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My Priorities

Focused priorities that address the real challenges facing Ward 13 residents, built on community input and proven experience.

Affordable Housing Expanding affordable housing options and supporting first-time homebuyers • Increase affordable housing targets • Support innovative housing solutions • Protect existing affordable units • Support new affordable housing developments	Public Transit Improving OC Transpo service reliability and expanding transit access • Advocate for better bus frequency • Support transit service guaranty • Improve accessibility at transit stops • Enhance Para Transpo services	Parks Enhancing green spaces and recreational facilities for all residents • Improve park maintenance and amenities • Expand playground equipment and facilities • Protect existing green spaces • Create new community gathering spaces
Community Safety Ensuring safe neighborhoods through community-based approaches • Address mental health and addiction • Support community policing initiatives • Improve street lighting • Enhance emergency preparedness	Smart Development Managing growth while preserving neighborhood character • Ensure infrastructure keeps pace • Protect green spaces • Support mixed-use development • Strengthen heritage protection	Community Services Expanding access to recreation, culture, and social services • Improve library and recreation services • Support arts and culture programs • Enhance services for seniors • Expand youth programming

INTRODUCTION

Rideau-Rockcliffe is growing and changing. The next term must make sure that growth is matched by the housing, transit, infrastructure, public spaces, health services and community supports residents need.

My priorities are rooted in practical municipal action: expanding housing options, improving transit reliability, investing in aging infrastructure, strengthening neighbourhood safety, protecting heritage, improving public health, supporting local organizations and making sure residents have a meaningful voice in how their communities develop.

The goal is not simply to manage growth. It is to use growth to build stronger, safer, healthier and more connected neighbourhoods across Rideau-Rockcliffe.

PRIORITIES IN THIS PLATFORM

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02	Housing and Homelessness
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01 Transit

Reliable transit is a basic municipal service and a key part of making the city more affordable.

I will continue pressing OC Transpo for measurable reliability, clearer communication with riders and service that reflects the needs of growing and underserved neighbourhoods.

That includes continuing to advance the St. Laurent Boulevard Transit Priority Corridor, improving connections between local bus routes and the expanded LRT network, addressing service gaps in communities such as Wateridge Village and improving the accessibility of bus stops across the ward.

I will also continue advocating for better accountability when service fails. Riders need to know what level of service they can expect and how the City will respond when those standards are not met.

During this term, I introduced motions on OC Transpo reliability, communication and service gaps, supported rider compensation measures, and helped advance planning for the St. Laurent Transit Priority Corridor.

02 Housing and Homelessness

Ottawa needs more housing at every level, from affordable rentals and supportive housing to accessible homes, transitional housing and affordable homeownership.

I will continue supporting new housing supply while pushing for affordability to remain part of the equation. That includes supporting mixed-income and supportive housing, protecting renters and ensuring that new housing is connected to transit, services, parks and other community infrastructure.

Tenant protections must also remain a priority. I will support implementation of Ottawa's renoviction by-law to help prevent bad-faith evictions during major renovations and protect housing stability for renters.

Addressing homelessness requires more than emergency shelter space. I will continue supporting coordinated outreach for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness, transitional and supportive housing, and stronger partnerships with provincial and federal governments to address the underlying housing and health pressures driving homelessness.

This term has included approvals and investments in affordable, supportive and mixed-income housing, transitional housing, tenant protections and a redesigned unsheltered homelessness outreach model.

03 Transportation and Safer Streets

Every resident should be able to move safely through their neighbourhood, whether they are walking, cycling, using a mobility device, taking transit or driving.

I will continue advancing traffic calming, safer intersections, new and repaired sidewalks, accessible crossings, cycling connections and road rehabilitation throughout Rideau-Rockcliffe.

The next term should continue moving major local projects forward, including the Beechwood Avenue Public Realm project, North River Road improvements, Donald Street and Vanier Parkway upgrades, Bathgate Drive renewal and other pedestrian and cycling projects identified through the Transportation Master Plan.

I will also continue advocating for local traffic-calming measures where residents are experiencing speeding, unsafe crossings or cut-through traffic.

These investments must improve safety without losing sight of practical neighbourhood access and mobility.

04 Planning, Growth and Heritage

Rideau-Rockcliffe will continue to absorb significant growth. The challenge is making sure development creates complete communities rather than simply adding density.

I will continue supporting new housing while advocating for infrastructure, transit, parks, schools, community facilities and public spaces to keep pace with development.

With the new Zoning By-law now approved, I will focus on its implementation and continue advocating for planning approaches that accommodate growth while providing appropriate transitions between higher-density development and established neighbourhoods.

Heritage conservation will remain part of that work. As the founder and Chair of Ottawa's Built Heritage Committee, I have worked to strengthen heritage protection, modernize conservation policy and support adaptive reuse.

I will continue advocating for strong heritage protections, context-sensitive intensification and planning policies that recognize that preserving significant buildings and landscapes can coexist with creating new housing.

Residents must also have meaningful opportunities to shape planning decisions affecting their communities.

05 Infrastructure

Renewing aging infrastructure is one of the City's most fundamental responsibilities.

I will continue advocating for sustained investment in watermain, sewers, roads, bridges, pumping stations and other essential municipal infrastructure across Rideau-Rockcliffe.

The ward already has major integrated renewal projects underway or planned on streets including de l'Église, Hemlock, Prince Albert, Queen Mary and several streets in Manor Park. The next term must ensure those projects remain on track while identifying the next areas requiring renewal.

Where possible, infrastructure reconstruction should also be used to improve sidewalks, accessibility, cycling connections, drainage and traffic safety so that communities receive a broader benefit from major capital work.

06 Community Safety and Well-Being

Community safety requires an effective emergency response, visible neighbourhood resources and strong prevention.

I will continue supporting implementation of the Ottawa Police Service's district deployment model, which brings Community Police Officers, Youth Officers, Neighbourhood Resource Teams, Traffic Teams and other resources closer to the communities they serve.

I will also continue supporting the expansion of ANCHOR, which provides a health-led response to some mental-health and substance-use crises and offers another tool for responding to non-violent situations.

But safety also depends on what happens before a crisis occurs. Investments in housing, youth supports, poverty reduction, mental-health services and community organizations are part of preventing violence and instability.

I will continue working with residents, police, community organizations and service providers to respond to neighbourhood concerns while supporting evidence-based approaches to prevention.

07 Public Health

Public health must be about prevention, access and reducing health inequities before they become crises.

As a member of the Ottawa Board of Health, I have supported stronger use of socio-demographic data to identify health disparities, improved access to immunization and sexual-health services, harm-reduction initiatives and neighbourhood-based approaches to care.

I will continue supporting the development of neighbourhood Health and Wellness Hubs that make health and social services easier to access locally.

I will also continue advocating for public health to be integrated into major City decisions, including planning, zoning, climate resilience and neighbourhood design. Healthy communities are shaped by where people live, how they move and whether they can access essential services.

Ottawa also needs a more sustainable funding partnership with the Province. I will continue advocating for stronger provincial investment in Ottawa Public Health so municipalities are not left carrying a growing share of the cost of essential health services.

08 Parks, Recreation and Community Spaces

Parks and recreation facilities are core community infrastructure, not optional amenities.

I will continue advancing renewal of aging parks, fieldhouses and recreation facilities while improving accessibility and expanding opportunities for residents of all ages to participate in recreation close to home.

Major projects already underway or planned include the future Wateridge Village Fieldhouse, improvements at Alvin Heights Park, the Centennial Garden in Village Green Park, Presland Park, Bathgate Park and other neighbourhood facilities.

The next term should build on those investments while planning ahead for the recreational needs of growing communities.

09 Libraries and Community Access

Public libraries are more than places to borrow books. They are neighbourhood hubs that provide access to information, technology, learning opportunities and community services.

I will continue supporting investments that strengthen local library services and make them more responsive to the communities they serve.

This term, the Ottawa Public Library launched a new community-development initiative centred at the St. Laurent branch, with new funding to work directly with residents and community organizations in priority neighbourhoods to better understand local needs and shape library services accordingly.

In the next term, I will continue advocating for accessible, inclusive library services that connect residents with learning, technology, community programming and other supports close to home.

10 Environment and Climate Resilience

Environmental policy should produce visible improvements in neighbourhoods.

I will continue supporting expansion of the urban tree canopy, biodiversity protection, better waste diversion, stronger stormwater resilience and practical measures that help communities adapt to extreme weather.

That includes continued tree planting, strengthening protections for urban forests, improving road-salt management, expanding boulevard gardening and supporting infrastructure that reduces unnecessary emissions.

I will also continue advocating for environmental considerations to be incorporated into infrastructure, transportation and planning decisions rather than treated as an isolated policy area.

11 Equity and Inclusion

Equity must be reflected in how the City spends money, designs programs, delivers services and engages residents.

As Council Liaison for Anti-Racism and Ethnocultural Relations Initiatives, I will continue advancing implementation of Ottawa's Anti-Racism Strategy and working with community organizations to address systemic barriers in housing, employment, health, economic development and youth services.

I will continue advocating for stronger and more sustainable support for Black-led, Black-serving and Black-focused organizations, Indigenous organizations and other community groups that provide essential services while often operating with limited resources.

The next term must move beyond statements of commitment and continue translating equity objectives into measurable City action.

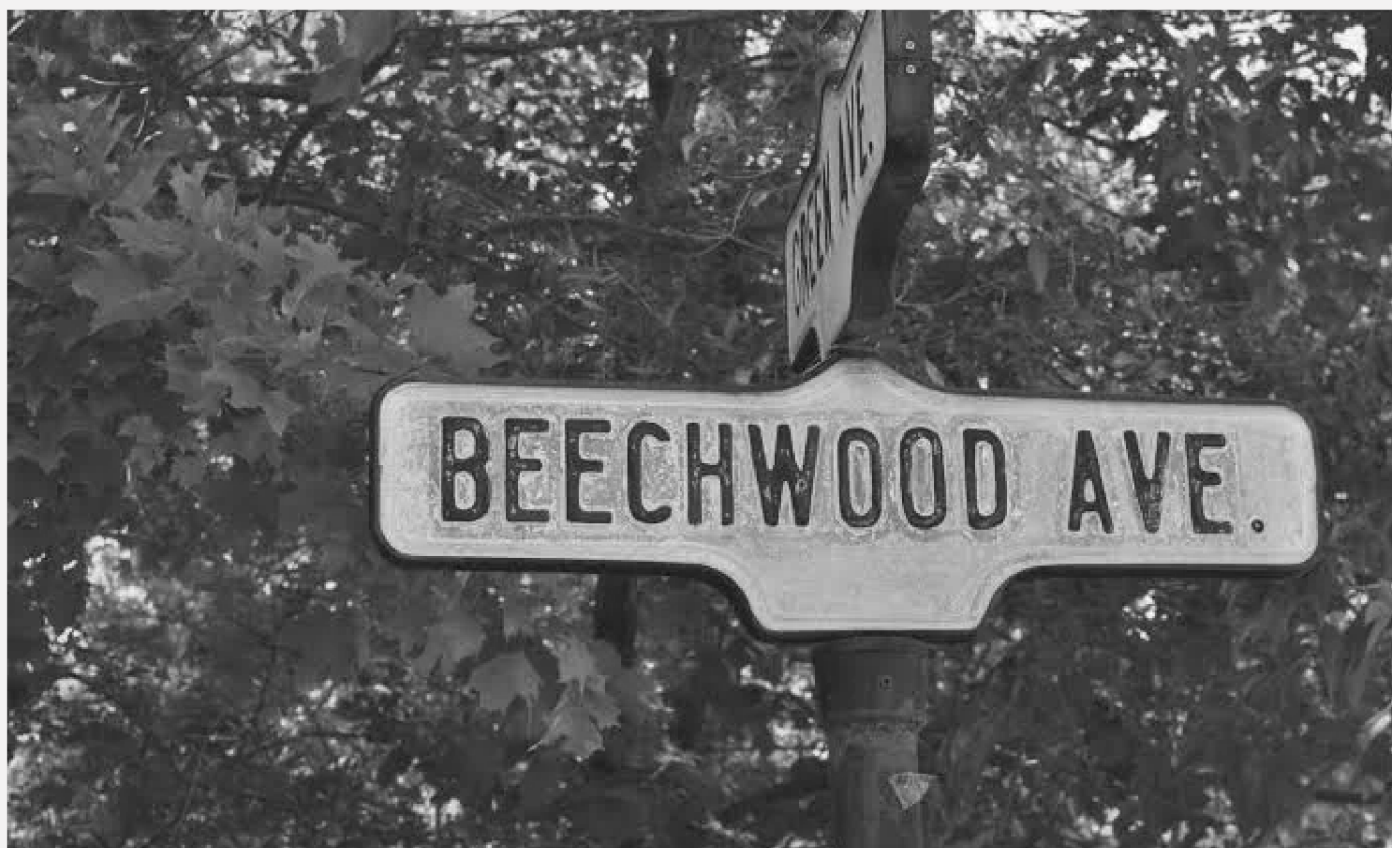
12 Beechwood and Main Street Vitality

Beechwood Avenue deserves a long-term vision that reflects its role as both a major corridor and one of Rideau-Rockcliffe's most important main streets.

I will continue advancing the Beechwood Avenue Public Realm project, with a focus on pedestrian safety, accessibility, transit integration, cycling connections, streetscaping and a stronger public realm.

That work must also support Beechwood's local businesses and preserve the qualities that make it an important community destination.

Across the ward, I will continue supporting local businesses, community organizations, neighbourhood events and public spaces that strengthen community identity and bring residents together, especially on McArthur Avenue and Montreal Road.



13 Opposing the Kettle Island Bridge

I firmly oppose the proposed Kettle Island bridge project alongside local community coalitions.

As the representative for the Rideau-Rockcliffe ward, I have consistently maintained my position against building a sixth interprovincial crossing at Kettle Island. My primary arguments against the project include:

A

Ineffectiveness at Reducing Downtown Traffic

Data shows that a bridge at Kettle Island would divert as little as 15% to 30% of heavy truck traffic away from downtown's King Edward Avenue, leaving the core problem largely unresolved while spreading unwanted truck traffic into other residential neighbourhoods.

B

Misalignment with Environmental Goals

I believe that the project contradicts the city's sustainable transportation goals. I will continue to advocate that regional investments should instead prioritize reliable public transit, light rail expansion, and alternative options like a downtown truck tunnel.

C

Misallocation of Funds

I believe a multi-million dollar bridge is a misplaced priority. Senior levels of government should prioritize funding municipal transit operating deficits rather than endless new bridge studies.

The next four years should be about turning growth into better outcomes for residents.

That means housing that people can afford, transit they can rely on, infrastructure that keeps pace with development, safer streets, stronger public health and community services, protected heritage and green spaces, and neighbourhoods where residents continue to have a meaningful voice.

I will continue working with residents, community associations, local organizations and City staff to deliver practical results and ensure Rideau-Rockcliffe receives the investment and attention it needs at City Hall.

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