

Greenspace Alliance Municipal Election Survey

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Ward 6

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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?

Rapid pace of residential 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?

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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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? **Somewhat 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? **Very important**

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

Very 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 am more likely to support intensifying within the urban boundary.

One of my campaign themes is around "Healthy Development", and concerns about the pace of growth in Stittsville is one of the top issues that I hear about when I'm out knocking on doors. Our population is at nearly 35,000 now and could double in size within the next few decades. We need to plan carefully and make the right decisions to ensure that Stittsville remains a vibrant, healthy and safe place to live.

To be clear, I'm not against development. The construction industry is a key part of Ottawa's economy. But I will commit to fight for more responsible growth, including supporting initiatives to identify and protect trees and greenspace.

Somewhat 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?

I appreciate the advocacy work that Greenspace Alliance has done over the years to bring attention to these important issues.