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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?

An issue we've seen develop at City Council that has lead to the increase in divisiveness and stagnation at City Hall is the formation of a voting bloc or clique under the mayor that pushes their own agenda regardless of the interests of residents or what is good for our communities.

City Council should be a body in which representatives of different communities across Ottawa come together to give voice to the different interests and needs of those communities. Where city councillors, city staff, and stakeholders of the community can collaborate and share their expertise and experiences to produce solutions that are mutually beneficially for Ottawa and all its communities in addressing the challenges we face.

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?

I'm a young person and I add perspectives, experiences, and attitudes unique to young people into our municipal political discourse. Bringing youth representation to City Council and providing a voice for young people on having a say in how we address the challenges we face in our city and to advocate for their priorities and issues important them.

I'm also passionate about representing my community, advocating on the important issues we face in our city and my community, and giving an independent voice to the interests and needs of residents. I want to pursue a bold vision of ambitious ideas to fundamentally transform and improve our city and my community and bring out their full potential.

I also like to learn, perhaps because I'm still currently a student, and so I like to seek out answers and knowledge when I don't have them, listening to those with expertise and wisdom to share, and accumulating information and facts overall to help broaden my own understandings. This desire to learn and, more importantly, recognition of our own limitations of our knowledge is perhaps lacking at City Council, a gap I hope to be able to fill.

Q6

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

Restoring transparency and Accountability at City Hall: Oppose the use of Public-Private Partnerships (P3S) for public procurement and instead use community benefits procurement strategies and bring projects with vested public interest that provide community benefits and are invested with public money under the public purview to ensure that they serve the public.

Revamping the Transit System to serve Residents: Improve transit so that residents can conveniently and easily travel within communities, between communities, and commute outside of rush hour and, more specifically in Stittsville, running more local routes through Stittsville to increase the coverage of the transit network and bringing a bus station to serve as a vital transit hub and the foundation of the local transit network.

Tackling the Climate Crisis for Future Generations: Preserve more greenspace for residents to enjoy, expand the tree canopy to protect from the heat, pursue green initiatives like building retrofits, and provide viable alternative transit options in public transit and active transportation to build a green and sustainable community to pass to the next generations.

Q7

No, I am unable 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.
