

**Royal Architectural Institute of Canada (RAIC)**

**Full Comments Submitted by all the Respondents to RAIC Poll of Municipal Candidates**

**Ottawa, October 23, 2014**

**1. GEORGE ATANGA (WARD 12 RIDEAU-VANIER)**

I fully agree and thank you for this opportunity.

**2. MARC AUBIN (WARD 12 Rideau-Vanier)**

***If elected, I will advocate for making achieving architectural design excellence a top priority for City of Ottawa projects.***

**AUBIN:** I wholeheartedly agree with this statement. Particularly here in ward 12, the historic heart of the Nation's capital, where we have had bestowed upon us a number of landmark buildings from our forebears, we must find ways to press the private sector into a much higher standard of architectural excellence for new projects. This is all the more urgent now as we seem to be in the midst of a barrage of proposed new high rise projects in this ward.

***I would support the use of design competitions for significant municipal projects.***

**AUBIN:** Yes, I believe this is a requirement for significant municipal projects. It is through design competitions that we stimulate the creativity required to come up with the kind of results we need.

***Attaining carbon-neutral status for all Ottawa buildings by 2030 is a key priority for me.***

**AUBIN:** I am strongly supportive of such an initiative. The facts are clear that close to half of our greenhouse gas emissions in our City's climate are generated from our buildings and our buildings are with us for a long period of time. It is here that we have the biggest opportunity to address this environmental challenge.

***If elected, I will be an advocate for Ottawa's built cultural heritage.***

**AUBIN:** My track record on this topic is already clear. I have been an outspoken advocate for protecting our built cultural heritage for a decade. I was instrumental in reversing the NCC's and City of Ottawa's intentions on destroying two homes on Sussex Ave. in order to widen that road. I have also advocated strongly for the recognition of mid-century modern architecture and believe that there is still much work to be done in Ottawa so that we can preserve this era of history.

***If elected, I will support initiatives to rejuvenate our urban streets and spaces, and make them more bike- and pedestrian-friendly.***

**AUBIN:** I wholeheartedly agree with this statement, and I have also been active on this topic for over a decade, challenging the City's traffic operations staff to make concrete changes to our roadways that would make them more balanced people places rather than primarily conduits to channel the highest volume of cars through as fast as possible. Beyond just talking about Complete Streets as a broad policy goal I have concrete ideas of how the City can and should translate this policy into street-level implementations that communicate the message in daily life to pedestrians and cyclists that "if they are walking and cycling, they matter."

***Other comments:***

**AUBIN:** Once elected, I would be interested in meeting with your organization to explore concrete ideas on how we can 'inspire' the developers of this City to take more pride in their buildings and show more creativity in their design. These buildings are increasingly dominating our landscape and we will be looking at them for a long time to come. We must do better than what we have been.

### **3. SCOTT BLURTON (WARD 17 Capital)**

My response would be yes to all the statements. I do believe that Ottawa has generally improved the visual and architectural quality of its projects over the last few years. That said, I believe that we can work harder to continue to build Ottawa's architectural legacy for years to come. Public feedback is an essential element of these discussions as residents will be the primary viewers of Ottawa's growing architectural portfolio. As I state in my "Smart Development" platform, we are not simply creating buildings, we are also creating spaces in which people work, live and play. I also believe that with advances in building design and materials, we can achieve carbon neutral status by 2030. As for heritage buildings, it has become apparent that the city will move in the next session of council to ensure that landlords do not let their heritage properties degrade into dangerous conditions in order to justify demolition and redevelopment. I am also supportive of complete streets. My efforts over the next four years will be on safe intersections and on developing more pedestrian bridges across the Rideau River and Rideau Canal to give people more and safer options for getting around the city.

### **4. RILEY BROCKINGTON (WARD 16 River)**

***If elected, I will advocate for making achieving architectural design excellence a top priority for City of Ottawa projects.***

**BROCKINGTON:** I respect the fact that we are the nation's capital and that we bear a greater burden of achieving a higher standard of excellence in architectural design than all other cities. The parliamentary precinct has unique planning parameters already to take into account the significant government buildings on the Hill. Our laws already reflect the fact that Ottawa strives to be a unique place. I care about our capital city, and respect the concerns of the architecture

community. I believe that great design need not be expensive design. Keeping this in mind, it would be difficult for me to justify the approval of excessive costs for any new city buildings. To complete this line of thought, it is also unfair to expect private developers to absorb these costs.

***I would support the use of design competitions for significant municipal projects.***

**BROCKINGTON:** Yes, of course, but the financial impact must always be taken in to consideration.

***Attaining carbon-neutral status for all Ottawa buildings by 2030 is a key priority for me.***

**BROCKINGTON:** I support a carbon neutral status for all Ottawa buildings, however I do not have enough information at this time to conclude that the year 2030 is possible.

***If elected, I will be an advocate for Ottawa's built cultural heritage.***

**BROCKINGTON:** If elected, I will be respectful of Ottawa's built cultural heritage.

***If elected, I will support initiatives to rejuvenate our urban streets and spaces, and make them more bike- and pedestrian-friendly.***

**BROCKINGTON:** Yes, without question.

## **5. MARTIN CANNING (WARD 14 Somerset)**

***If elected, I will advocate for making achieving architectural design excellence a top priority for City of Ottawa projects.***

**CANNING:** Strongly agree

***I would support the use of design competitions for significant municipal projects.***

**CANNING:** Strongly agree. If the next council moves forward with building a new downtown library, or renovating the existing Main Branch, I'd push for a design competition to identify, and ultimately, select, an architectural firm for the job.

***Attaining carbon-neutral status for all Ottawa buildings by 2030 is a key priority for me.***

**CANNING:** Whether it's the #ottghg campaign, my time as vice-chair of the city's Environmental Advisory Committee, or establishing Canada's first EcoDistrict in downtown Ottawa, I have a record of driving sustainability in Ottawa, so I agree, in principle, but I'd prefer to see a detailed plan before providing my support for the 2030 Challenge. As councillor, I will work to position Somerset Ward and Ottawa as a model of urban sustainability through climate change leadership. My specific platform commitment in this regard is to maximize the city's climate change commitments in its Air Quality and Climate Change Action Plan and have those commitments included in the Term of Council Priorities, 2015-2018 - the new Council's work plan.

***If elected, I will be an advocate for Ottawa's built cultural heritage.***

**CANNING:** Agree. It's one of the reasons my campaign hosted this event at Somerset House:  
[https:// www.youtube.com/watch?v=aopdTdF8iG4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aopdTdF8iG4) !

***If elected, I will support initiatives to rejuvenate our urban streets and spaces, and make them more bike- and pedestrian-friendly.***

**CANNING:** Strongly agree. Here are two specific measures in my platform that will result in safe, sustainable, and affordable transportation options:

- Create a blueprint for a downtown grid of north-south and east-west cycling lanes. This will be accomplished by working with the cycling community, residents, local businesses, and staff colleagues; the exercise will also establish a timeline for completion.
- Formalize Ecology Ottawa's active transportation audit within future street reconstruction planning in Somerset Ward. This is exciting, as this measure will establish minimum street design parameters to maximize safety and accessibility, to which staff will need to respond.

#### **6. BARBARA CAROLL (WARD 16 River)**

I agree with all your points. Carbon neutrality by 2030 is ambitious. I look forward to working together with others at Council and the wider community to see what can be achieved so that we move forward in creating a vibrant City.

#### **7. DAVID CHERNUSHENKO (WARD 17 Capital) INCUMBENT**

I agree with all of the positions you outline.

#### **8. PETER CLARK (WARD 13 Rideau-Rockcliffe) INCUMBENT**

I have no difficulty in agreeing to all of these positions.

#### **9. EDWARD CONWAY (WARD 14 Somerset)**

##### **Question 1-2-4:**

When Pericles (Pheidias) built the Parthenon, he was unsparing in the architectural use of public monies. So much so that Thucydides accused him of spending too much on mere architecture. Pericles offered to pay for it himself and so name it after himself rather than the city. The city rather chose the Parthenon for itself, ultimately understanding the important part played by architecture in the life of a city. While I won't spend a year's revenue on design, my

viewpoint more Pericles than Thucydides. As an economic unit, a building is looked at as a flow of utilitarian services with a cost and a benefit. I am very much persuaded toward your aim of making buildings something more.

I was counsel to the *Internal Economy Committee* of the Senate when the *Long Term Vision and Plan* for the Parliamentary Precinct was presented. I am alive to the fact that the federal government pursues new and exciting architectural inspiration and saves its architectural heritage and the City generally does not. Having seen the federal approach I strongly believe in the importance of attempting to achieve cultural identification with City buildings.

**Question 3:**

As an economist, I have always been an advocate of internalizing all emissions (which translates into zero emission buildings) as a *short-term*, not a long-term goal. As an economist, the GHG output question becomes an energy *use* and *efficiency* question.

*Energy-use*

In 2008 Ottawa GHG output broke down as approximately 3 tons building-related GHG per capita plus 3 tons transport-related GHG per capita. Since Ontario switched from coal-fired electricity(2012) to nuclear, the building-related GHG emission has dropped very significantly.

*Energy-efficiency*

The ideal of zero-emission buildings is already achieved in the newest model buildings. Even with large GHG gains in energy-*use*, building efficiency will always be a natural goal and a goal I support.

**Question 6:**

Everyone who lives in Somerset ward recognizes the centrality of pedestrian priority streetscapes. This means wide sidewalks, urban spaces which attract people on foot. It points to a planning atmosphere which discourages the *mall parking-lot* approach to design, in favour of *organic* urban design which thinks as though cars were unnecessary.

**10. BERNARD COUCHMAN (Mayoral candidate)**

Achieving architectural design excellence is a top priority in my life.

**11. ALEX CULLEN (WARD 7 Bay)**

***If elected, I will advocate for making achieving architectural design excellence a top priority for City of Ottawa projects.***

**CULLEN:** Yes.

***I would support the use of design competitions for significant municipal projects.***

**CULLEN:** Yes.

***Attaining carbon-neutral status for all Ottawa buildings by 2030 is a key priority for me.***

**CULLEN:** Yes I support this goal (the challenge lies in what authority the City has, but it can certainly

set an example).

***If elected, I will be an advocate for Ottawa's built cultural heritage.***

**CULLEN:** Yes - I always have been & will continue to do so.

***If elected, I will support initiatives to rejuvenate our urban streets and spaces, and make them more bike- and pedestrian-friendly.***

**CULLEN:** Yes - I always have been & will continue to do so.

## **12. FRANCESCA D'AMBROSIO (WARD 11 Beacon-Hill-Cyrville )**

My answers are all affirmative. I have a love for all things beautiful and our city should reflect our diverse wealth of talent. I am especially partial to attaining carbon neutral status and creating a useful and vibrant biking and pedestrian community.

## **13. JEFF DUBOIS (WARD 18 Alta Vista)**

I'll make things really easy for you. I advocate ANY of those changes IF they can be implemented on a cost-neutral basis. My platform is based on rationality, pragmatism, and fiscal responsibility. Any initiatives which do not meet ALL of those criteria would not be endorsed.

## **14. MATHIEU FLEURY (WARD 12 Rideau-Vanier) INCUMBENT**

I agree with all statements.

## **15. CATHERINE FORTIN LEFAIVRE (WARD 12 Rideau Vanier)**

The quality of the built environment is extremely important to me.

## **16. KATHERINE HOBBS (WARD 15 Kitchissippi) INCUMBENT**

***If elected, I will advocate for making achieving architectural design excellence a top priority for City of Ottawa projects.***

**HOBBS:** Yes, I agree. We need a stronger commitment to design competitions for major projects, and should be unafraid for new buildings to make an impact and deliver a long term landmark we can all be proud of. I will bring this commitment to building a new central library, which must be an exemplary public building, preferably at Bayview Yards, a city owned Brownfield I am committed to bringing extensive design review to its rebirth as a vibrant urban neighbourhood, anchored by the Innovation Centre and a new Central Library.

***I would support the use of design competitions for significant municipal projects.***

**HOBBS:** Yes, I agree, and would welcome a discussion with RAIC as to how we can shape our policies to drive this goal forward.

***Attaining carbon-neutral status for all Ottawa buildings by 2030 is a key priority for me.***

**HOBBS:** Yes, I agree this is an enviable goal which I think the City of Ottawa should work closely with RAIC and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to achieve. I would welcome that partnership. A logical first step would be a significant demonstration project in time for the 2017 sesquicentennial celebrations. As co-chair of Ottawa 2017, a member of the Planning Committee, and a founding member of the Built Heritage Sub-Committee, I would be pleased to spearhead making this a reality.

***If elected, I will be an advocate for Ottawa's built cultural heritage.***

**HOBBS:** Yes, I will continue to be an advocate for Ottawa's built cultural heritage. I have a record of protecting the heritage that is critical in our communities. That is why, for instance, I protected the Bethany Hope Centre, then owned by the Salvation Army, because its history and landscape were important to maintain in Hintonburg. While the Salvation Army were initially not in favour as they felt it would reduce their land values, I gathered planners, heritage experts and the Salvation Army around the table and built a zoning envelope and heritage plan for the site that meant the Salvation Army could sell the property to build a new facility to serve the community, and the heritage and front lawn were protected. Importantly, it worked, and now a private developer has purchased the property and is building a sensitively designed building that follows the Community Design Plan and will enhance the Bethany Hope Centre for years to come.

***If elected, I will support initiatives to rejuvenate our urban streets and spaces, and make them more bike- and pedestrian-friendly.***

**HOBBS:** Yes, I agree, and my track record demonstrates my commitment to this principle. I think of this goal every day and the public realm is always my top priority when assessing new development and changes to the public realm and infrastructure. Personally, I committed in 2011 to give up my car for two months, but ended up giving it up permanently. I live a car free

lifestyle every day, and so I know what works and what doesn't for pedestrians, cyclists and transit users. Churchill Avenue will be Ottawa's first complete street because I sent the planners back to the drawing board to include best available cycling and pedestrian facilities. The results are striking. I have committed Council to doing the same for Scott Street in 2018, and I want to bring this approach to all major streets. As part of the Preston-Carling Secondary Plan, I engaged and pushed for table top streets, woonerfs, double multi-use pathways, and building streets as parks as critical goals in developing a new urban apartment neighbourhood around the Carling O-Train Station.

### ***Additional comments***

**HOBBS:** Our focus in 2010-2014 as a Council was to get the LRT construction underway and planned out, and then to fix the Official Plan to better evaluate where and how our City would grow up, rather than out. With that done, 2014-2018 will be about new challenges. In their questionnaire, the Ottawa Citizen asked what city building projects we saw coming in 2014-2018. I would like to share it with you as it was about the design of the city as a whole. My response was as follows: I think Council needs to have a comprehensive policy and plan for the public realm – streets, squares, parks, recreation, libraries and more –at the City scale. This should also include a funded plan to reach our goals for trees and maintaining our urban tree canopy. I want to make sure our values are reflected in how we design our streets, our parks, and our public facilities. I want Ottawa to have a strong vision for what we will look like in 10, 30, 50 years in the future, and we need to lay out how we get there, and that includes how we pay for it. To achieve this, I think the City needs a City architect and a City landscape architect to think broadly and define a vision for Ottawa as a whole. We need to set goals, and have targets to meet along the way. In terms of concrete projects, I support a new central library, preferably at Bayview Yards alongside the Innovation Centre and a new neighbourhood focussed on pedestrians and cycling and community spaces built following the Community Design Plan we passed for the area.

### **17. SCOTT HODGE (WARD 22 Gloucester-South Nepean)**

***If elected, I will advocate for making achieving architectural design excellence a top priority for City of Ottawa projects.***

**HODGE:** Agree

***I would support the use of design competitions for significant municipal projects.***

**HODGE:** Agree

***Attaining carbon-neutral status for all Ottawa buildings by 2030 is a key priority for me.***

**HODGE:** Agree

***If elected, I will be an advocate for Ottawa's built cultural heritage.***



**HODGE:** Agree

***If elected, I will support initiatives to rejuvenate our urban streets and spaces, and make them more bike- and pedestrian-friendly.***

**HODGE:** Agree – However, I personally do not like the reference of making our streets “more bike and pedestrian friendly”. I will be an advocate for safe streets and for street designs that facilitate and promote all modes of transportation but that do not cater to any particular mode of transportation, either singularly or collectively, over another mode. An exception to this would be where there is a specific characteristic that the City is trying to establish in a community through the development of a unique street such as a pedestrian mall or transit-only corridor through a commercial / retail area in a suburban community.

#### **18. MICHAEL KOSTIUK (WARD 16 River)**

I agree with all of these items and would support them if elected.

#### **19. DAVID LEE (WARD 6 Stittsville)**

As a rapidly growing community, it is essential that much of the development focus in this ward be on issues of design and build in order to ensure compatibility with existing neighbourhoods and the preservation of the character of the community. If elected, I should be more than happy to sit down with you to discuss these issues in detail.

#### **20. Jeff Lieper (WARD 15 Kitchissippi)**

***If elected, I will advocate for making achieving architectural design excellence a top priority for City of Ottawa projects.***

Absolutely. How can our municipal government talk about “design excellence” unless they are leading the way with their own projects? This principle should extend to city-owned lands as well. For example, Bayview Yards will likely be developed by the private sector, but the lands are city-owned. Design excellence must be a key factor in choosing who will be allowed to build on this prime site in my ward. Another major city project that is likely coming up is a new main Library. Again, architectural excellence must be a major consideration.

***I would support the use of design competitions for significant municipal projects.***

Again, absolutely. There is too much use by the City of terms like “landmark architecture,” particularly when evaluating development applications, when what they really mean is “this is big.” When the City builds anything major, a design competition should be a given. We need buildings in Ottawa with a “wow factor.”

***Attaining carbon-neutral status for all Ottawa buildings by 2030 is a key priority for me.***

This is one of the key parts of my platform. It is shameful that the City dealt with their inability to meet the targets for GHG reduction that they had previously set for themselves by simply getting rid of the targets. We must restore the corporate GHG reduction targets for the City, and they must lead to carbon neutrality.

***If elected, I will be an advocate for Ottawa's built cultural heritage.***

This is a major issue. Ottawa is losing far too much of our built heritage to neglect and demolition. We need to strengthen the demolition by neglect bylaw with real penalties, move all appropriate buildings that are currently only on the heritage list onto the Heritage Register so they have more protection, and increase the pace of designating individual buildings and creating new heritage districts. I particularly applaud the recent designation of Briarcliffe as Canada's first mid-century modern Heritage Conservation District in Canada. Finally, I will advocate giving expanded scope to the Built Heritage Subcommittee to consider and comment on heritage-related issues that fall outside the strict boundaries of the Heritage Act, including those under the Planning Act, like LACAC/OBHAC used to do.

***If elected, I will support initiatives to rejuvenate our urban streets and spaces, and make them more bike- and pedestrian-friendly.***

I am on record as strongly supporting complete streets, a safe and complete cycling network without gaps, and safe and pedestrian-friendly street design. Hintonburg, the community in which I have worked as a volunteer and served on the board and as president of the Hintonburg Community Association, has become a great example of rejuvenation of urban space and our streetscape. I worked hard to promote and facilitate this, and it should become the norm.

**21. ELLEN LOUGHEED (WARD 15 Kitchissippi)**

I totally agree with you. I have often asked myself why Ottawa is so architecturally barren. I would love to see more innovation and design. One more aspect I would add to the list, and that is making everything in architecture universally accessible to people with walkers, wheelchairs, people with low or no vision, washrooms that accommodate electric wheelchairs (not just small athletic wheelchairs designed for tall, young paraplegic men who can swing from chandeliers). Our population is rapidly aging, and that should be considered in all design.

**22. LIAM MAGUIRE (WARD 20 Osgoode)**

I don't have enough information on this at the moment, especially two weeks and change out from the election. This is not an issue in our ward. If I'm elected you're welcome to contact me

back and I'll dedicate time to it then to get a full grasp of how I can support this but I have no comments to support these initiatives at this moment.

**23. THOMAS MCVEIGH (WARD 14, Somerset)**

***If elected, I will advocate for making achieving architectural design excellence a top priority for City of Ottawa projects.***

**MCVEIGH:** Yes, not just to architectural, but also landscape architecture and urban design excellence.

***I would support the use of design competitions for significant municipal projects.***

**MCVEIGH:** Yes, I would support the use of design competitions for significant municipal projects, provided those competitions also take into account environmental impact, CPTED, and finances.

***Attaining carbon-neutral status for all Ottawa buildings by 2030 is a key priority for me.***

**MCVEIGH:** Yes, attaining carbon-neutral status for all Ottawa buildings by 2030 is a key priority for me.

***If elected, I will be an advocate for Ottawa's built cultural heritage.***

**MCVEIGH:** I will be an advocate for all of Ottawa's built cultural heritage.

***If elected, I will support initiatives to rejuvenate our urban streets and spaces, and make them more bike- and pedestrian-friendly.***

**MCVEIGH:** I believe in complete streets, and I believe that the built form of the streetscape is part of what makes streets pedestrian and bike friendly.

**24. CONOR MEADE (WARD 14 Somerset)**

I love great architecture and I promise you that as Councillor, I will prioritize the construction of beautiful and ambitious new projects, while protecting historically and architecturally significant buildings. Regarding your questions below, my response to all of them is yes. I admit that I have not looked deeply into the 2030 Challenge, so I cannot commit to achieving this, but as you've worded the question, I agree that it is a priority.

**25. BOB MONETTTE (WARD 1 Orleans) INCUMBENT**

I support Ottawa built cultural heritage. It has always been important in all decisions made on Council and it will continue to be a priority as we move forward. I also support the complete streets concept particularly when we are building new roads and it is always important to make streets that are bike and pedestrian friendly. This Council has taken a leadership role on this issue and I'm sure that we will continue to have it as a major responsibility as we move forward however it is impossible to do all roads but it is quite possible to upgrade areas where we see issues as well as put this concept in place for new infrastructure.

**26. JEFF MORRISON (WARD 14 Somerset)**

Having worked 8 years with the Canadian Construction Association as Director of Government Relations and Director of Environment, and then as 1 year as CEO of the Association of Canadian Engineering Companies, I worked very closely with RAIC. I can answer yes to all those questions. In fact, my platform contains 4 key themes: one of those is innovation, particularly in the built environment, which includes the need for world class architectural designs and concepts. I talk about increasing the city's minimum green requirement to LEED Gold. I've talked in my platform, as well as directly with the CEO of the National Capital Commission, about the need to increase architectural excellence in Ottawa's building (the NCC conversation came about as a result of a discussion on Lebreton Flats). When I was with ACEC, I lobbied governments to adopt QBS, so I'm very familiar with the notion of judging qualifications on more than price. Lastly, as part of my platform, I have very clearly stated my support for Complete Streets in any new redesign of a municipal street in the city. So yes, I think you'll find in me not just a supporter, but a champion who well understands the needs of the architectural community.

**27. TOBI NUSSBAUM (WARD 13 Rideau-Rockcliffe)**

I am pleased to say that I support each of the five statements. I am releasing my policy announcement on Planning and Development on Thursday, Oct. 16. I previously released my platform on transportation and within that release I identified candidates for Complete Streets within my ward, Rideau-Rockcliffe.

**28. MICHAEL PASTIEN (WARD 7, Bay)**

(Agreed with all statements)

**29. MIKE PATTON (WARD 16 River)**

***If elected, I will advocate for making achieving architectural design excellence a top priority for City of Ottawa projects.***

PATTON: agree

***I would support the use of design competitions for significant municipal projects.***

PATTON: agree

***Attaining carbon-neutral status for all Ottawa buildings by 2030 is a key priority for me.***

PATTON: disagree

***If elected, I will be an advocate for Ottawa's built cultural heritage.***

PATTON: agree

***If elected, I will support initiatives to rejuvenate our urban streets and spaces, and make them more bike- and pedestrian-friendly.***

PATTON: agree

### **30. SHEILA PERRY (WARD 13 Rideau-Rockcliffe)**

***If elected, I will advocate for making achieving architectural design excellence a top priority for City of Ottawa projects.***

**PERRY: YES:** There is a wonderful opportunity to advocate for architectural design excellence here in Ottawa. Aging buildings and newer structures provide an opportunity for innovation. This must be encouraged.

***I would support the use of design competitions for significant municipal projects.***

**PERRY: YES:** there is great opportunity for innovative and creative project work. Ottawa is a national destination and focus internationally. Therefore, we need to be more entrepreneurial and seek resources through competition. This approach will inspire excellence.

***Attaining carbon-neutral status for all Ottawa buildings by 2030 is a key priority for me.***

**PERRY: YES!!** Carbon neutral status is attainable and ambitious. Setting this goal is a priority and an opportunity to educate the public on appropriate improvements in our daily lives and throughout the city.

***If elected, I will be an advocate for Ottawa's built cultural heritage.***

**PERRY: YES!!** As a member of Heritage Ottawa, I promise to support built heritage. We are blessed with significant heritage here in Ottawa. As a nation's capital, we must support and protect this. As we move toward 2017 and our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, there is an opportunity to celebrate heritage. Heritage Ottawa is doing a great job with the walks and seminars!

**If elected, I will support initiatives to rejuvenate our urban streets and spaces, and make them more bike- and pedestrian-friendly.**

**PERRY:** YES: I totally agree with this. As a member of the community panel for the Official Plan Review and Building a Liveable Ottawa 2031, I have supported the master plan for transportation and increasing the modal share of cycling. Our city is perfectly situated for better paths and infrastructure. Bike and pedestrian friendly goals will increase our quality of life. Research supports this movement throughout the world.

As a cyclist, I have supported Bike Ottawa and Citizens for Safe Cycling and Ecology Ottawa.

***Additional comments***

As Chair of our Planning and Development committee for the Federation of Citizens Associations Ottawa Carleton, I have advocated for the following 10 principles during the 3 year period leading up to the Official Plan approval.

- Protect community character
- Conserve, avoid sprawl
- Protect nature and infrastructure
- Provide for town centres
- Balance employment/development
- Enhance the beauty of the city
- Focus on mainstreets, established commercial centres and major activity
- Be clear and authoritative - the OP must set standards, evaluation, consultation
- Plan for transit oriented development destinations
- Leave no one behind

**31. MICHELLE REIMER (WARD 15 Kitchissippi)**

***If elected, I will advocate for making achieving architectural design excellence a top priority for City of Ottawa projects.***

**REIMER:** Yes. Agree.

***I would support the use of design competitions for significant municipal projects.***

**REIMER:** Agree (in principle)

***Attaining carbon-neutral status for all Ottawa buildings by 2030 is a key priority for me.***

**REIMER:** Agree

***If elected, I will be an advocate for Ottawa's built cultural heritage.***

**REIMER:** Agree

***If elected, I will support initiatives to rejuvenate our urban streets and spaces, and make them***

*more bike- and pedestrian-friendly.*

**REIMER:** Agree

### **32. TREVOR ROBINSON (WARD 7 Bay)**

As I have previously stated in information requests, as well as in social and mainstream media, I am not going to be making campaign promises, false or otherwise, simply to acquire votes. My goal, if honoured to be elected, is to do my part to make Bay Ward and the City of Ottawa a better place, simply put. The above being said, I am proud to have been able to call Ottawa's Bay Ward my home all of my life. I am also proud of the unique heritage that the region and its buildings have to offer and wish to see it properly maintained so that future generations can also enjoy it, safely. I also enjoy the various conversations that I have had with a few family friends who are architects. As the nation's capital, we need to be memorable and recognizable for positive reasons, not solely for being the city that hosts Parliament Hill. Accordingly our buildings, among other things, need to be recognized in this same positive light. Our city, including new and existing buildings (heritage restrictions notwithstanding), along with its infrastructure needs to be efficient, accessible and environmentally friendly, among other attributes.

### **33. ALLEN SCANTLAND (WARD 20 Osgoode)**

I actually believe in the beauty of form and function, of which there are some examples of the buildings we see downtown. I worked 20 years in govt. and have worked in my share of ugly, buildings that lacked both form and function.

***If elected, I will advocate for making achieving architectural design excellence a top priority for City of Ottawa projects.***

**SCANTLAND:** While I agree that architecture should have a basis in city plans, in the building it commissions, it is not a top priority for the city. Certain a high priority in context but it is not on the lips and minds of the constituents of Osgoode Ward. Interestingly most of the residents of Osgoode Ward are very interested and proud of the architectural heritage of some of the older buildings and of the public facilities, even if some of the new buildings still have that overly public use flavour.

***I would support the use of design competitions for significant municipal projects.***

**SCANTLAND:** I would agree that architectural design should have a strong scoring in the building design and in the procurement strategies. I very strongly agree that design competitions should be the only way to commission projects. I don't believe that public opinion on building design should be the main or only factor in deciding the quality of the design, however, I do agree that unfettered designs at any cost have less merit for municipal public buildings.

***Attaining carbon-neutral status for all Ottawa buildings by 2030 is a key priority for me.***

**SCANTLAND:** This is a little to vogue for me. The real issues for building is not only sensible energy use, especially in design for off hours, but in waste management. The Province regulates waste for Commercial, Industrial & Institutional. Better management of this waste should not only make economic sense it has to be a planned feasibility. Right now this unregulated industry for waste management has lead to a lucrative dump to be proposed in Carlesbad Springs/Edwards off the 417. If CII waste was better managed the need for a dump would be less. As an aside, I personally just love low flow toilets in buildings with lower pressure, nothing makes more sense that having crap overflowing in a washroom.

***If elected, I will be an advocate for Ottawa's built cultural heritage.***

**SCANTLAND:** Yes, it is important to maintain heritage. I also want to reduce a great deal of the costs and red tape in development. I have read of many instances where there are significant costs and delays in presenting or advocating plans because of headless regulation. These costs are directly transferred to the tenants and owners of those buildings that greatly diminish the scope

and viability of many businesses. It cannot be heritage at any cost, I hope you appreciate that rural wards struggle to get services that are plainly offered in urban and suburban wards. We cannot abstain from being mindful of costs to ensure that rural residents obtain greater access to services.

***If elected, I will support initiatives to rejuvenate our urban streets and spaces, and make them more bike- and pedestrian-friendly.***

**SCANTLAND:** This is an urban focused issue and in my mind only serves to illustrate the urban rural divide in issues and in access to funds for services. In rural wards we would like roads to be wider to allow a paved shoulder that could be used recreationally, allow for farming equipment to not block roads, and to have better shoulders that are wide enough and stable enough for those that pull over. For rural residents, we find the blatant narrow residential streets of suburbs a direct affront to those with need of vehicles and further access to parking downtown utterly villainous. Ultimately, rural wards receive the change after urban wards have spent the dollars.

#### **34. KIM SHELDRIK (WARD 20 Osgoode)**

***If elected, I will advocate for making achieving architectural design excellence a top priority for City of Ottawa projects.***

**SHELDRIK:** I agree within a budgetary limit for each project

***I would support the use of design competitions for significant municipal projects.***

**SHELDRIK:** I agree as long as a budgetary number is included in the design and adhered to.



***Attaining carbon-neutral status for all Ottawa buildings by 2030 is a key priority for me.***

**SHELDRIK:** I agree

***If elected, I will be an advocate for Ottawa's built cultural heritage.***

**SHELDRIK:** Definitely

***If elected, I will support initiatives to rejuvenate our urban streets and spaces, and make them***

***more bike- and pedestrian-friendly.***

**SHELDRIK:** I agree

### **35. VANESSA SUTTON (WARD 16 River)**

***If elected, I will advocate for making achieving architectural design excellence a top priority for City of Ottawa projects.***

**SUTTON:** Agreed in relation to new building construction projects.

***I would support the use of design competitions for significant municipal projects.***

**SUTTON:** Agreed.

***Attaining carbon-neutral status for all Ottawa buildings by 2030 is a key priority for me.***

**SUTTON:** I would need to understand the cost implications associated with this goal in the context of the city's ability to fund this initiative prior to expressing an opinion.

***If elected, I will be an advocate for Ottawa's built cultural heritage.***

**SUTTON:** Agreed.

***If elected, I will support initiatives to rejuvenate our urban streets and spaces, and make them more bike- and pedestrian-friendly.***

**SUTTON:** Agreed.

### **36. ANWAR SYED (Mayoral candidate)**

***If elected, I will advocate for making achieving architectural design excellence a top priority for City of Ottawa projects.***

**SYED:** Yes, I will advocate for making achieving architectural design excellence a top priority for City of Ottawa projects. Who better than a candidate who understand the beauty of architecture

due to my career in construction field and whose roots belong to a nation which has given Taj Mahal a unique architectural beauty to the world.

***I would support the use of design competitions for significant municipal projects.***

**SYED:** Yes, I would support

***Attaining carbon-neutral status for all Ottawa buildings by 2030 is a key priority for me.***

**SYED:** Yes, I applaud RAIC's stance on promoting this challenge and Yes, I will keep this as a key priority

***If elected, I will be an advocate for Ottawa's built cultural heritage.***

**SYED:** Yes, I will support such building cultural heritage except when the building has become structurally weak and poses public safety.

***If elected, I will support initiatives to rejuvenate our urban streets and spaces, and make them more bike- and pedestrian-friendly.***

**SYED:** Yes, absolutely, I would like to establish car free zones in areas & on Holidays wherever/whenever possible as was done for Sparks street -downtown Ottawa.

### **37. PENNY THOMPSON (WARD 13 Rideau-Rockcliffe)**

**Q1.** Yes, if I am elected, I will advocate for architectural design excellence as a top priority for City of Ottawa projects.

**Q2.** Yes, I support design quality. I would support the use of design competitions for significant municipal projects.

**Q3.** Yes, attaining carbon-neutral status for all Ottawa buildings by 2030 is a key priority for me.

**Q4.** Yes, I will be an advocate for Ottawa's built cultural heritage.

**Q.5.** Yes, I will support initiatives to rejuvenate our urban streets and spaces and make them more bike and pedestrian friendly.

### **38. CURTIS TOM (WARD 14 Somerset)**

***If elected, I will advocate for making achieving architectural design excellence a top priority for City of Ottawa projects.***

**TOM:** I agree with this as it would help build on Ottawa's character and may potentially attract more tourism to the city.

***I would support the use of design competitions for significant municipal projects.***

**TOM:** I would support design competitions for most municipal projects and probably reach out to the community for feedback on designs. I believe great designs would enhance the look and appeal of Ottawa's existing architecture.

***Attaining carbon-neutral status for all Ottawa buildings by 2030 is a key priority for me.***

**TOM:** I would support this priority especially for new buildings but I would definitely investigate further to see if there would be enough time for existing buildings to make alterations to achieve carbon-neutral status by 2030.

***If elected, I will be an advocate for Ottawa's built cultural heritage.***

**TOM:** Yes, I would place emphasis on buildings and environments that have significant cultural heritage.

***If elected, I will support initiatives to rejuvenate our urban streets and spaces, and make them more bike- and pedestrian-friendly.***

**TOM:** Yes, I would support initiatives on making downtown more bike-friendly but still work towards alleviating traffic congestion for motor vehicles, as it is still a main form of transportation for many.

### **39. MARC VINETTE (WARD 12 Rideau-Vanier)**

#### **DESIGN EXCELLENCE**

I'd sure like to see some. Government buildings in Ottawa are eyesores, in the weird intersection of the grotesque and banal. The main library is a case in point- ugly, poorly designed for human use and virtually impossible to retrofit. Many of my friends from around the world who visit note that the "old stuff" (Parliament, the Chateau, churches) is lovely and edifying, while the "new stuff" is simply pathetic (the one exception is the Gallery). I would insist that any new start municipal buildings meet the highest standards of functionality and aesthetics.

#### **DESIGN COMPETITIONS**

Absolutely! Bucky Fuller is one of my heroes. I will do my best to engage residents in democratizing the selection process.

#### **CARBON NEUTRALITY**

I'm more worried about getting hydrofluorosillisic acid out of the water supply. Though at some point it may be illegal, I will continue to exhale carbon dioxide and be made of the stuff. Instead, let's turn off the lights in government buildings at night. That's a practical goal that impacts the environment directly.

#### **HERITAGE**

Funny you mention that. My grandfather's silo (the "Vinette Silo") was declared a heritage site this summer. I am absolutely committed to preserving our city's dwindling architectural heritage. Given the stall in the local condo market, there's a unique opportunity to redirect developers towards renewal projects. I have a plan for this I'll be announcing soon.

## **COMPLETE STREETS**

As someone who walks, bikes and drives I'm well aware of the crappy conditions across the board. This is one of those things that sound good on paper, the application maybe leading to chaos. Certainly in principle I agree, but there are serious safety issues (mixing car and bike traffic) that need to be rationally addressed. I observed how Taiwanese municipalities successfully addressed the horrendous accident/fatality rate by building segregated lanes. Having said that, for the vast majority of residents, cycling is a 6 month of the year affair. We need to measure new plans vs. practical needs.

### **40. MARIANNE WILKINSON (WARD 4 Kanata North) INCUMBENT**

***If elected, I will advocate for making achieving architectural design excellence a top priority for City of Ottawa projects.***

**WILKINSON:** The answer is yes. The new Beaverbrook Library opened in August is an excellent example as is the new Richcraft Recreation Complex Kanata opened in Dec. 2015. They are not expensive or elaborate but look great and functional well and that's how buildings should be designed. I've found that good designs don't need to be more costly - they just need to be thought through at the start of doing the design.

***I would support the use of design competitions for significant municipal projects.***

**WILKINSON:** We don't do many significant projects but if one comes up (e.g. a new Central Library) then whether it is a City project or a 3P it needs to have a quality design and a competition could be used then. Any procurement for design services after give serious consideration on the design quality of the proponents.

***Attaining carbon-neutral status for all Ottawa buildings by 2030 is a key priority for me.***

**WILKINSON:** In principle I agree but some older buildings may not be able to meet this status - I support moving quickly in this direction however.

***If elected, I will be an advocate for Ottawa's built cultural heritage.***

**WILKINSON:** I'm already working on this for the Beaverbrook Community as built cultural heritage is more than just individual buildings and is not only for older buildings. It also can apply to infrastructure, e.g. the Valour Bridge.

***If elected, I will support initiatives to rejuvenate our urban streets and spaces, and make them more bike- and pedestrian-friendly.***

**WILKINSON:** I was the one who put forward to have Ottawa a part of the international pedestrian friendly city and when Chair of Transportation worked on the Downtown Moves vision for complete streets. I'm also working with staff to create complete streets in Kanata North and have a voluntary committee, Transportation Action Committee Kanata (TACK) that is concentrating first on cycling and pedestrian improvements.

#### **41. GEORGE WRIGHT (WARD 20 Osgoode)**

***If elected, I will advocate for making achieving architectural design excellence a top priority for City of Ottawa projects.***

**WRIGHT:** Agreed provided the project is in a prominent location and will be accessible to the public. I believe the design of the various LRT stations along the new Confederation Line are examples of great design.

***I would support the use of design competitions for significant municipal projects.***

**WRIGHT:** For significant municipal projects, yes.

***Attaining carbon-neutral status for all Ottawa buildings by 2030 is a key priority for me.***

**WRIGHT:** Having lived off grid with wind and solar energy for 25 years now, I feel it is important to lead by example. I would not say key priority, but important.

***If elected, I will be an advocate for Ottawa's built cultural heritage.***

**WRIGHT:** Potentially yes, but on a case by case basis. Of note, I am a licensed carpenter, and in the past have been involved in two prominent projects with heritage significance; interior and exterior renovations to the Army Officers' Mess on Somerset Street and the Charles Ogilvy Estate residence on Edison Avenue at Kenwood Avenue. The latter, as part of a larger infill project undertaken by Uniform Urban Developments and Barry Hobin, was the winner of an Ottawa Architectural Conservation Award in 2007.

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**WRIGHT:** The city is currently introducing new pedestrian and cycling design into the Main Street renewal and Churchill Avenue rehabilitation projects. I believe these two projects will provide the city with good benchmarks to move forward with the "complete streets" principle. I will be following the success of them closely.

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Poll reveals municipal candidates' views on architecture and urban design**

**OTTAWA, October 23, 2014** – Candidates in Ottawa's urban wards are far more likely to indicate support for policies aimed at improving the city's architecture and urban design than candidates in suburban and rural wards, a poll suggests.

The Royal Architectural Institute of Canada (RAIC), the national professional association which advocates for excellence in the built environment, asked mayoral and council candidates for their position on five questions related to design quality, the environment and heritage.

Of the eight mayoral candidates, only two responded – Bernard Couchman and Anwar Syed. Of the 124 candidates for city council, just 39 expressed their opinion.

"It's regrettable that there's so little apparent interest in architecture and urban design from the mayoral candidates, given this the capital of a G8 country," said Allan Teramura, FRAIC, RAIC regional director for Ontario North, East and Nunavut.

The vast majority of respondents – 31 – were in urban wards. Suburban and rural wards yielded just four responses each. A second mailing, directed to them, pointed out that good design can enrich suburban life as well and that the protection of agricultural landscapes is a heritage issue.

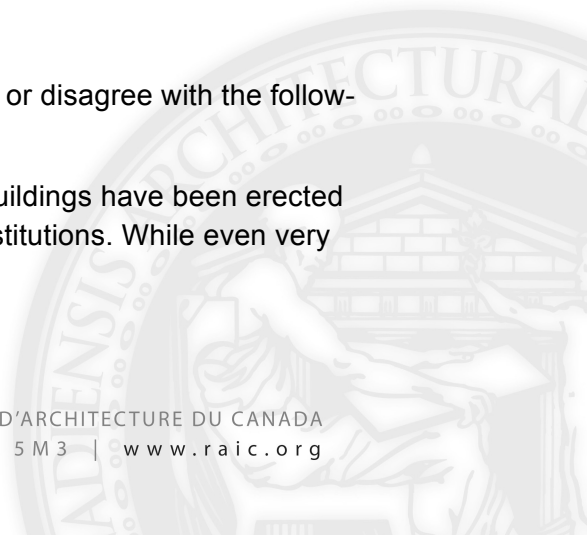
"There's a very high level of interest in these issues in urban wards, with most candidates providing strong statements of support," says Teramura. "It's possible there could be a half-dozen or so councillors with an interest in design. It's still a minority, but it's a start.

"I understand that many people get involved in municipal politics because of issues in their immediate community, but in an amalgamated city, councillors have to be prepared to understand and deal with issues far from where they live," says Teramura.

"This is a challenge for both urban and rural councillors."

The RAIC asked candidates to state whether they agree or disagree with the following statements (in bold).

- On design quality: while a number of landmark buildings have been erected in Ottawa recently, they are all built by federal institutions. While even very



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small municipal projects across Canada regularly receive major awards and international media coverage, the City of Ottawa's generally do not. We believe this can and must change.

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- On the hiring of architects: in many jurisdictions, commissions are awarded on the basis of the outcome of design competitions in order to foster design excellence, but also to support talented emerging practices. The result is better design, greater public awareness of the value of design, and better value for money spent.

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- On the environment: buildings are among the biggest emitters of greenhouse gases. The RAIC is sponsoring the 2030 Challenge, which aims to achieve carbon neutrality throughout the built environment by 2030.

***Attaining carbon-neutral status for all Ottawa buildings by 2030 is a key priority for me.***

- On heritage: Ottawa has a rich architectural heritage, and often this inheritance is unnecessarily at risk. Today, this is particularly true for post-war buildings and environments.

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- On urban design: For many years city streets have been designed to give priority for motor vehicles. Today, to make alternate means of transportation such as walking, cycling, and public transit more appealing, and also to im-



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prove the quality of life generally, many cities are re-thinking these assumptions. The “Complete Streets” movement is one example.

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Teramura notes that Ottawa is undergoing many changes today. Important issues affecting Ottawa's urban landscape are being debated, including the possibility of building a new main library, increasing pressure to intensify mature neighbourhoods and the continuing development of LeBreton Flats. With the events of Canada's sesquicentennial coming soon, the spotlight will be on Ottawa, nationwide.

“While I would not expect new candidates from rural or suburban wards to have many strongly held opinions on issues that primarily affect the downtown, I would have thought that incumbents would, having had a few years of grappling with them,” said Teramura. “And yet there was relatively little response from these candidates.”

(The six incumbents who replied are David Chernushenko, Peter Clark, Mathieu Fleury, Katherine Hobbs, Bob Monette and Marianne Wilkinson.)

Here is a sample of responses (Please see attachment for full responses from all respondents.)

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*“I wholeheartedly agree with this statement. Particularly here in ward 12, the historic heart of the nation's capital, where we have had bestowed upon us a number of landmark buildings from our forebears, we must find ways to press the private sector into a much higher standard of architectural excellent for new projects.”*

-Marc Aubin, Ward 12, Rideau Vanier

*“As a rapidly growing community, it is essential that much of the development focus in this ward be on issues of design and build in order to ensure compatibility with existing neighbourhoods and the preservation of the character of the community.”*

-David Lee, Ward 6, Stittsville





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*“There is too much use by the City of terms like “landmark architecture,” particularly when evaluating development applications, when what they really mean is “this is big.” When the City builds anything major, a design competition should be a given. We need buildings in Ottawa with a “wow factor.”*

-Jeff Lieper, Ward 15 Kitchissippi

*“There is great opportunity for innovative and creative project work. Ottawa is a national destination and focus internationally. Therefore, we need to be more entrepreneurial and seek resources through competition. This approach will inspire excellence.”*

-Sheila Perry, Ward 13, Rideau-Rockcliffe

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*“The ideal of zero-emission buildings is already achieved in the newest model buildings... Building efficiency will always be a natural goal and a goal I support.”*

-Edward Conway, Ward 14, Somerset

*“I applaud RAIC’s stance on promoting this challenge and yes; I will keep this as a key priority.”*

-Anwar Syed, Mayoral Candidate

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*“I am proud of the unique heritage that the region and its buildings have to offer and wish to see it properly maintained so that future generations can also enjoy it safely.”*

-Trevor Robinson, Ward 7, Bay

*“I’m already working on this for the Beaverbrook community as built cultural heritage is more than just individual buildings and is not only for older buildings. It also can apply to infrastructure, e.g. the Valour Bridge.”*

-Marianne Wilkinson, Ward 4, Kanata North

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*“I am especially partial to attaining carbon neutral status and creating a useful and vibrant biking and pedestrian community.”*



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-Francesca D’Ambrosio, Ward 11, Beacon Hill-Cyrville

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-Allen Scantland, Ward 20, Osgoode

Responses were received from candidates in nine urban wards ( 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18); four suburban wards (1,4,6, 22) and one rural ward (20).

## ABOUT THE RAIC

The Royal Architectural Institute of Canada is a voluntary national association, representing 4,800 members. The RAIC advocates for excellence in the built environment, works to demonstrate how design enhances the quality of life and promotes responsible architecture in addressing important issues of society.

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