

Greenspace Alliance Municipal Election Survey

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Ward 23

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

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

Over-development

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

Very 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? **Extremely important**

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

Very aware

Q7 3b. The by-law will come back to council in two years **Respondent skipped this question** 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)?

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

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?

Extremely 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?

No

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

Very important

Q176a. Are you aware of the Greenspace Master Plan?

Very aware

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

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 prefer a balanced approach. It makes economic sense to create higher density housing close to amenities, services, and 'work', however, we also must acquire rural lands for park and public use for the future. Our best opportunity for affordable housing is also in rural areas which are, as yet, undeveloped.

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?

We have done a poor job of securing green space in perpetuity. Developers have been able to pave every available square inch without contributing any (substantial) lands to the permanent greening of our city. There are important lands adjacent to our watershed available now, and we must act to protect and/or acquire them before they are gone forever. I also propose that instead of turning LeBreton flats into a hockey arena that we take a page from history, and convert it into a permanent garden, not unlike Butchart Gardens in Victoria. What was once an abandoned quarry is now a precious area that generates great financial return for the area; dare we dream so big for LeBreton, before we turn into an arena? Who will pay for it's demolition and replacement in fifty years once the team is sold and moves away? We should retain control of the land, while we can.