

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?

Development - towers and infill - are significantly reducing greenspace, permeable space, and tree canopy.

Very Aware

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

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?

Q5 2c. How important is the Urban Forest Management Plan to you as an elected official? **Extremely important**

Very aware

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

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**

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
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
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.	

Fighting an expansion of the urban boundary is one of the most important priorities I will have in the next term.

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?

Urban infill and intensification are resulting in the loss of our mature, urban tree canopy. While there are changes we can make to our own by-law, in Ontario development trumps trees. I have had several discussions with senior staff about how both the review of the Urban Tree Conservation by-law and Official Plan can be launching points for a discussion with Queen's Park about changes outside our purview that may provide stronger protection for our urban forest.
