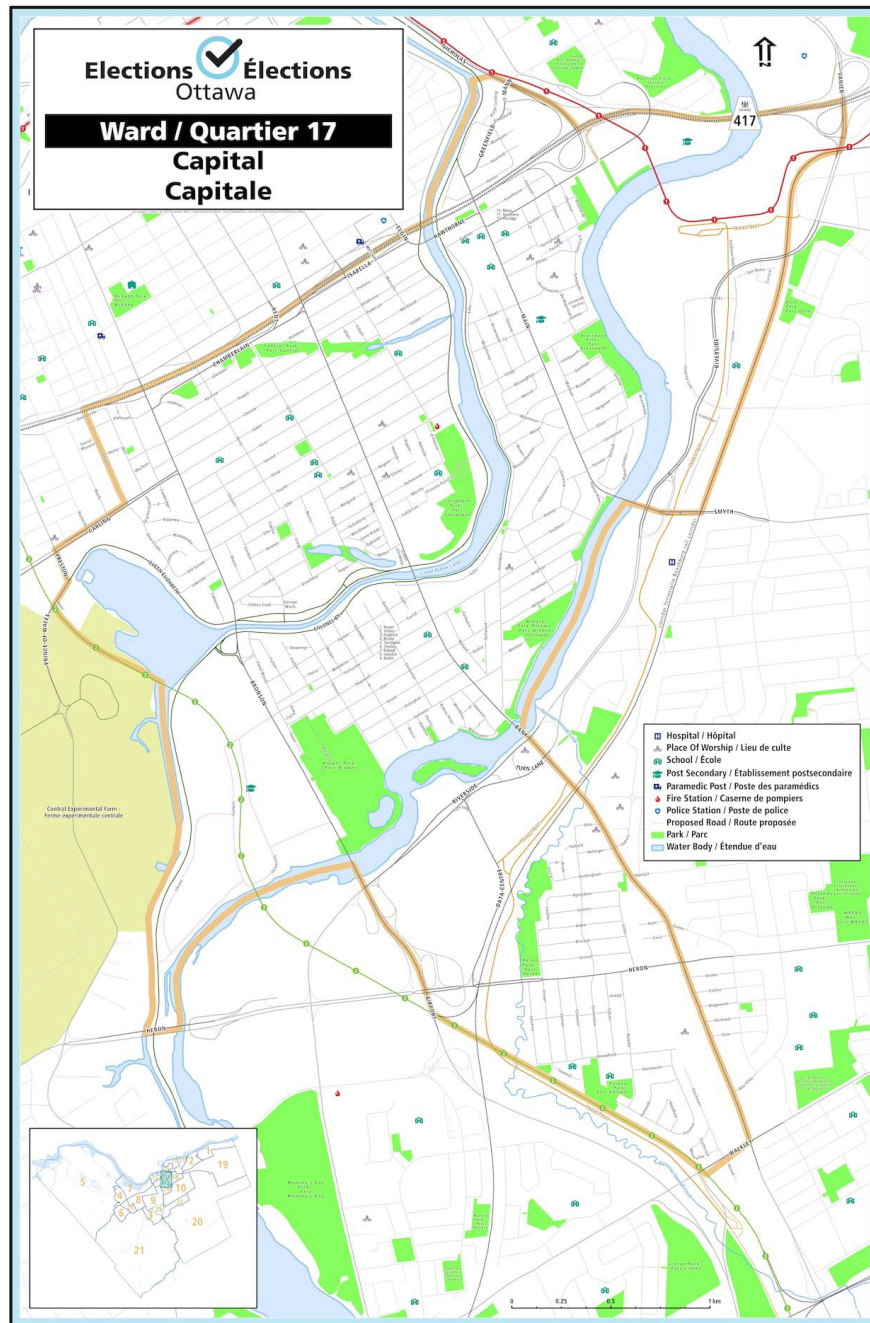


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- 1) *What role can the City play to push back against antisemitism and violent forms of antizionism so Jewish residents can live safely and openly in Ottawa?*

The City must take a clear stand against antisemitism, hate, harassment, intimidation and violence. It should strengthen community safety, support reporting and prevention programs, ensure public spaces are safe for everyone, and work with Jewish community organizations and law enforcement while protecting lawful freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.

- 2) *What steps should the City take when events on public property cross the line into intimidation, hate, support for terrorism or threats to public safety?*

The same rules should apply to everyone. The City should enforce applicable laws and bylaws consistently when demonstrations involve violence, threats, intimidation, harassment or support for terrorist violence. Peaceful expression should remain protected, but public safety and the rights of residents must be respected.

- 3) *Will you work with the Jewish Federation of Ottawa to better equip municipal agencies, programs and civic institutions to recognize, prevent and respond effectively to antisemitism?*

Yes. I would work with the Jewish Federation of Ottawa and other community partners to improve staff education, awareness, reporting mechanisms and prevention strategies. Municipal employees and civic institutions should have the knowledge and tools to recognize antisemitism and respond promptly and appropriately.

- 4) *Will you oppose efforts to bring international political campaigns, including BDS measures targeting Israel, into city politics?*

The City should focus on its municipal responsibilities and treat residents, businesses and community organizations fairly and consistently. Municipal policies, procurement and services should be based on clear, lawful and non-discriminatory criteria rather than importing international political conflicts into municipal decision-making.



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PUBLIC RECORD HIGHLIGHTS

Israel/Gaza & antisemitism (2023): [In a December 2023 open letter](#), Menard called for an immediate and permanent humanitarian ceasefire, release of hostages, and humanitarian aid, while also calling for condemnation of antisemitism, anti-Palestinian racism and Islamophobia.

Bubble bylaw vote (2026): [Voted against the April 22, 2026 Council motion](#) for the Safe Access to Social Infrastructure By-law.

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