system will be deployed to monitor those areas throughout the summer months.

The interactive technology will incorporate and utilize Ottawa's crime prevention agencies, such as Corporate Security, the Police, Neighbourhood Watch and Crime Prevention Ottawa. The harmonized joint-approach will assist in tackling issues in public parks.

As summer approaches, this system will be a necessary strategy in curbing reckless and criminal behaviour within Ottawa's park system.

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