

Votes on April 2nd 2019 Candidates Forum

RESOLUTION #1

WHEREAS, the downtown business district in the Rideau Street area and the residential area along King Edward avenue are adversely affected by heavy articulated-truck traffic,

WHEREAS, the City recognises that another crossing of the Ottawa River is necessary for the National Capital Region, in order to provide an alternative to the heavy articulated-truck traffic, therefore,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City calls on senior levels of government to work to provide a solution to the problem that was created by those governments when they put in place the MacDonald-Cartier Bridge crossing.

YEA: Unanimous (@save for Idris Ben Tahir - could not hear)

NAY:

RESOLUTION #2 (^ resolution was divided - 3 votes occurred)

WHEREAS, although the City recognises that another crossing of the Ottawa River is necessary,

NONETHELESS, BE IT RESOLVED THAT any new crossing of the Ottawa River must not include the discredited Kettle Island corridor, and,

YEA: Johan Hamels, Jerry Kovacs, Marc Dorgeville, Oriana Ngabirano, Penny Thompson, Bruce Faulkner, Miklos Horvath, Rawlson King, Sheila Perry, Jamie Kwong, Chris Penton, Kasia Adamiec, Peter Heyck

NAY: Peter Karwacki (@save for Idris Ben Tahir - could not hear)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT any new crossing of the Ottawa River must not include access corridors through existing established residential communities on either side of the river, and,

YEA: Johan Hamels, Jerry Kovacs, Marc Dorgeville, Oriana Ngabirano, Penny Thompson, Bruce Faulkner, Idris Ben Tahir, Miklos Horvath, Rawlson King, Patrick Mayangi, Sheila Perry, Jamie Kwong, Chris Penton, Kasia Adamiec

NAY: Peter Karwacki

FINALLY BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT any new proposed crossing of the Ottawa River ought to contribute to the establishment of a ring road in the National Capital Region.

YEA: Johan Hamels, Jerry Kovacs, Marc Dorgeville, Penny Thompson, Bruce Faulkner, Miklos Horvath, Rawlson King, Peter Karwacki, Sheila Perry, Jamie Kwong, Chris Penton, Kasia Adamiec, Peter Heyck

NAY: Patrick Mayangi (@save for Idris Ben Tahir - could not hear)

RESOLUTION #3

WHEREAS, Rideau-Rockcliffe community has been negatively impacted by the closure of Rideau High School, and;

WHEREAS, the building that was formerly Rideau High School will now have other community serving uses, and,

WHEREAS, the athletic field attached to the former school does not currently have an on-going care-giver body to ensure that youth in the community can continue to benefit from its use,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City take on that care-giver role to ensure that the field is properly maintained and programmed for youth.

YEA: Unanimous (@save for Idris Ben Tahir - could not hear)

NAY:

RESOLUTION #4

WHEREAS the City of Ottawa Act was amended in 2017, to recognise that the City is Officially Bilingual, and,

WHEREAS the City of Ottawa's Bilingualism policy, adopted in 2001, recognises both official languages as having the same rights, status and privileges, and,

WHEREAS the City of Ottawa's Bilingualism policy requires that, senior staff positions (department heads) be designated bilingual, and,

WHEREAS this last requirement is frequently by-passed by Council under the pretext that no qualified bilingual candidate could be found for the position, and,

WHEREAS it is no longer credible, in 2019, that qualified bilingual administrators cannot be found in Canada to fill such senior positions at the City,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT future searches undertaken to fill senior staff positions pro-actively seek qualified bilingual candidates as a matter of necessity.

YEA: Johan Hamels, Jerry Kovacs, Marc Dorgeville, Oriana Ngabirano, Penny Thompson, Miklos Horvath, Rawlson King, Peter Karwacki, Patrick Mayangi, Sheila Perry, Jamie Kwong, Kasia Adamiec,

NAY: Bruce Faulkner, Chris Penton (Peter Heyck - video not captured*), (@save for Idris Ben Tahir - could not hear)

RESOLUTION #5

WHEREAS, placing any allowed on-road parking places between moving traffic and designated cycling lanes provides greatly enhanced protection to cyclists, and,

WHEREAS, placing cycling lanes between any parked vehicles and the roadside curb reduces the potential for serious and potentially fatal "dooring" incidents,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City adopt a policy of locating separated bike lanes next to the curb and never on the outside of parked vehicles.

YEA: Johan Hamels, Jerry Kovacs, Marc Dorgeville, Oriana Ngabirano, Penny Thompson, Bruce Faulkner, Miklos Horvath, Rawlson King, Peter Karwacki, Patrick Mayangi, Sheila Perry, Jamie Kwong, Kasia Adamiec, Peter Heyck

NAY: Marc Dorgeville, Chris Penton (@save for Idris Ben Tahir - could not hear)

RESOLUTION #6

WHEREAS the City of Ottawa, and particularly Ward 13, contain pockets of poverty which census data has shown to be among the worst in our country; and,

WHEREAS poverty at this level inevitably leads to problems of criminality, health, housing and education; and,

WHEREAS these conditions of poor quality of life represent a badge of failure for a prosperous city,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that reduction and alleviation of poverty and its attendant vices, conditions and disabilities (in association with other levels of government), be established as a central goal of Ottawa City government.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the city impose a 0.75% increase to property taxes to specifically fund initiatives to address this goal.

YEA: Johan Hamels, Marc Dorgeville, Idris Ben Tahir, Miklos Horvath, Rawlson King, Peter Karwacki, Patrick Mayangi, Sheila Perry, Jamie Kwong, Chris Penton, Peter Heyck

NAY: Jerry Kovacs, Oriana Ngabirano, Bruce Faulkner, Kasia Adamiec (Penny Thompson - did not vote?)

RESOLUTION #7

WHEREAS the City of Ottawa, receives Federal gas-tax dollars which it dedicates to Transit; and,

WHEREAS the City of Ottawa's roads are in urgent need of repair,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City use any increased gas-tax dollars from the Federal government for road repairs.

YEA: Jerry Kovacs, Rawlson King, Peter Karwacki, Patrick Mayangi, Sheila Perry, Jamie Kwong, Chris Penton, Kasia Adamiec, Peter Heyck

NAY: Johan Hamels, Marc Dorgeville, Oriana Ngabirano, Penny Thompson, Bruce Faulkner, Miklos Horvath, (@save for Idris Ben Tahir - could not hear)

RESOLUTION #8

WHEREAS, cycling has grown in the city as the city has implemented more separated and protected bike lanes providing a safer means of cycling on busy city streets, and,

WHEREAS, enhancing cycling infrastructure is a cost-effective means of increasing Ottawa's transportation infrastructure, and much cheaper than mass-transit improvements or increases to the road network,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City increase the budget allocation for creating separated and protected bike lanes by 10% annually over the current 4-year mandate of Council.

YEA: Johan Hamels, Marc Dorgeville, Oriana Ngabirano, Rawlson King, Sheila Perry, Peter Heyck

NAY: Jerry Kovacs, Penny Thompson, Bruce Faulkner, Miklos Horvath, Peter Karwacki, Patrick Mayangi, Jamie Kwong, Chris Penton, Kasia Adamiec, (@save for Idris Ben Tahir - could not hear)

RESOLUTION #9

WHEREAS, the City and in particular Rideau-Rockcliffe suffers from violent crime in its residential areas, and,

WHEREAS, the OTTAWA POLICE SERVICES has a provincial mandate to foster Crime Prevention as part of its policing strategy,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council ask that the BOARD OF THE OTTAWA POLICE SERVICES consider an enhanced collaboration with CRIME PREVENTION OTTAWA as a matter of urgent policy.

YEA: Unanimous (@save for Idris Ben Tahir - could not hear)

NAY:

RESOLUTION #10

WHEREAS, the City and in particular Rideau-Rockcliffe suffers from gang-related violence in its residential areas, and,

WHEREAS, the City, over 10 years ago, created CRIME PREVENTION OTTAWA with a mandate to assist communities and the agencies existing on the ground in reducing the incidence of crime and violent behaviour,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the budget allocated to CRIME PREVENTION OTTAWA be increased by 20% in the next budgetary cycle.

YEA: Johan Hamels, Idris Ben Tahir, Miklos Horvath, Rawlson King, Peter Karwacki, Sheila Perry, Jamie Kwong, Peter Heyck

NAY: Jerry Kovacs, Marc Dorgeville, Oriana Ngabirano, Penny Thompson, Patrick Mayangi (absent from vote - Bruce Faulkner) (Chris Penton, Kasia Adamiec - video not captured*)

RESOLUTION #11

WHEREAS the City of Ottawa's roads are in urgent need of repair, and,

WHEREAS it is sometimes claimed that transportation infrastructure dollars directed to road repair, even at the expense of resources supporting mass-transit, are justified as they also benefit the buses using the roadways,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that any increased tax dollars for road repairs be allocated only to roads on which buses operate.

YEA: Idris Ben Tahir, Peter Heyck

NAY: Johan Hamels, Jerry Kovacs, Marc Dorgeville, Oriana Ngabirano, Penny Thompson, Bruce Faulkner, Miklos Horvath, Rawlson King, Peter Karwacki, Patrick Mayangi, Sheila Perry, Jamie Kwong, Chris Penton, Kasia Adamiec

RESOLUTION #12

WHEREAS the City of Ottawa's urban forest has been devastated by the infestation of the "Emerald Ash Borer", and,

WHEREAS Ottawa's tree canopy is vital to a healthy and liveable urban environment,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that replacement trees planted be sourced from a varied stock of robust native tree types so as to forestall the proliferation of future aggressive infestations.

YEA: Johan Hamels, Jerry Kovacs, Marc Dorgeville, Penny Thompson, Idris Ben Tahir, Miklos Horvath, Rawlson King, Peter Karwacki, Patrick Mayangi, Sheila Perry, Jamie Kwong, Chris Penton, Kasia Adamiec, Peter Heyck

NAY: Bruce Faulkner (Oriana Ngabirano - did not hear)

RESOLUTION #13

WHEREAS the City of Ottawa's Official Plan must be updated, and,

WHEREAS Ottawa's history of urban development has been one which allows for and even promotes sprawl, and,

WHEREAS the City of Ottawa's Official Plan ought to enforce a "GROW IN NOT OUT" philosophy as a matter of urgent financial viability and environmental sustainability, even at the expense of developers demanding "choice" which inevitably means more sprawl into agricultural areas on the outer fringes, and,

WHEREAS the City of Ottawa's planning staff has stated many times that sufficient lands exist within the urban boundary to allow for future growth,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Council directs its staff to prepare an Official Plan which allows for growth exclusively within the existing urban boundary, **with no exceptions**, for the next planning cycle.

YEA: Johan Hamels, Marc Dorgeville, Miklos Horvath, Patrick Mayangi, Sheila Perry,

NAY: Jerry Kovacs, Oriana Ngabirano, Penny Thompson, Bruce Faulkner, Idris Ben Tahir, Rawlson King, Peter Karwacki, Jamie Kwong, Chris Penton, Kasia Adamiec, Peter Heyck

RESOLUTION #14

WHEREAS OC TRANSP0's current fare structure is one in which its clients pay some of the very highest fares in the entire country, and,

WHEREAS that fare structure is one result of urban sprawl and of Ottawa's policy of seeking an equality between user contribution (i.e. fares) on the one hand and subsidy from the taxpayer on the other to the OC Transpo budget, and,

WHEREAS no such 'equality of support' is required from exclusive users of the road system,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Council officially abandon its policy of requiring OC Transpo's budget to be a 50-50 mix of fares and tax subsidy.

YEA: Johan Hamels, Jerry Kovacs, Marc Dorgeville, Oriana Ngabirano, Penny Thompson, Bruce Faulkner, Idris Ben Tahir, Miklos Horvath, Rawlson King, Kasia Adamiec, Peter Heyck

NAY: Peter Karwacki, Patrick Mayangi, Sheila Perry, Jamie Kwong, Chris Penton

RESOLUTION #15

WHEREAS OC TRANSP0's current ridership has been declining for many years, and,

WHEREAS increased use of mass transit, as well as cycling and walking, is crucial if Ottawa is to have any hope of reducing green-house gas emissions, and,

WHEREAS it is crucial that Ottawa increase the use of its mass transit system by youth if we are to have any hope of changing the declining ridership currently experienced,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Council offer free ridership passes to all students of high-school age and older.

Amended to include the offer of free bus passes to seniors as well as students:

YEA: Johan Hamels, Jerry Kovacs, Marc Dorgeville, Oriana Ngabirano, Bruce Faulkner, Idris Ben Tahir, Miklos Horvath, Rawlson King

NAY: Penny Thompson, Peter Karwacki, Sheila Perry, Jamie Kwong, Chris Penton, Kasia Adamiec, Peter Heyck (Patrick Mayangi - video not captured*)

Unamended resolution (students only to get a free pass):

YEA: Johan Hamels, Marc Dorgeville, Oriana Ngabirano, Idris Ben Tahir, Miklos Horvath, Rawlson King, Peter Karwacki, Patrick Mayangi, Jamie Kwong, Peter Heyck

NAY: Jerry Kovacs, Penny Thompson, Bruce Faulkner, Sheila Perry (Chris Penton, Kasia Adamiec - video not captured*)

NOTES

PRESENT: Johan Hamels, Jerry Kovacs, Marc Dorgeville, Oriana Ngabirano, Penny Thompson, Bruce Faulkner, Idris Ben Tahir, Miklos Horvath, Rawlson King, Peter Karwacki, Patrick Mayangi, Sheila Perry, Jamie Kwong, Chris Penton, Kasia Adamiec, Peter Heyck

ABSENT: Maurice Lamirande - called in sick.

*Video not captured - occasionally, the video recording did not capture a candidate's vote. This was sometimes due to the "mock clerk" being in the way or sometimes due to the hands not being visible for other reasons during both Yea and Nay votes.

(@save for Idris Ben Tahir - could not hear) - This notation appears frequently prior to resolution # 9! The "mock clerk" was unaware that this problem existed until this resolution was called. Subsequently, a volunteer provided assistance to Mr. Ben Tahir.