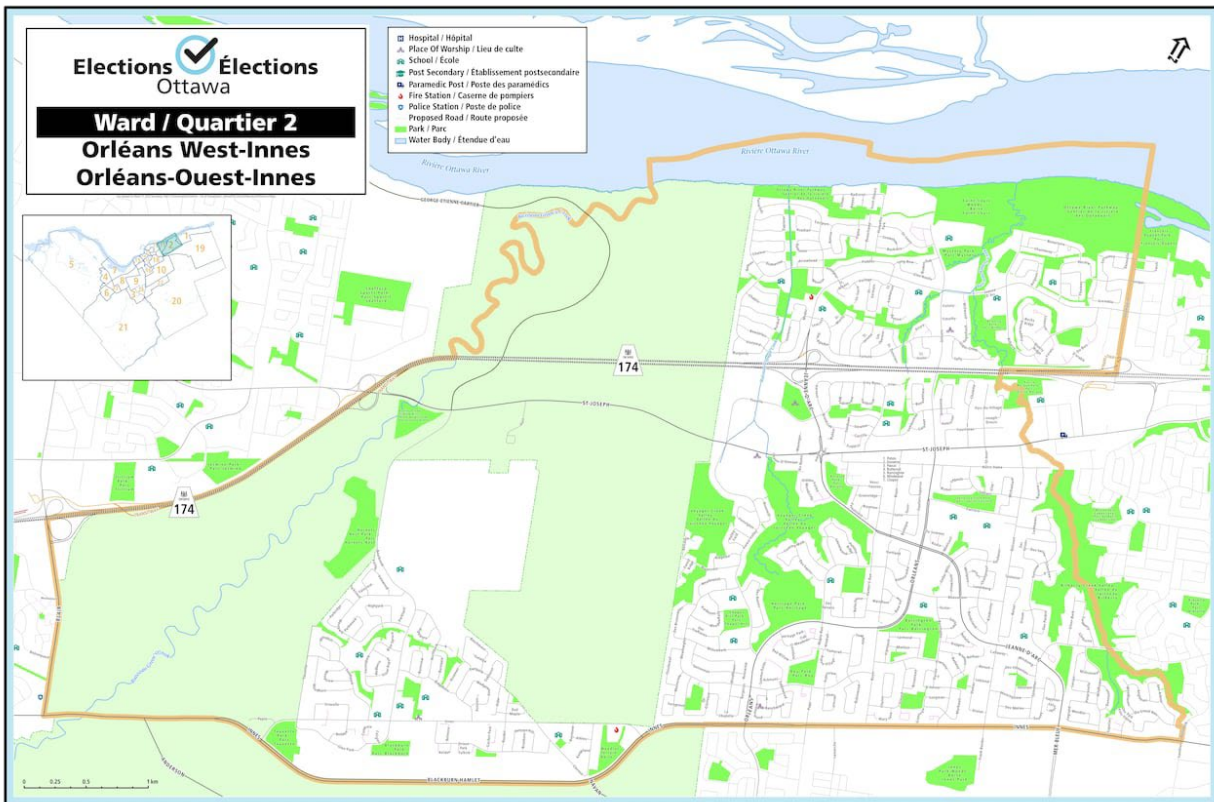


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PUBLIC RECORD HIGHLIGHTS

Previous Federation survey (2022): [In the Federation's 2022 questionnaire](#), Dudas said 'Antisemitism is a scourge must always be called out and condemned,' and said she would 'always stand with Ottawa's Jewish community in the face of hate'.

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

Hate Has No Place (2024) Signatory to the ["Hate Has No Place" open letter](#) raising awareness of antisemitism in Ottawa

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?

As a City Councillor, I have heard from many members of the Jewish community about their personal experiences with antisemitism in our city; seniors concerned about being harassed on the street, parents expressing fear about their children's safety and how acts of hate, physical and verbal, subtle and not subtle, are eroding their children's sense of worth and safety in places where they should only feel accepted and comfortable, women feeling targeted and scared. Antisemitism is becoming too commonplace, and this is not the Ottawa we want, nor can accept.

In light of these conversations and following fulsome discussions with the Jewish Federation of Ottawa and B'nai Brith Canada, I staunchly supported the establishment of the City's Safe Access By-law that came into effect on August 1, 2026. This By-law established 50-metre safe access zones around designated vulnerable infrastructure, including places of worship, residential care homes, and schools. I continue to support this By-law and the City's continued engagement with Ottawa's Jewish Community regarding all aspects of safety.

During my time on Council, I have actively demonstrated my support for the Jewish Community, making public statements on social media condemning acts of antisemitism in our city, and backing up my words with action by attending and being visible at Jewish community and memorial events. Demonstrating allyship must go beyond just words.

My support for the Jewish Community will never waiver. Everyone has a right to be safe and feel safe in our city and I will continue to stand up to antisemitic hate.

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 respect the right to protest in our democracy. However, that does not give someone the right to commit violence, intimidate, or harass another person. When that occurs, Ottawa Police must enforce the law and protect the safety of those being targeted. I firmly believe that there is no place for antisemitism or hate in our City and that includes during protests and demonstrations.

As a City, it also must be made clear that hatred towards the Jewish Community will not be tolerated. The Safe Access By-law does that in part, but there is also the ongoing need to reinforce that stance through public statements, visible presence at community events, ongoing engagement with Jewish organizations, and a willingness to publicly and visibly stand up to antisemitism on every front.

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.

As the most targeted group for hate crimes, the Jewish Community must be consulted and included in all anti-racism initiatives and programming developed by the City. Building awareness of antisemitism within the municipal organization, and the city's population at large, must be consistent and ongoing, and that is a commitment that I will gladly make to the Jewish Community.

Since October 7, hostility toward Israel and Zionism has increasingly affected Jewish residents here at home, including efforts to exclude or marginalize Jews based on their real or perceived connection to Israel.

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

Absolutely. I have been adamantly opposed to this coming before City Council during my two previous terms of Council and I will continue to hold steady regarding this. I strongly believe that City Council represents all residents and should not be immersing itself in international political situations that will only sow division among Ottawa residents and will increase targeted acts of hate against any group.



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