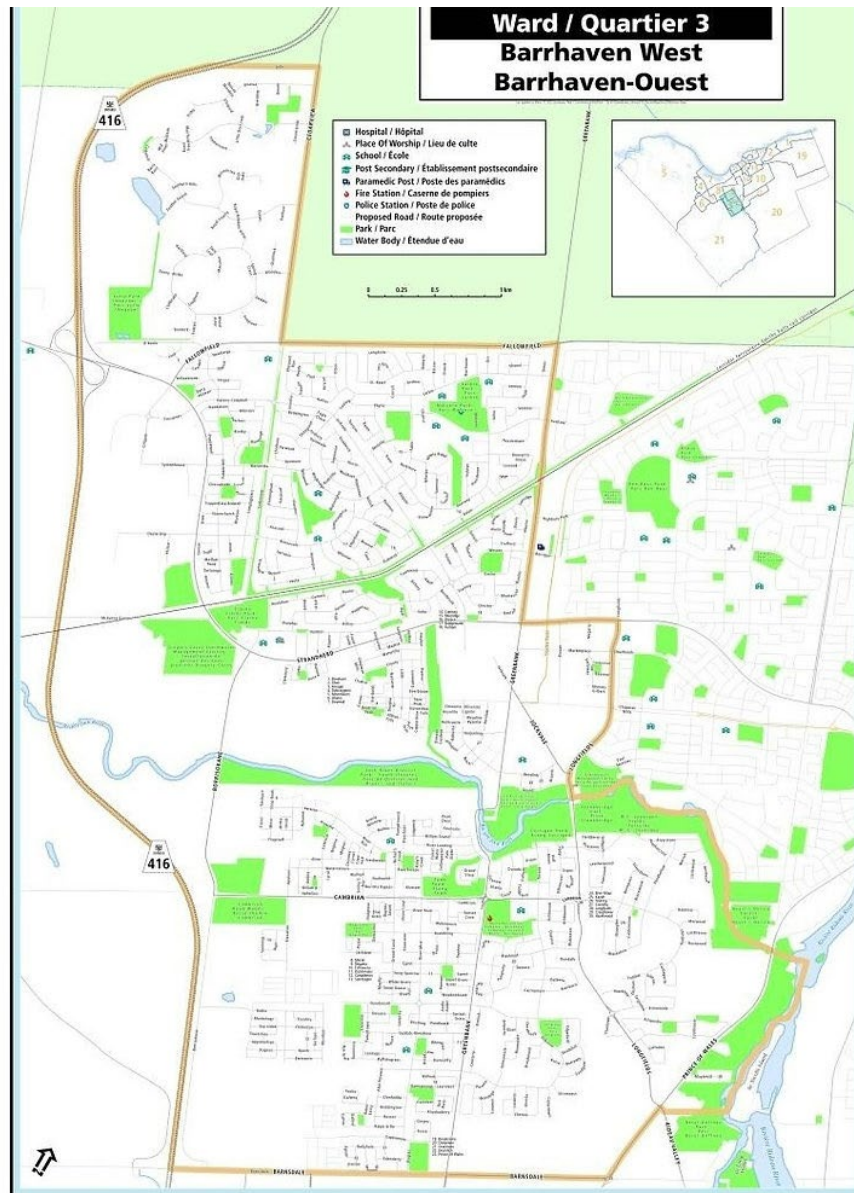


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PUBLIC RECORD HIGHLIGHTS

Previous Federation survey (2022): [In the 2022 Jewish Federation questionnaire](#), Hill said **yes** to including antisemitism in municipal anti-racism resources and training, supporting paid-duty officers for Jewish institutions, continuing funding for the OPS Hate Crimes Unit, and adopting the IHRA definition of antisemitism.

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

Ottawa Police Services Board, September 29, 2025: [David Hill addressed the Board](#) to highlight the violent antisemitism and terror support embedded within the anti-Israel protests, and the need for stricter policing.

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?

The City has an obligation to ensure the Jewish community feels safe in Ottawa. That includes having the police presence necessary to provide security at Synagogues, community centers and other vulnerable Jewish spaces. It also means finding new protections to combat this rising crisis, which is why I co-authored the Safe Access bubble zone legislation so that bylaw and police can coordinate to protect religious and cultural spaces from radical demonstrators who are looking for opportunities to escalate from hurtful words to dangerous actions.

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?

As the nation's capital Ottawa has a long history of protest movements. Free expression is one of the cornerstones of our Charter, but so too are the rights to life and security, and the right to free association/safe passage. When protests block access to synagogues, or intimidate parents trying to drop their child off at school, the police need to step in. That's why when I worked on designing the Safe Access bubble zone bylaw it was paramount to me that we ensure the distance in the bylaw be substantial enough that protestors could not prevent access to vulnerable spaces in any way. Now that the bylaw has been passed, we need to ensure it is effectively implemented and I will work with my council colleagues, city staff, the police and stakeholders to make sure what made sense in theory works in practice. It's also important that decision makers in Ottawa be fully aware of the threats facing Jewish and other vulnerable communities. That's why this year I passed a motion to have the current council fully briefed on the extremism threats in Ottawa. I am committed to ensuring similar briefings for the new council to ensure decision makers at the city level are not naive on the threats facing our city.

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.

I am proud of my record working with the JFO this term of council and will continue to work with any group willing to stand up against hatred in our community. I worked closely with David Sachs and the JFO team on implementing Ottawa's bubble zone legislation in order to provide physical protection to vulnerable Jewish spaces. The city and its leaders also have an obligation to push back against the hateful ideology that is fuelling this current rise in anti-semitism. Which is why I support adding the IHRA definition of anti-semitism to the city's anti-racism legislation and will continue to work with JFO next term to make that policy a reality. I am also committed to working with the JFO and other relevant stakeholders to ensure youth de-radicalization is at the center of the city's community safety funding models.

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

Yes. I oppose any efforts to bring foreign politics into city governance, particularly when it creates greater division and conflict in our shared city.



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PUBLIC RECORD HIGHLIGHTS

[Censured by OCDSB Board of Trustees for antisemitism](#) and breach of code of conduct (2024). Ordered to take mandatory antisemitism training, which she never fulfilled.

[Censured by OCDSB Board of Trustees for anti-Black racism \(2020\)](#)



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[Posted his concerns and sympathy after the shooting at Sons of Jacob Synagogue in Belleville.](#)