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Q1

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Q3

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Ward 19 - Orleans South-Navan

Q4

To reach our collective potential, we must work together to build up Ottawa. That requires a council in which each member commits to city wide leadership. What is your intended approach to collaboration with council, city staff and economic partners?

I couldn't agree more and was thrilled to see "radical collaboration" be a central theme at the Ottawa Board of Trade's Candidate Meet and Greet. I entered public life on a commitment to bring a spirit of collaboration and responsiveness to my role as Councillor. To be someone that looks for solutions, is accessible and communicates openly. I'm not only committing to continue this in my next term, this is simply who I am. Councillors often play a vital role in bringing multiple stakeholders together. Due to my unique circumstances of joining council through a by-election, virtually, midway through the term, I worked hard to build strong relationships with all of my colleagues.

Q5

What key characteristics and skills do you possess that make you a great leader and ambassador for the city of Ottawa, and the national capital region?

As a lifelong resident of Ottawa, growing up in suburban Orléans and now living in rural Navan, I bring a holistic view of our city to my role as Councillor, and I'm experienced in bringing a wide variety of perspectives to my decision-making. I pride myself on being well-versed on issues, solutions-oriented, responsive, communicative, and bring a community-first mentality to the table. Ottawa is my hometown, and I care deeply about its future.

Since being elected in 2020, I have sat on various committees including Planning, Transportation and Community and Protective Services, as well as being the Vice-Chair of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee. I am a trustee on the Ottawa Public Library Board, and sit on the Board of the South Nation Conservation Authority.

My professional experience includes a background in journalism, communications, marketing and strategic planning. In my spare time, I have volunteered with organizations like Equal Voice, the Heart of Orléans BIA, the Carleton University Alumni Mentorship program, and other local charitable organizations.

I have both professional leadership skills and demonstrated experience in working with a wide variety of stakeholders, business community partners and residents to bring positive change to my ward and to our City.

Q6

What are your top three priorities for Ottawa's future?

Ottawa is growing rapidly, and this council needs to rise to the challenge of managing that growth.

1. We need to address the housing crisis, but the communities we build must be smart and functional. In my ward, we have a transportation infrastructure deficit that must be addressed in order to build complete, 15-minute communities.
2. We must fix our transit system and give residents and visitors options for moving around Ottawa.
3. During this era of increasing inflation, rising construction costs and grocery bills, Council needs to prioritize affordability and predictable taxes. As a City, we need to do this by focusing on foundational services (taking care of our road infrastructure, snow clearing, waste diversion, park maintenance, and programming that's inclusive and easily accessible), so that Ottawa is a place where everyone can thrive.

As City Councillors we need to ensure that we are investing in the projects that make Ottawa a place that people want to live in, visit and grow their businesses.

Q7

Yes, I would like to attend.

Are you able to attend the All Candidates Meet & Greet at the Shaw Centre on September 23, 2022 - 7:30 to 9:30 am. We are extending a complimentary ticket for you. Additional tickets can be purchased at ottawabot.ca.
