Greenspace Alliance Municipal Election Survey

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Q1 1. How important is green space for residents of your ward?	Extremely important
Q2 1a. What do you believe is the greatest threat to greenspace in your ward?	
Over development. Poor planning that eats up natural space that could	d otherwise be used by the community.
Q3 2a. Are you aware of the City of Ottawa's Urban Forest Management Plan?	Moderately Aware
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
Q5 2c. How important is the Urban Forest Management Plan to you as an elected official?	Very important
Q6 3a. Are you aware of the City of Ottawa's Site Alteration By-law?	Moderately aware
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)?	Yes
Q8 How important is having a Site Alteration By-law to you as an elected official?	Very important
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Not so aware Q9 4a. Are you aware of the City of Ottawa's Significant Woodland Policy? Yes 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? Q114c. How important is having a Significant Woodland Very Policy to you as an elected official? important Somewhat aware Q125a. Are you aware of these Tree Conservation Bylaws? Yes Q13i. Extend the protection to trees of 20 cm in diameter, down from 30 cm? Q14ii. Expand the definition of Distinctive Trees? Yes Yes Q15iii. Significantly increase the penalties for breaching the bylaw? Q165c. How important are the two Urban Tree Very important Conservation By-laws to you as an elected official? Q176a. Are you aware of the Greenspace Master Plan? Somewhat aware Yes 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? Q196c. How important is the Greenspace Master Plan Extremely important to you as an elected official?

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 do not support expanding the urban boundary. We have enough sprawl now, without the infrastructure to support it. We must manage our growth differently.

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Very aware

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

Yes

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?

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

Developers seem to be squeezing more homes onto smaller parcels of land, with shorter driveways and narrowing streets. It means less green space, fewer trees, and more vehicles on roadways. It's not environmentally friendly. I would like to see city regulations that set out minimum standards for lot size, and driveways and the width of streets that would allow more room for trees and fewer vehicles.