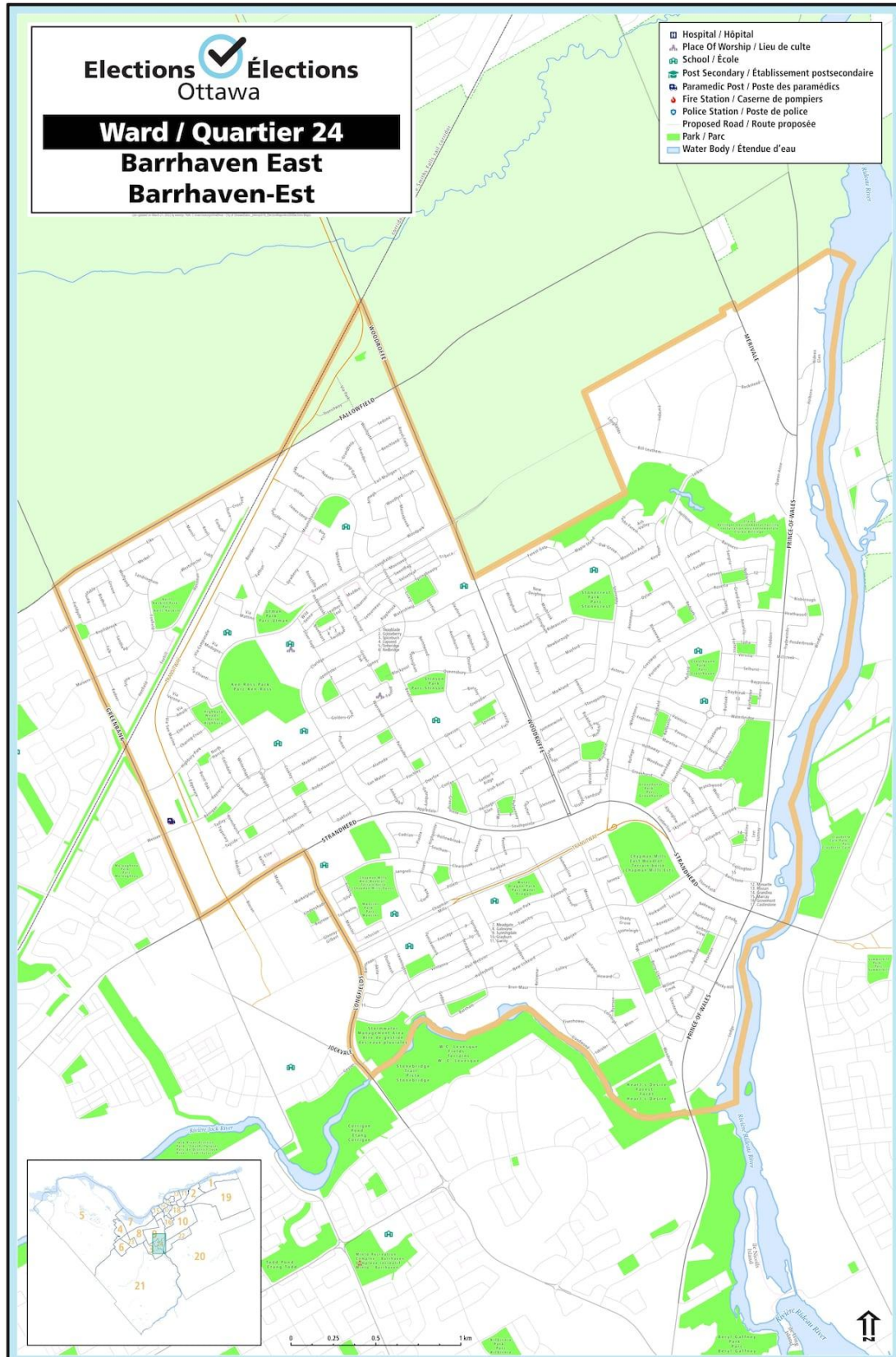


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PUBLIC RECORD HIGHLIGHTS

Previous Federation survey (2022): [In the 2022 Jewish Federation questionnaire](#), Lo said he would denounce antisemitic acts, explore regular dialogue with the Jewish community including Chabad in Barrhaven, and support paid-duty officers where the organization paid.

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

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

The City of Ottawa has a fundamental responsibility to ensure that every resident feels safe, protected, and fully included in the civic life of our city. On my very first day at City Hall, I will make a firm commitment to the Jewish community by hosting a gathering right at City Hall. I will invite community leaders, members of the Jewish community, and the heads of various religious groups to celebrate together and immediately begin an open, collaborative dialogue on how we can work hand-in-hand to combat hate, protect families, and strengthen community security. City Hall must be a welcoming home for all, and I will ensure that Jewish residents never feel isolated or abandoned by their local government.

- 2) Ottawa has seen violent demonstrations where participants have expressed support for terrorist organizations and celebrated the October 7 attacks. 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?

Supporting terrorism and terrorist organizations is entirely unacceptable and has no place in our city. When public demonstrations cross the line into intimidation, hate speech, or the celebration of entities designated as terrorist organizations by Canada, the City must take a firm, unambiguous stance. I will advocate for and support robust enforcement of municipal bylaws and close collaboration with law enforcement to ensure public property is not used to promote terror or

threaten public safety. Ottawa must remain a city where public spaces are safe and welcoming for everyone, free from harassment and hate.

- 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? Please share how you will accomplish this.

Yes, absolutely. From day one, I am fully committed to working in close cooperation with civic organizations and communities across Ottawa, including the Jewish Federation of Ottawa. I am eager to meet directly with community leaders to listen, understand your unique needs, and explore how we can build strong, ongoing collaboration. While we will work together to determine the most effective practical measures, I promise you that I will leverage all available municipal policies and legal tools to ensure the safety, confidence, and well-being of all Ottawa residents.

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

Foreign policy and international affairs fall outside the jurisdiction of municipal government and are properly managed by Global Affairs Canada and the federal government. As a city councillor, my focus must remain strictly on local governance and municipal responsibilities. However, I am fully committed to working in cooperation with federal authorities and community partners to ensure that municipal spaces remain welcoming and that all residents of Ottawa feel safe, secure, and free from discrimination or marginalization.

I hope my answers are accurate and helpful. Please know that I support you, I will stand with you, and I am deeply committed to ensuring that all residents of Ottawa can enjoy peace, safety, and security, regardless of background.

Thank you again for your public service and for bringing these critical issues to light.



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

The City has to be visible and consistent. Antisemitism isn't just a "community issue," it's a civic safety issue, and residents need to see that clearly reflected in how we respond. Hate has no place in Ottawa, and I'd push for stronger enforcement when events on public property cross into hate. I'd make sure Jewish residents' voices are heard and represented at City Hall, and that they see themselves represented in City communications, programming, and decision-making, not just during moments of crisis.

2) Ottawa has seen violent demonstrations where participants have expressed support for terrorist organizations and celebrated the October 7 attacks. 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?

In Ottawa, everyone needs to feel safe, regardless of their beliefs or religion. I want to make sure there is always faster coordination with police when threats emerge, and accountability on events that put public safety at risk. Free speech matters, but so does the responsibility to protect residents from harassment and fear in their own neighbourhoods. My doors will always be open to the community if they ever encounter any such incidents.

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? Please share how you will accomplish

Yes, absolutely. I'd work with the Federation so City staff can recognize, prevent, and respond to antisemitism effectively. This isn't about a one-time meeting, it's about building an ongoing relationship where the Federation has a real voice in how the City handles these issues, and where residents see tangible follow-through, not just statements.

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

My simple answer is no because I have not read enough about this yet, but I believe the municipal government should focus on serving Ottawa residents with the matters that affect their daily life, like snow, garbage, water, traffic, transit, etc. I would work to make every Ottawa resident's voice heard in local decision-making. Jewish residents should always feel safe and have a city that works for the residents, relentlessly.



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