

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?

Residential developments encroaching current greenspace across the ward.

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? **Very important**

Q6 3a. Are you aware of the City of Ottawa's Site Alteration By-law? **Somewhat 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? **Somewhat 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? **Very 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 do support infill projects and believe we need to build inwards. However, my ward extends between Barrhaven, Riverside South, and Findlay Creek. In this ward, and in the south end of Ottawa, I believe we need a new technology hub to create local jobs. We need to address traffic congestion and poor infrastructure in the ward. I believe that sustainability means we create local jobs so people can walk, cycle, and get to work quickly. We must protect green space and maybe slow down residential projects expanding the city further and further.

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?

I'm running on the platform of growth in a sustainable and respectful way. This includes respect for our green spaces, wildlife and nature trails. I also have proposed to work more with grassroots organizations such as yours to bring true democratic structure to our decisionmaking in the city. With my experience in environmental impact assessments, green book assessments and socio-economic impact assessments, I will bring growth with responsibility to the front of the agenda.