

1. If elected, will you support the extension of the mosquito program in Kanata North?

Yes. After speaking with thousands of residents and walking every single street in Kanata North this summer, I understand the gravity of the problem and that a very clear majority of residents want this program to continue.

Kanata North is fortunate to be home to some significant wetlands, as well as the South March Highlands and Trillium Woods. The high water table and the flat topography of our community unfortunately creates a haven for mosquito reproduction. In fact, we have 44 different species of mosquitoes.

The current pilot program, the *Kanata North Nuisance Mosquito Control Program*, targets mosquito larva found in our wetlands to prevent hatching. This small, localized, program was approved for four years from 2016 to 2019. It also contains provisions for research to be conducted over the first three years.

My commitments as your Councillor are:

- Share with you the research and the findings from the first three years of the program and provide a forum for discussing these results.
- Seek city support and funding to continue this program moving forward past 2019.
- If unsuccessful in securing city funding, I will bring the program to you for a vote. I will ensure a robust communication campaign so that all households are reached and have the opportunity to participate in the vote.
- If we move forward, I will seek the best possible solution, ensuring we learn from the pilot program and we enhance the effectiveness of the program.

Although typically mosquitoes are considered simply a nuisance, the spread of West Nile virus in Ontario is concerning. Last year there were 20 confirmed or probable human cases of West Nile in Ottawa, and 147 in the province. The infestation is definitely worse in Kanata Lakes and Arcadia, however, it is an issue affecting all of Kanata North. An effective program that reduces the health risk and enables us to enjoy our backyards is needed.

Kanata North's mosquito problem is not going to go away. Spraying and other efforts to control the problem may need to be an ongoing effort during the spring and summer. As your councillor, I believe that the City of Ottawa needs to be responsible for funding these efforts. I believe the research will show the gravity of the unique problem we face. Public health, ongoing development requiring storm ponds in our community, and maintaining Kanata North's recreation areas such as the South March Highlands are municipal issues and responsibilities of the city. It would be my pleasure to work with the Community Association on this if I earn your support to serve as your City Councillor.

2. What is your solution for the traffic issues on Terry Fox Drive?

Residents are consistently sharing their frustrations regarding the congestion on Terry Fox Drive, particularly at the start and end of our work days. This congestion has been exasperated by the current closure of Goulbourn Forced Road during its re-construction. My commitments to you to address this issue include:

- Advocating for turning lanes at St. Isabel Catholic Elementary School, which recently opened and which is adding additional vehicles to Terry Fox.
- Adjusting the sequencing of the traffic signals along Terry Fox to enhance traffic flow.
- Work on alternative routes for the community, including Goulbourn Forced Road once reopened, but also work to secure another route, such as the missing connection to Solandt, which would provide an alternative option for people in Kanata Lakes, connecting them directly to March Road.
- Work to improve our bus routes so that more people may choose public transit as an option, hence reducing car dependency.
- I will also work towards securing LRT to Kanata within reasonable timelines. Being included in the LRT plan is critical, particularly given the amount of growth that is planned for our community.
- Lastly, I will work with city staff to examine the feasibility of expanding Terry Fox, particularly with the number of homes soon to be built along this road. If deemed warranted, I will consult with the community on this and will advocate to have this project prioritized in the next Transportation Master Plan.

Do you support the establishment of a dog park in Kanata North, and if yes, how will you bring it to the community?

Residents have shared at numerous doors their desire for a dog park in our community. I will work with residents, city staff and potential partners such as Hydro Ottawa to find an ideal location so that residents and their dogs can enjoy the outdoors off leash. First step will be to hold a town hall with residents to better understand their needs and suggestions. At the same time I will also engage city staff to begin identifying locations that could be used. I believe by working together we can find a suitable location for this in our community.

What is your solution to deal with speeding in our residential neighbourhoods?

Speeding is a concern I am hearing a lot about in many neighbourhoods. I would like to ensure we make use of effective traffic calming measures to slow people down and keep our communities safe for all. I also believe in using my website, newsletters and social media to communicate and convey the importance of slowing down. I am supportive of increasing funding for our police force to increase the number of officers available to protect and patrol our community.

I am also supportive of photo radar in our school zones as a deterrent to slow people down. Safety of our children in school zones is critical. Photo radar is a simple and effective deterrent

to speeding. It allows us to use technology to address a serious road safety problem, which frees up valuable police resources so they can focus on other traffic issues and public safety concerns. There is no substitute for strong police visibility in problem areas. However, the police can't be everywhere, and research has shown that photo radar is an effective deterrent.

If elected, what steps will you take to deal with the pace of development in our neighbourhoods in Kanata North and in particular the building of developments before services are in place to support the developments?

Kanata North is expected to see the building of more than 7,000 new homes in the coming decade. Managing this growth and ensuring it is done well is a top priority for me. We are doing a great disservice to the residents of Kanata North by building homes without the supporting infrastructure that ensures these neighbourhoods are connected. I have heard these concerns from countless residents, and - with the Arcadia development - we have seen first hand the frustrations that this can cause.

I will work proactively with the development industry, and as development plans are being submitted to the city, I will review these applications and I will push for the infrastructure to support these new developments to be in place before proceeding. I will also ensure opportunity for public consultation on these new developments and always value community input and feedback.

We have one opportunity to do this well and it is my intention to ensure we do.

Do you support Ottawa adopting a ranked ballot by the 2022 election?

I would support exploring the benefits of moving to a ranked ballot for the 2022 election and would be happy to lead community consultations on this. Of utmost importance is to ensure we have a fair, democratic process that leads to strong representation of our communities. I will support exploring this as one option to achieve this.

Crime is a growing issue in our Kanata North community - how would you increase the police presence to address this issue?

Safety in Kanata North is a priority. The increase in crime and rampant speeding throughout our community has people concerned. Rightly so. Having police presence is critical to curtail this behaviour and to keep our neighbourhoods safe. I don't believe that the police have been adequately resourced and have been able to recruit and train sufficient numbers of officers to replace those retiring, while also growing the force. In addition to this, the increase in mental health related calls and incidents are taxing the force and undoubtedly the legalization of marijuana will also require more resources. The Ottawa Police Force has one of the lowest ratios officers to population in the Province. I support increased funding for our Police Force to ensure our community is protected. This increased funding must come with increased presence in Kanata North.