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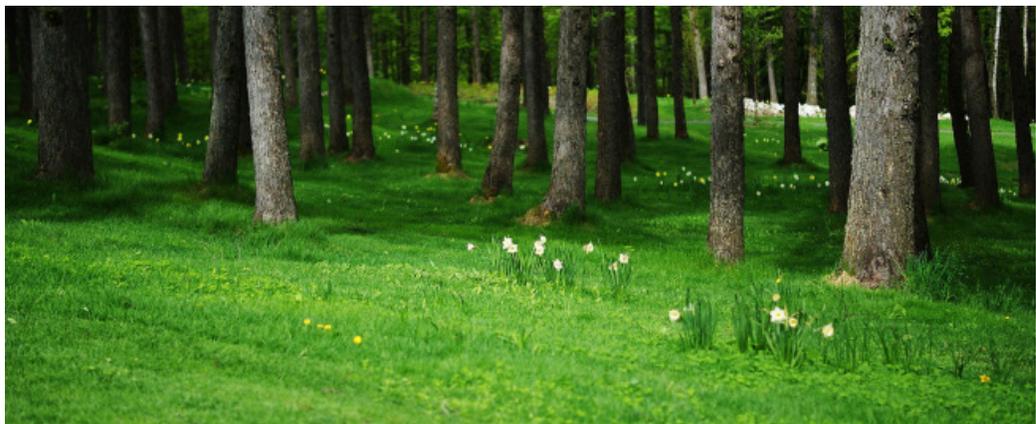
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## **ALL-CANDIDATES SURVEY**

UPDATED OCTOBER 24

### **MILLION-TREES PLAN GARNERS OVERWHELMING APPROVAL**

Faced with the devastation of Ottawa's trees caused by the emerald ash borer, more than nine out of ten city council candidates want to see a million trees planted in the city by 2017. An equal number are prepared to invest in the development and implementation of a new forest management strategy to preserve and protect the city's trees.



A survey conducted by Ecology Ottawa shows that more than nine out of ten candidates running for city council support an initiative to plant one million trees by the 150th anniversary of Confederation in 2017, and the development of a comprehensive plan to protect and preserve Ottawa's forest cover.

Candidates not only want the city to plant more trees, they want greater diversity in the trees planted, and they want everyone to work together on the million-trees initiative, civic groups, residents, businesses, community groups and individuals.

Nearly all candidates understand the crucial role trees play in our urban environment, replacing pollution with oxygen, mitigating the effects of climate change, and providing habitat for a multitude of animal species.

Candidates enthusiastically endorsed the city's pledge to improve its efforts to protect urban forests through a new Forest Management Strategy, while noting that costs must be kept within budget. Each candidate's response can be found in the table below, organized by ward.

## What's the Issue?

Tens of millions of Ottawa's trees are expected to die in the next few years from a pest called the emerald ash borer. Many of the city's other trees are in danger of damage and destruction by extreme weather (such as last winter's ice storm), urban expansion, and old age. The city is treating selected ash trees, but injections of insecticide are costly and must be done every two years.

Trees are a significant and integral component of our urban ecology. They remove dust and pollution from the air and replace them with sweet fragrances and fresh oxygen. They are home to a multitude of animal species, supplying food, shelter, and habitat year-round. Trees help mitigate the effects of climate change, contribute to water retention and add beauty to our urban landscape. Plus, they give us food, shade, recreation, and noise barriers.

## The Million-Trees Initiative

To encourage rapid replacement of dying trees, a variety of civic groups have launched an ambitious plan to plant a million trees in the city, by July 1, 2017, Canada's 150th Anniversary. That would be equivalent to one for every resident of Ottawa.

The city plants about 100,000 trees a year and its efforts are supplemented by the work of civic organizations. Scouts Canada planted 30,000 trees last year, and the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority about 300,000, although not all within city limits. About 250,000 have

been planted thus far toward the goal of one million.

More than ninety percent of city council candidates support this initiative.

## Forest Management Strategy

Working under a Forest Management Strategy from 2003, Ottawa City Council allocated \$16.3 million this year to the forestry budget, plus an additional \$1.2 million to cover tree planting in response to the emerald ash borer and to increase forest cover.

In 2014 the city announced its intention to develop a new Forest Management Strategy along the lines of Toronto's 10-year plan for its tree cover, although no timeline has been set. More than nine out of ten city council candidates favour a strong strategy with sufficient budget to make it work.

## Creative Ideas

Many candidates called for increasing the diversity of Ottawa's tree cover, to lessen its vulnerability to pests. The death of millions of ash trees highlights a lesson that should have been learned after Dutch elm disease wiped out Ottawa's tree cover decades ago.

A second theme in most responses was the involvement of civic organizations and residents in the effort to protect and preserve Ottawa's tree cover. Some suggested schools should encourage students to get involved; others proposed partnerships with private donors and voluntary organizations; still others suggested a partnership with the National Capital Commission.

For the city's direct role, respondents suggested improved by-laws, rewarding developers for protecting trees, using cash-in-lieu of parklands fees to fund tree-planting, creating additional green space (including a new green belt) and resisting development that would reduce the tree cover.

Several respondents suggested the city educate residents about tree care and involve residents in selecting where trees should be planted. One suggested a city program to plant trees in memory of loved ones.

## Few Dissenters

The five candidates that indicated “NO” on the question about the million-trees initiative expressed doubts about feasibility and concerns about costs. Many of those answering “YES” also indicated that investments must stay within budget.

Of the six candidates who indicated “NO” on the Forest Management Strategy, two were concerned about costs, two would withhold judgment until they see the details, and two cited concerns about respecting property rights (a point echoed by one who answered “YES”). Many of those answering “YES” also made their support contingent on seeing the details of the strategy.

Two candidates did not clearly state “YES” or “NO” in their responses.

Voters in Wards 7, 8, 16, 20, 22 and 23 have a choice to make, since opposing candidates have clearly opposing views on planting trees and protecting Ottawa’s forest cover.

## 69 percent Response Rate

Over two-thirds of all candidates have responded to date. The highest response rate came in Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 19 and 23. In Ward 9 only one candidate has responded thus far. No candidates have yet responded from Ward 6. Ecology Ottawa will update the results on its website as responses come in.

The urban core is made up of Wards 11 through 18. Ottawa’s rural areas lie in Wards 5, 19, 20 and 21. Those wards considered primarily suburban are Wards 1 through 10 and Wards 22 and 23.

The city should turn the tragedy of the ash borer into an opportunity to dramatically increase the scale and diversity of our tree canopy. Ecology Ottawa would like all candidates to strongly support a Forest Management Strategy for the city. If elected, they will determine the funding and priority accorded to preserving and protecting our trees over the next four years.

## The Questions

As part of a general survey ahead of the October municipal elections, Ecology Ottawa asked all candidates for mayor and city council to

answer two questions regarding their plans for preserving and protecting Ottawa's tree cover:

1. The Emerald Ash Borer infestation is killing millions of trees across Ottawa, including about 25 percent of the trees in the urban area. In response, organizations and individuals, including the City of Ottawa, are coming together to set the collective goal of planting a million trees in our nation's capital as part of our contribution to Canada's 150 birthday celebration in 2017. If elected, will you support and prioritize investments towards this goal?

2. The City of Ottawa has announced its intention to develop a new Forest Management Strategy. If elected, will you support the development of a strong strategy and the investments necessary to realize the strategy's goals?

Candidates' full responses can be found in the following ward-by-ward table.

## What you can do:

- Ask if your candidate has submitted their answers.
- Ask one or more of these questions at an all candidate's meeting or when you meet your candidate at the door.
- Watch for Ecology Ottawa's reports on how candidates responded and add your voice via social media.

# Candidate Responses

<p><b>CANDIDATES</b></p> <p>*indicates incumbent</p>	<p>The Emerald Ash Borer infestation is killing millions of trees across Ottawa, including about 25 percent of the trees in the urban area. In response, organizations and individuals, including the City of Ottawa, are coming together to set the collective goal of planting a million trees in our nation's capital as part of our contribution to Canada's 150th birthday celebration in 2017. If elected, will you support and prioritize investments towards this goal?</p>	<p>The City of Ottawa has announced its intention to develop a new Forest Management Strategy. If elected, will you support the development of a strong strategy and the investments necessary to realize the strategy's goals?</p>
<p><b>86 Respondents (69% of total) 92% of respondents answered YES 90% of respondents answered YES</b></p>		
<p><b>WARD 1 – Orleans</b></p>		
<p>Gordon R. Jensen</p>	<p>YES - Certainly, replacement of trees lost to disease, development or any reason is a great cause and essential to the health of our future. I have been heavily involved with scouting and always fully supported their efforts to this end. I strongly encourage community involvement and corporate sponsorship to support and further this goal. I believe that the current active urban developers could demonstrate community awareness by supporting this effort as well, and minimize impact on the taxpayers.</p>	<p>YES - I support the development of a Forest Management Strategy, and support in principle implementation of progressive and restorative goals toward the management and maintenance of trees in the city. I would however need to review fully the plans or recommendations before committing to supporting or opposing items proposed within, in order to maximize the benefit to the city and minimize the chance for unforeseen consequence.</p>
<p>Bob Monette *</p>	<p>YES - The City of Ottawa has been very aggressive with the Emerald Ash Borer infestation and in fact we have identified it as a major priority for the City and this term of Council approved an extra million dollars in funding for trees to be treated. The City has also committed to replacing trees which must be removed and I support these initiatives.</p>	<p>YES - I have stated yes but it will be on condition that a full report is brought forward and all financial and environmental implications are considered before a final decision is made.</p>
<p>Jennifer Robitaille</p>	<p>YES</p>	<p>YES</p>

**WARD 2 – Innes**

<p><b>Laura Dudas</b></p>	<p><b>YES - As the president of my community association, I have been involved in co-organizing a multi-phased community tree planting project in partnership with Ecology Ottawa and the City of Ottawa that will see the replanting of areas of the Blackburn Hamlet community hardest hit by the Emerald Ash Borer. I strongly support the city's involvement in helping communities replace the trees that were lost to this invasive insect, while at the same time planting trees for our future.</b></p>	<p><b>YES - The city needs to have a long-term Forest Management Plan that will outline how we will invest and maintain our forests in the years to come.</b></p>
<p><b>Chris Fraser</b></p>	<p><b>YES</b></p>	<p><b>YES</b></p>
<p><b>Eldon Holder</b></p>	<p><b>YES</b></p>	<p><b>YES</b></p>
<p><b>Chantal Lecours</b></p>		
<p><b>Jody Mitic</b></p>	<p><b>YES</b></p>	<p><b>YES - I would like to see more trees in our urban areas and the diversity of low-growth to be expanded in all areas of the City.</b></p>
<p><b>Andrew Modray</b></p>	<p><b>YES - Being a home owner who has fallen victim to the Ash Borer I am very much in favour of anything to replace the trees in this city that have succumbed to this plague. As well, come 2017 I want to show the world that our city is first class and able to put on a fantastic show for the whole world to view, enjoy and comment about positively.</b></p>	<p><b>YES - Again my focus is on achieving fiscal stability first within the City's tight budgetary guidelines. Once all our core services are fully funded and operating at maximum capacity, then I as a Councillor will look to secondary and tertiary services.</b></p>
<p><b>Fred Sherwin</b></p>	<p><b>YES</b></p>	<p><b>YES – Absolutely.</b></p>
<p><b>François Trépanier</b></p>	<p><b>YES - I will also commit to plant trees in my Ward.</b></p>	<p><b>YES - I support setting goals to achieve the strategy's goals. Further, I believe in the protection of current green space, the creation of additional green space and the creation of additional allotment gardens in Innes Ward.</b></p>

Teresa Whitmore	YES - We have a drastic problem with the Emerald Ash Borer that are drastically affecting our tree inventory public and private. I believe we need support for private residents to help with the preventative spraying to ensure the limitation of this horrible locus on our local environment. The burden of the financial requirements and scarcity of personnel has caused the growth rate to increase. I will pursue a city supported comprehensive framework to limit and ultimately maintain our environment.	YES - I support a new Forest Management Strategy that has strategically manages our forestry issues that have significant budgetary needs to adequately solved. The new strategy will need to be targeted and we at council need to adequately support those identified areas at budget time.
<b>WARD 3 – Barrhaven</b>		
Ian Bursey	YES	YES
Jan Harder *	We are currently planting as fast as we can.	As you state, we (those already elected) are developing a new Forest Management Strategy. We do not have the financial wherewithal to purchase every woodlot for example but we prioritize what we must save and we are firm in that resolve.
Syed Asghar Hussain		
<b>WARD 4 – Kanata North</b>		
Matt Muirhead	YES	YES
Jeff Seeton	YES - Fundraising from private donors will be the most important part of this initiative.	YES - Again, fundraising from private donors will be the most important part of this initiative.
Marianne Wilkinson *	YES	YES
<b>WARD 5 – West Carleton-March</b>		
Alexander Aronec	YES	YES
Eli El-Chantiry *	YES - I could support this, but this needs to be addressed as part of the budget process to confirm the funding available to support this initiative.	YES
Brendan Gorman	YES	YES
Jonathan Mark	YES - I love trees! Again I cannot fully commit to this until cost/vs budget is discovered. I answer YES here because I would like for this to happen, but won't commit to this until more information is available, I have participated in the City's Tree Program both years it was personally available to me.	YES - Forest Management is a complete necessity, as long as we respect peoples personal property rights -- and again the strategy reflects properly inside the overall City budget. I will answer yes again, but need more.
James Parsons		
<b>WARD 6 – Stittsville</b>		
David Lee		

Shad Qadri *		
<b>WARD 7 – Bay</b>		
Alex Cullen	YES - My record as City Councillor (Bay Ward, 2000 to 2010) shows me strong support for these initiatives.	YES - This not only involves protecting and expanding the urban canopy, but resisting development that would diminish our forest stock. Where greenfield development occurs there must be a compensation formula to replace the trees that may be lost (preferably by re-planting should removal be proved necessary).
George Guirguis		
Brendan Mertens		
Michael Pastien	NO - It would likely surprise most everyone that even one million trees actually exist in the capital city. I have noticed that many trees are dying, and want those removed asap and assuredly replaced with a robustly sustainable brand of tree.	YES
Trevor Robinson		
Mark Taylor *	YES - We have had some great success in Bay Ward in parks like Andrew Hayden. I would seek to continue and expand these partnerships.	YES
<b>WARD 8 – College</b>		
Guy Annable	NO - We can't afford it.	NO - We can't afford it.
Rick Chiarelli *	YES - Obviously a lot of questions remain on how this can be implemented (such as whether the City and partners own enough land to make this happen, the size of plantings - seeds? multi-caliper trees? - hence cost etc) but we need to work through the obstacles to replace as much of the tree canopy as possible.	YES
Craig MacAulay	YES	YES
Scott Andrew McLarens		
<b>WARD 9 – Knoxdate-Merivale</b>		
Keith Egli *	YES	YES
Cristian Lambiri		
<b>WARD 10 – Gloucester</b>		
Rodaina Chahrour		
Diane Deans *		

Meladul Haq Ahmadzai		
George Marko		
Lilly Obina		
Brad Pye	YES	YES - I said yes, but with the caveat that I would like to see what the Forest Management Strategy looks like first before committing 100%. The issue here is that some of the public spaces within the NCC Greenbelt have been handed over to the City for daily management - some of these places are forests and may not maintain their integrity under a new strategy.
Mohamed Roble	YES - If elected, I will promote and build awareness around planting trees across Ottawa.	YES - If elected, I will include a Forest Management Strategy into my environmental platform.
<b>WARD 11 – Beacon Hill-Cyrville</b>		
Francesca D'Ambrosio	YES	YES
Nicolas Séguin	YES - Encourage the protection of green space by financially rewarding (\$) developers to protect trees and woodlands during development. Replace every tree cut down due to sickness like Emerald Ash Borer.	YES - Encourage green infrastructure throughout the city to save energy, reduce pollution. Encourage the protection of green space by financially rewarding (\$) developers to protect trees and woodlands during development. Replace every tree cut down due to sickness like Emerald Ash Borer.
Michel Tardif	YES - I had replanted five trees in my yard including the ash the City of Ottawa replaced. I fully endorse planting of the trees.	YES - Yes but I must determine if the strategy needs strengthening?
Rene Tessier	YES	YES
Tim Tierney *	YES	YES
<b>WARD 12 – Rideau-Vanier</b>		
George Atanga	YES	YES
Marc Aubin	YES - I support the goal of a million trees. Since I was teenager, the urban forest has been one of my main interests. Ottawa was once a city of trees, but we lost many of them to road widenings and Dutch-elm disease. As councillor, I will pursue the creation of an inventory of tree planting potential and I will champion the rebuilding of our urban forest. Consideration should be given to reducing or replacing salt used during the winters.	YES - The City of Ottawa lags far behind Toronto's tree canopy cover. (Toronto 1/3 vs. Ottawa 1/6). As councillor, I would work to ensure that the forest management strategy support an increase in the tree canopy. The Official Plan recommendations for the acquisition of new open spaces on the streets within the Market including George and York street areas as well as the Retail, Arts & Theatre Precinct and the University Precinct need to be achieved before the options are forgone.

Mathieu Fleury *	YES - This is a very important priority that can greatly increase the well-being of our city. We should also encourage residents, through better public education, on City programs that allow residents to care for City owned trees on their properties, like the Trees in Trust program.	YES
Catherine Fortin LeFaivre	YES	YES
David-George Oldham		
Marc Vinette	YES - I tree planted a couple of seasons, years ago, so not only will I support it, I'll be getting out there and plant a few myself.	YES - In principle, yes. I would reserve support until I'm able to review the strategy in detail.
<b>WARD 13 – Rideau-Rockcliffe</b>		
Peter D. Clark *	YES - I moved to put \$1 million from year-end adjustments in 2010-11 into Environmental reserves to fight this scourge, and every year since. I am convinced we are going to meet these responsibilities.	YES - Subject to seeing a concrete proposal.
Cam Holmstrom	YES - Sadly in Rideau-Rockcliffe, we have lost many mature trees along the Rideau River in Overbrook to the Emerald Ash Borer. In my opinion, the loss of those mature trees and that tree canopy is a significant loss for the community. We need to promote more tree planting so that we can eventually regain some of that lost tree canopy, as those newly planted trees grow in the place of those mature trees we lost. As councillor for Rideau-Rockcliffe, this will be a priority for me.	YES - As the Emerald Ash Borer has shown us, when we don't properly manage our urban trees, we cannot easily replace what we lose. A tree we plant today cannot replace the tree canopy today from a mature tree. It takes many years to get back to that point. So the pay-off of a proper forest management strategy can be big, preventing the loss of mature trees while allowing more trees to reach maturity. I strongly support seeing a proper strategy brought forward.
Jevone Nicholas	YES - I support the laudable goal of seeking a million new trees by 2017. I believe that this target should also include efforts taken by organizations and individuals, at their own expense. So long as all proper rules are followed, the City should fully endorse grassroots efforts to plant trees. With respect to street and schoolyard trees planted by the City, I would personally like to see more evergreens, to enhance our winterscapes.	YES - The list of the City's environmental policies and strategies conspicuously lacks a vision for forests. We need to complete this gap. Given that so much of the City's forests are under federal ownership, I suggest a joint strategy with the NCC, with respective regulatory obligations well articulated. The Strategy has to have explicit declarations on which areas must remain forested and why. There have been too many battles over developments which threaten to cut trees.

Tobi Nussbaum	<p>YES - Rebuilding our natural green canopy in a city known for its green spaces would be a great way for Ottawa to mark Canada's 150th celebration. Trees play a truly valuable role by absorbing carbon dioxide, shading people and buildings during warm summer months, contributing to a more attractive city and softening the urban build environment. Not least, trees add immeasurably to a natural environment that so many of us enjoy in our daily lives here in Ottawa.</p>	<p>YES - I will support the development of a strong strategy, and if it is wisely crafted, the required investments. In particular, the city needs to ensure that the urban boundary is used effectively to protect existing forests. We are extremely fortunate to have such an extensive forest cover within the city limits but have the responsibility to ensure it is not lost as the city grows.</p>
Sheila Perry	<p>YES - Ward 13 has lost 100's of ash trees due to the Emerald Ash Borer. Workshops, awareness and collective efforts are important to promote a variety of tree species throughout Ottawa. As a City Councillor, I will promote tree planting support from NCC, Ecology Ottawa, City of Ottawa Forestry and other groups. Improving our tree canopy is very important for the environment, and is a great goal for Canada's 150th celebration.</p>	<p>YES - I look forward to supporting a collaborative Forest Management Strategy that engages interest groups and commitment at all levels. Funding for this strategy should be inclusive, creative and rewarding.</p>
Penny Thompson	<p>YES - The impact of the Emerald Ash Borer infestation has been devastating. The support the goal of planting a million trees in our city prior to 2017. I have supported investments for tree conservation in the City of Ottawa. In 2013 as Chair of The Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee (ESAC), we recommended the City of Ottawa purchase Armstrong Road Woods, Shea Road Woods and Rock Knoll Park. Further, ESAC supported the staff recommendation of the development of the Environmentally Sensitive Land Stewardship Framework. I'm a tree hugger and proud of it.</p>	<p>YES - Having a Forest Management Strategy is a key step for the city and residents to understand the importance of preserving and furthering the growth and development of our trees and forests. With a plan and strategy in place, it becomes clear; we as a city, are committed.</p>

**WARD 14 - Somerset**

<p><b>Martin Canning</b></p>	<p><b>YES - Minimizing our impact on local source water, streams, and rivers requires a holistic strategy. To be successful, this Strategy will require the City to work effectively with other levels of government and other jurisdictions, and work collaboratively with organizations like the Ottawa River Keepers. (Although my support in principle is solid, with the absence of a particular initiative being noted in this question, my support for specific "investments" would be made on a case by case basis.)</b></p>	<p><b>YES - In the 21st century, green infrastructure measures are essential to building strong, healthy, and efficient communities, as well as an effective way for cities to meet their water management obligations. In this respect, there should be clear linkages between future Water Environment Strategy and Forest Management Strategy, and how they influence the design and material selection of complete streets, and larger urban planning efforts.</b></p>
<p><b>Edward Conway</b></p>	<p><b>YES</b></p>	<p><b>YES - one of my priorities is to make effective the parkland requirement associated with downtown condo building development. Presently that green requirement is treated indifferently with cash in lieu of parks. Cash which the city uses for other purposes. I would require the 2% parkland to be translated into actual downtown parkland. The 2% parkland requirement from each condo-build would be banked by the city until 1 hectare is accumulated at which time it must be translated into a downtown park of 1 hectare.</b></p>
<p><b>Catherine McKenney</b></p>	<p><b>YES</b></p>	<p><b>YES</b></p>
<p><b>Thomas McVeigh</b></p>	<p><b>YES - Being a largely tiara city by area, I support both storm-water treatment and examining contaminants introduced by farmland runoff e.g. Pesticide and too much nitrogen.</b></p>	<p><b>YES - Lack of permeable surfaces in the core also leads to building damage as water table gets altered and ground subsides.</b></p>
<p><b>Conor Meade</b></p>	<p><b>YES - I support a comprehensive analysis of all potential hazards in our water supply, a city review of the empirical evidence on their potential health effects, and the development of a strategy to address these threats to our health and environment.</b></p>	<p><b>YES - Active transportation is the future of Ottawa, not urban sprawl and strip malls.</b></p>

Jeff Morrison	YES - I have spoken at length about the need for invest in innovative green communities and infrastructure, which includes wastewater infrastructure. The election of the Ontario Liberals will also ensure provincial investment for the Ottawa River clean-up; a top priority.	YES - As part of my platform, I have identified creating an Ottawa green roof bylaw, similar to that of the City of Toronto's. As Director of Environment with the Canadian Construction Association in the 2000s, I was very involved in policies such as climate change adaptation for infrastructure, so I am very familiar with these concepts. Adapting natural features into the built environment is a step towards healthier communities.
Sandro Provenzano	YES	YES
Silviu Riley	YES - Ottawa's sewer system should not overflow into the Ottawa River during heavy rain storms. This should be addressed by the Water Environment Strategy, as a way to protect our drinking water.	YES
Denis Schryburt	YES - The City of Ottawa MUST also work in partnership with our neighbours in Gatineau and both the Ontario and Quebec provincial governments to ensure measures are put in place to protect our rivers from being contaminated.	YES - If elected, I will work towards ensuring that more green infrastructure measures are put in place in order to protect our ecosystems, our parklands, urban forests and street trees. I also support green roofs and more community gardens throughout the city.
Curtis Tom		
Lili V. Weemen	YES - Definitely reduce the amount of toxins going into our rivers.	YES - In Somerset ward we have lost too many trees over the years and a regreening campaign is necessary and I would like to see Metcalfe street converted into a grand boulevard with big trees on both sides. Encourage community gardens in summer.

**WARD 15 - Kitchissippi**

Katherine Hobbs *	YES - As co-chair of the Ottawa's 2017 task force, I fully support the planting of a million trees as undertaken by collective organizations and individuals for 2017. We are aiming to have 150 things added to the Guinness World Book of Records for our anniversary and this might qualify if no-one has done it before :) Just a note that extensive replanting has taken place to replace lost Ash, and increase the variety of trees to ensure a healthy urban forest.	YES - As a Councillor in the urban core I recognize the importance of our trees. However in order to be effective in setting strategy and having a strong voice on Environmental issues it is imperative to serve on the appropriate committee which I, if elected, will request to be placed on.
Jeff Leiper	YES - A major tree-planting initiative is an investment in our future air, water and soil quality. The City of Ottawa should help fund such an initiative. It also has an important role to play in providing leadership in a broader fundraising initiative. I will support maximizing the trees required as part of landscaping in new developments and using funds from new development, such as cash-in-lieu of parkland and Section 37 funds, for trees.	YES - The urban forest is a key part of maintaining the sustainability and livability of Ottawa. We need stronger policies that lead to increased tree planting and preventing the loss of mature trees, which is an increasing threat both from diseases and development pressures. Part of this must be measuring the effectiveness of the current Urban Tree Conservation By-law, and strengthening it where it falls short.
Ellen Lougheed	YES - Again, I think we can find creative solutions to achieving this goal. I love this goal.	YES - I will have to see what has been done already, and to see what suggestions have been made. I could say yes, but I would have to see the figures and this goal in more detail.
Michelle Reimer	YES - Regarding this costly but important investment in replacing trees I would encourage City Hall to request cash-in-lieu of parkland (CIL) to be used City-Wide in this "million-tree" investment. Money should be applied equally throughout 23 wards. I would also include residents in the determination of where to place new trees. Finally, this wonderful initiative should include an educational component and involve school children during implementation.	YES
Larry Wasslen		

**WARD 16 – River**

Riley Brockington		
Barbara Carroll		

Don Francis	YES - We lost elms a generation or two ago and now it is emerald ash. I certainly support the plan to plant a million new trees, all the while emphasizing bio diversity.	YES - I expect to learn more details about the actual strategy and how citizens can be encouraged to support the effort.
Antonio Giannetti		
Jeff Koscik	YES	NO - I currently do not know enough about this subject so I cannot say yes.
Michael Kostiuk	YES - If we plant a wide diversity of tree species then insects will have a harder time spreading since they tend to only favour certain tree types.	YES
Mike Patton	YES	NO - again more of a maybe, I support a strong Strategy, but let me see the Strategy prior to me agreeing to fund it.
Colin Pennie	YES - This is a fantastic initiative and I would support this both in council and actively taking part in tree planting. I would engage the River Ward 16 community with local schools and local organizations to take part as well.	YES - Our city green spaces and forests are an essential part of our environmental health and identity. I would support the implementation of a new Forest Management Strategy.
Vanessa Nicki Sutton	YES - By strategically realigning existing budget resources, as I do not want to increase property taxes.	YES - By strategically realigning existing budget resources over a 5-10 year period as I do not want to increase property taxes.
Bruce Winchester		
<b>WARD 17 - Capital</b>		
Scott Blurton	YES - I would but we have to diversify our tree stock here in Ottawa to insulate us from future invasive pest infestations. For too long, we've focused on one tree species for financial or aesthetic reasons that have left us vulnerable to pests. Nature has it right. Species diversity is the way to go.	YES - When I came to Ottawa, I was impressed by how trees and forests were integrated into the community and how these trees improved temperature control, aesthetics and the general quality of life. As Councillor, I would bring my focus to the diversity and sustainability of the FMS to ensure that Ottawa is not vulnerable to future pest infestations.
David Chernushenko *	YES - With city budgets at the breaking point, we are going to want to create a strong partnership with private citizens and commercial landowners to get behind a massive planting program of (sufficiently diverse) species of trees.	YES
Espoir Manirambona	YES – We should also have a plan to encourage organizations/households to go paperless.	YES
<b>WARD 18 - Alta Vista</b>		
Adam Bowick		
Daher Muse Calin		
Jean Cloutier		

Clinton Cowan	YES - Already I have personally planted several trees with in our community and look forward to additional tree planting events. If elected I would proudly be a tree ambassador for our city.	YES
Jeff Dubois	YES - I believe this is best accomplished by encouraging and nurturing the efforts of not-for-profit initiatives. One resident suggested an "in loving memory of" program through which trees could be planted and dedicated to a loved one.	YES
Hussein Mahmoud	YES - This is an important topic in Alta Vista and the city of Ottawa. I think we need to continue to focus on planting trees, not for photo opportunities, rather for the sustainment of our environment. I am dedicated to ensuring we continue to plan the trees and have long term action plan to ensure these trees are taken proper care. Too often are trees planted and not receiving the proper care needed.	YES - We need to follow up with the city to ensure this strategy is implemented. Our forests and green spaces across the city are important hubs for our children and the eco system.
Perry Marleau		
John Redins		
Brandon Scharfe		
<b>WARD 19 – Cumberland</b>		
Marc Belisle	YES - For sure. We need more trees, it cools down our cities and looks great. 1 million trees is a great goal. I would love to challenge the idea of doubling it.	YES - It will be a step forward to protect our urban forest. I just wished this was could have been created a long time ago.
Stephen Blais *	YES - I have always been a strong proponent of planting trees. Like I said earlier in the survey, I have personally led many initiatives in this regard.	I am theoretically in support of a strong Forest Management Strategy; however, I would like to see the strategy before committing to it. It may go too far, or not far enough.
<b>WARD 20 – Osgoode</b>		
George Darouze	YES - Based on the fact that I am a rural Candidate, I would like to make sure that the area include Rural Ottawa.	YES - However, I would like to see the "strong strategy" as it is developed and make my decision upon seeing the completed report.
Tom Dawson	YES - I support additional tree planting, but the number of 1 Million might be a bit ambitious.	YES - Healthy forests and parks are good for all.

Davis Jermacans	YES - My understanding is that this is a collaborative program between communities and the city that requires minimal funding for planting and maintenance.	YES - Ottawa is losing much of its urban forest and tree cover to infestation and urban infill and suburban development practices.
Jean Johnston-McKitterick		
Liam Maguire	YES - Yes I would support this goal and hopefully find funds as further investments to this project.	YES - I like the idea of developing new strategies for this, however I cannot comment on the funding of such without knowing how our budget will look going forward.
Bob Masaro		
Allen Scantland		
Mark Scharfe	YES - We went through this with Dutch Elm Disease and there was a significant effort to replant. I certainly support it. These things happen in life. Disease hits particular trees. But we'll do what we can to replant.	NO - Not if citizens require bylaws to cut trees on their own property. I want no part of that. I think that's where you're going with that, and no.
Kim Sheldrick	YES - In my "other life" as a Scouter, my kids and I have actively participated in Scoutrees annually including planting in buffer zones for George Nelms soccer fields and Springhill Landfill.	YES
Paul St. Jean		
George Wright	NO - Large caliper trees planted in urban areas cost many hundreds of dollars per tree. In the big picture, small trees at less than a dollar each planted in rural, but not farmable areas are much more effective. We must look at the big picture. We must also stop the NCC from developing land, especially the farmland, within the Greenbelt.	NO - I would answer yes, if it were limited to public land, without knowing whether it would infringe on private land, I cannot support it.
<b>WARD 21 – Rideau-Goulbourn</b>		
Scott Moffatt *	YES - In this term of Council, we have increased our tree planting funding and diversified the species of trees that we plant. I have supported our tree planting efforts 100% and will continue to do so.	YES - Obviously, one needs to see a strategy of this kind and its recommendations before offering blanket support but I do support the development of the strategy.
Daniel Scharf	YES - The urban forest must be maintained--it is important to the city's way of life, and an important feature of a beautiful Capital City.	YES - I intend to make sure that this strategy reflects the reality of rural areas as well.
<b>WARD 22 – Gloucester South-Nepean</b>		
Kevin Fulsom		

Scott Hodge	NO - The planting of trees to mark Canada's 150th birthday is a terrific initiative led by various organizations and individuals but the City of Ottawa has limited resources and tax dollars should be prioritized on core municipal services, including the protection of existing urban forests / woodlots.	YES
Jason Kelly		
Michael Qaqish		
Bader Rashed		
Roger Scharfe		
Susan Sherring	The planting of a million trees in Ottawa as our contribution to Canada's 150th birthday is an admirable goal and one I would support. In terms of 'prioritizing' this investment – that's a question with a price tag and one that I can only answer when I have more information about the plan being put together by the city, community organizations and individuals. The City of Ottawa has called on residents to come forward with ideas on how to celebrate Canada's 150th birthday and I think it's important that Ottawa City Council, at this stage, be open to all ideas, groups and individuals. Prioritizing will come over the next year.	I will support the development of a Forest Management Strategy – one that is effective, affordable, sustainable and measurable.
<b>WARD 23 – Kanata South</b>		
David Abuwa	YES - More trees equals oxygen production.	YES
Bruce Anthony Faulkner	NO - We cannot spend taxpayers money with a clear mandate.	NO
Allan Hubley*		