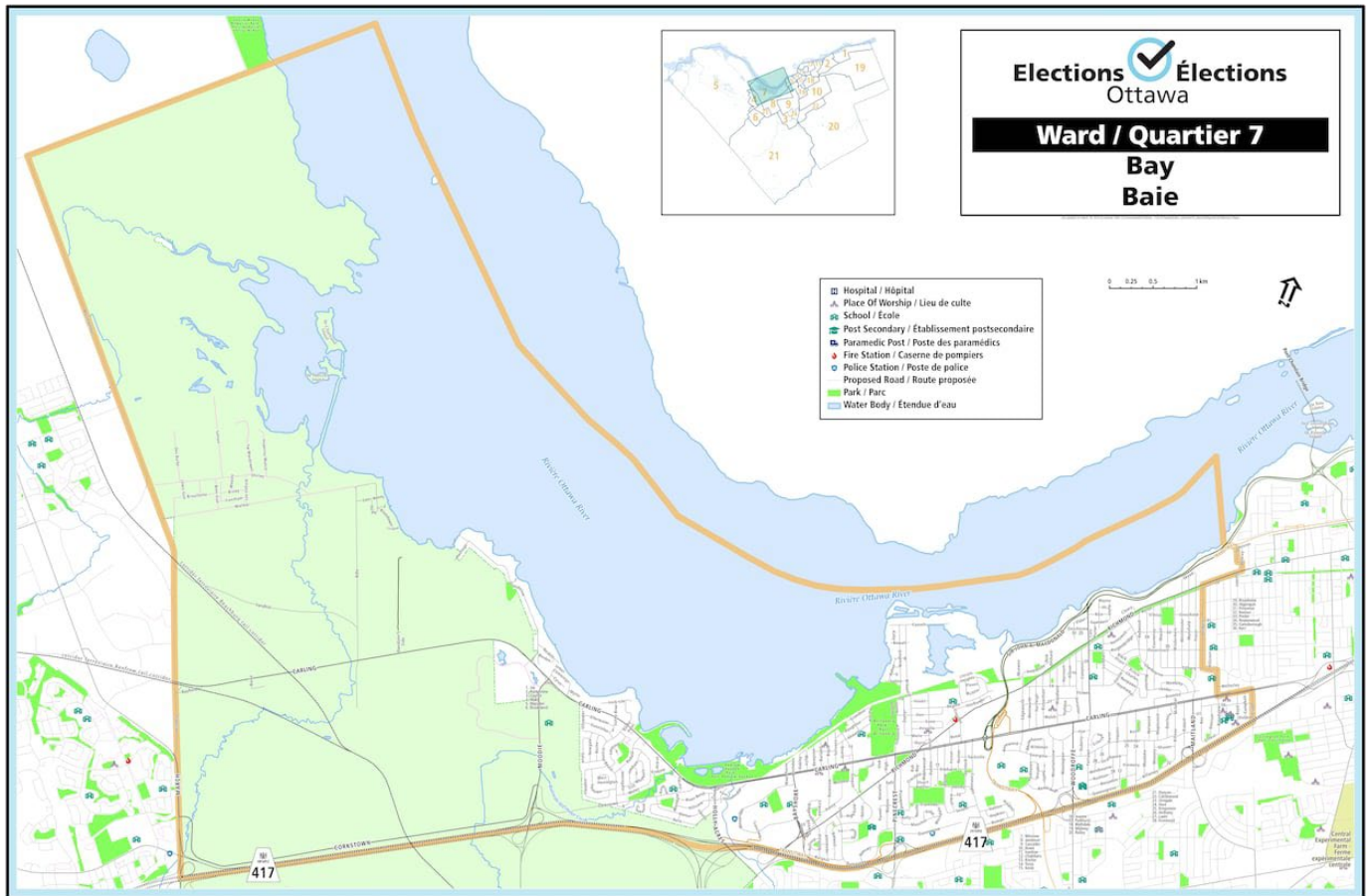


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PUBLIC RECORD HIGHLIGHTS

Previous Federation survey (2022): [In the 2022 Jewish Federation questionnaire.](#)

Kavanagh said she would continue working with Council colleagues and Jewish community stakeholders to ensure residents feel safe and supported anti-hate policies and resources for the OPS Hate and Bias Crime Unit.

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?

Jewish residents should be able to attend religious services, send their children to school, and participate in community events without fear of harassment or intimidation. I believe the City should work directly with Jewish community organizations to understand their concerns and identify where improvements are needed. This includes supporting education about antisemitism, ensuring residents have clear ways to report discrimination, and working with the Ottawa Police Service Board to advocate for appropriate attention to hate crimes and community safety.

I also believe there is an important distinction between criticizing the actions of a government and targeting people because of their religion or identity. Criticism of Israel's government is not automatically antisemitic, just as criticizing another country's

government does not mean opposing its people. But when people are holding Jewish residents responsible for Israel's actions, threatening them, or excluding them because of their real or perceived connection to Israel is unacceptable.

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?*

I strongly condemn the October 7 attacks by Hamas, as well as violence, threats, and intimidation directed toward Jewish residents or any other community. People have the right to peacefully protest, even when others strongly disagree with their message. However, that right does not extend to violence, criminal threats, or hate crimes. The City and Ottawa Police Service need to ensure that those boundaries are respected. As a councillor, I would advocate for proper coordination between City services and Ottawa Police when demonstrations present public safety concerns. I would also work through the appropriate channels, including the Police Service Board, to raise concerns about hate-motivated incidents and request information about how they are being addressed. Councillors should not be deciding which political opinions are acceptable. What I do believe is that laws must be enforced fairly and consistently, regardless of who is involved or what political cause they support.

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. One of the biggest priorities in my campaign is improving communication between residents and City Hall. That includes making sure community organizations have opportunities to raise concerns directly with their elected representatives and receive meaningful responses.

I would be happy to meet regularly with the Jewish Federation of Ottawa to discuss community concerns, identify gaps in municipal services, and explore opportunities for education and awareness. I would also encourage City staff responsible for equity and community services to work with the Federation and other Jewish community organizations on training to help municipal employees recognize and respond appropriately to antisemitism.

There should also be follow up on concerns raised, so community organizations know what action has been taken rather than simply being told their concerns have been received.

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

Yes, I generally oppose bringing international political campaigns, including BDS measures targeting Israel, into City Council as municipal policy.

I am running to represent the residents of Bay Ward and help improve Ottawa. Our City Council needs to focus on municipal responsibilities such as housing, infrastructure, transit, public safety, and the services residents rely on every day. Foreign policy is primarily a federal responsibility, and I do not believe municipal government should be selecting foreign countries to target through political campaigns.

The City still has a responsibility to follow its ethical purchasing policies and applicable human rights obligations. Those standards should be applied consistently, regardless of the country involved. I also respect the right of individuals to peacefully protest, criticize governments, and make their own decisions about boycotts. Opposing municipal involvement in international campaigns does not mean restricting residents' freedom to express their views.

My approach would be to keep City Hall focused on serving Ottawa residents while ensuring that Jewish, Palestinian, Muslim, and all other communities are treated fairly and respectfully.



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