

# Greenspace Alliance Municipal Election Survey

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Ward 18

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

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

There are a number of threats to Alta Vista's green space. One is the continued expansion of development across the ward. We need to ensure that any and all development proposals set aside an appropriate amount of greenspace. In particular, the eventual sale of the Federal Study Centre (1495 Heron) that backs onto some of the most beautiful greenspace in Alta Vista. If this site is ever to be developed as your City Councillor I will ensure that this greenspace is protected and that a full consultation process is carried out to ensure community voices are collectively heard.

Additionally, the continued expansion of invasive species also poses a threat to our greenspace. I have mentioned on numerous occasions throughout this campaign that we must move towards adopting a climate adaptation plan in order to effectively address some of our city's greatest risks. I will champion this cause around the Council table.

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

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**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**

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

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<b>Q7 3b.</b> 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)?	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Q8</b> How important is having a Site Alteration By-law to you as an elected official?	<b>Very important</b>
<b>Q9 4a.</b> Are you aware of the City of Ottawa’s Significant Woodland Policy?	<b>Somewhat aware</b>
<b>Q104b.</b> 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?	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Q114c.</b> How important is having a Significant Woodland Policy to you as an elected official?	<b>Very important</b>
<b>Q125a.</b> Are you aware of these Tree Conservation Bylaws?	<b>Very aware</b>
<b>Q13i.</b> Extend the protection to trees of 20 cm in diameter, down from 30 cm?	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Q14ii.</b> Expand the definition of Distinctive Trees?	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Q15iii.</b> Significantly increase the penalties for breaching the bylaw?	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Q165c.</b> How important are the two Urban Tree Conservation By-laws to you as an elected official?	<b>Extremely important</b>
<b>Q176a.</b> Are you aware of the Greenspace Master Plan?	<b>Somewhat aware</b>

**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.

Our city's population continues to grow. However, the majority of this population growth is still directed into our suburbs. When this occurs, the city must continue to build new roads and/or expand existing ones. Just last year we spent over \$50M in this area - a measure I am not supportive of. I support intensification within the urban boundary and support the City's Transit Oriented Development (TOD) where we are building intensification around transit sites and encouraging Ottawa residents to use public transit.

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

Somewhat aware

**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?

Yes

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

This is an important issue. Thank you for putting together this survey.