

# 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?

It is important that development and growth not compromise greenspace. I grew up in Kanata North and I am now raising a family here and greenspace is part of our history as a community that puts people first. I will work to ensure that we preserve greenspace, enhance it as much as possible and that we leverage new development by animating new green and park space.

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**Moderately Aware**

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

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**Yes**

**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?

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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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**Somewhat aware**

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

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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**

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

**Extremely important**

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

**Somewhat aware**

**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**

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

**Very important**

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

**Very aware**

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

**Yes**

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

**Yes**

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

**Yes**

**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? **Somewhat aware**

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**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?

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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 support smart and practical expansion of the urban boundary as I believe growth builds communities. However, we as the residents in Kanata North must be at the table in advance to understand the implications as it relates to intensification, density and transit/traffic matters. This must also include core city services to support new communities, ie: greenspace, parks and rec, etc. I also believe urban expansion has to be looked at in the context of the unique aspects of the community/neighbourhoods where expansion is planned. We must avoid sprawl and have infrastructure that supports growth.

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**Somewhat aware**

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

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**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?

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**Respondent skipped this question**

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

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