

# Greenspace Alliance Municipal Election Survey

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Ward 17

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**Q1** 1. How important is green space for residents of your ward? **Extremely important**

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**Q2** 1a. What do you believe is the greatest threat to greenspace in your ward?

In Capital Ward we are fortunate to have great parks, and lots of green space along the Rideau Canal and the Rideau River. Our challenge will be to ensure we do not lose access to the river by protecting and enhancing the Rideau River Pathway. Springhurst Park in Old Ottawa East off Lees Ave is the park in Capital Ward that is at the greatest risk of being lost. The City has long-term plans to build the Alta Vista Transit Corridor through Springhurst Park which would decimate the park and ruin the neighbourhood around it. I disagree with this plan, and if elected, will vote against any plans to build the Alta Vista Transit Corridor.

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**Q3** 2a. Are you aware of the City of Ottawa's Urban Forest Management Plan? **Very Aware**

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**Q4** 2b. Funding of the UMFP has only been approved by council for the first year. If elected, will you support the funding of years two, three, and four of the Urban Forest Management Plan? **Yes**

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**Q5** 2c. How important is the Urban Forest Management Plan to you as an elected official? **Extremely important**

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**Q6** 3a. Are you aware of the City of Ottawa's Site Alteration By-law? **Very aware**

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**Q7 3b.** The by-law will come back to council in two years to assess how well it has been working .The current method of enforcement is a complaint based system. The City of Ottawa is the only municipality in Ontario with a Site Alteration by-law that does not include a permit based system. As an elected official, would you consider moving from a complaint based system (after the fact) to a permit based system (in advance)?

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**Yes**

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**Q8** How important is having a Site Alteration By-law to you as an elected official?

**Extremely important**

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**Q9 4a.** Are you aware of the City of Ottawa’s Significant Woodland Policy?

**Somewhat aware**

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**Q104b.** This policy (OPA 179) is under appeal and may return to council for consideration in 2019. As an elected official will you support the approval of the current Significant Woodland Policy?

**Yes**

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**Q114c.** How important is having a Significant Woodland Policy to you as an elected official?

**Very important**

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**Q125a.** Are you aware of these Tree Conservation Bylaws?

**Very aware**

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**Q13i.** Extend the protection to trees of 20 cm in diameter, down from 30 cm?

**Yes**

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**Q14ii.** Expand the definition of Distinctive Trees?

**Yes**

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**Q15iii.** Significantly increase the penalties for breaching the bylaw?

**Yes**

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**Q165c.** How important are the two Urban Tree Conservation By-laws to you as an elected official?

**Extremely important**

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**Q176a.** Are you aware of the Greenspace Master Plan?

**Very aware**

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**Q186b.** The Official Plan will be reviewed during the next term of Council, including the Greenspace Master Plan, which has not been updated since 2003. As an elected official, would you support these greenspace objectives set out in the Greenspace Master Plan and Official Plan?

Yes

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**Q196c.** How important is the Greenspace Master Plan to you as an elected official?

Extremely important

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**Q206d.** Every review of the official plan addresses expanding the urban boundary, which results in the loss of rural green space. As an elected official, what is your opinion of urban expansion? Are you more likely to support intensifying within the urban boundary or expanding into rural Ottawa? Please explain.

I will support intensifying within the current boundaries of the City. Continuing to expand will only cost the city more money for the services that have to be provided further out. Expanding will also cause further harm to the environment, because residents will be commuting from further away. I believe we need to build up within the current city boundaries and limit urban sprawl.

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**Q217a.** Are you aware of the Chalk River nuclear waste disposal plan?

Very aware

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**Q227b.** In April 2018, mayors in the Montreal Metropolitan Community (CMM) unanimously opposed the proposal to build the permanent nuclear waste disposal site in Chalk River, Ontario. As an elected official, would you support a Council declaration opposing to the Chalk River nuclear waste disposal plan?

Yes

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**Q238.** Do you have any other thoughts or comments about greenspace in Ottawa?

We need more parks, more trees and more green space in Ottawa. In addition, if we are getting cash-in-lieu of parks, it must address a real need and 100% of the money should be spent in the community where the green space has been lost (or where the cash-in-lieu of park space is being given). In other words, the community who is bearing the brunt of the negatives around future development and loss of green space, that community should retain 100% of the funding set aside for them.