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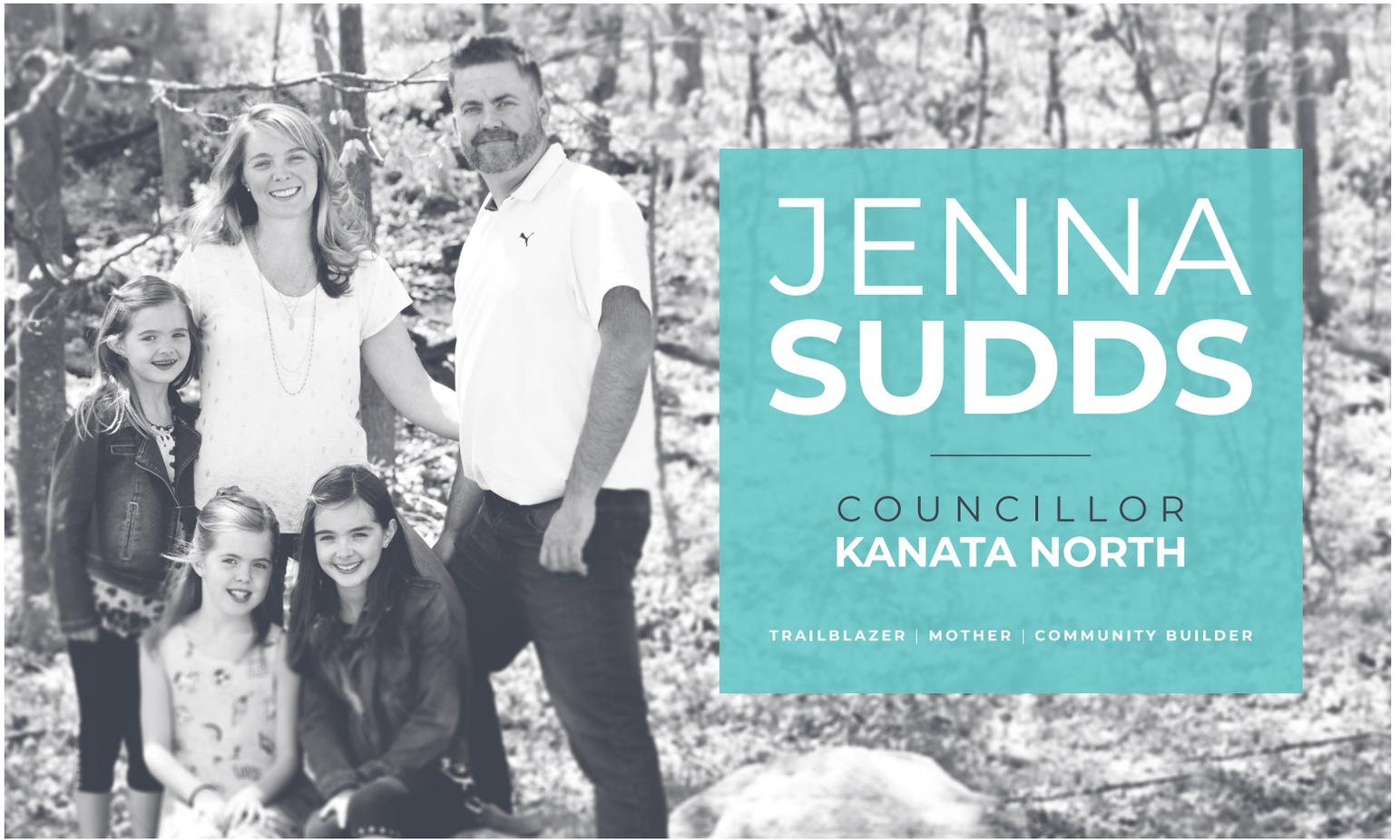
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As I seek your confidence to serve as your City Councillor for Kanata North, my campaign is focused on the issues that are most pressing in our community.

Over the past few months, I have had the opportunity to speak to thousands of residents about their hopes, aspirations and their frustrations about living in our wonderful Kanata North community.

There are three themes that are clearly top of mind for residents. These three themes speak to my campaign promises and aspirations for our community:



## HOW WE MOVE

How we move within Kanata North - by bus, walking, cycling, and by car - is a big concern for residents. The lack of commitment for LRT to serve our community and the unreliable and inefficient bus service is frustrating. This is the biggest challenge Kanata North

currently faces and continues to dominate the many conversations I have had throughout our community.



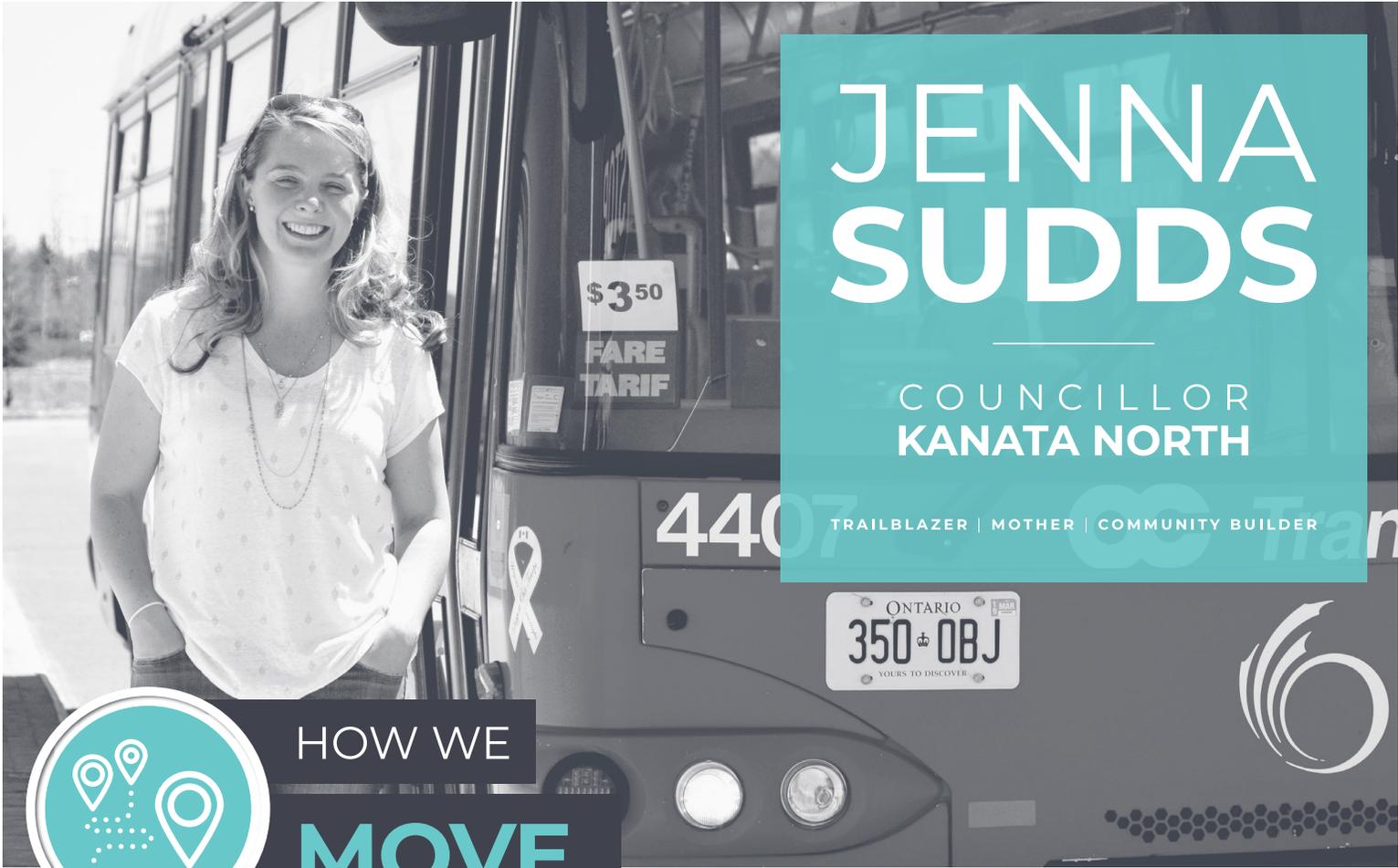
## HOW WE GROW

What are and should be our priorities around neighbourhoods, safety, green spaces and the environment? Kanata North is growing, and I am committed to making sure growth happens in a smart, inclusive and green way. I believe we should be doing more and I will address the issues and opportunities around the growth of our community.



## HOW WE THRIVE

Kanata North's technology sector is thriving like never before and is a gem in our community. What should we do to support job growth? And how can we help Kanata North thrive as a community to be a home to all of us who live, go to school, work and have retired here?



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HOW WE

**MOVE**

Kanata North residents have made it abundantly clear - inefficient bus service and crowded roads in poor condition are daily frustrations. I am committed to working on behalf of all Kanata North residents to ensure our ability to move in and around our community is improved dramatically.

The LRT project is the most significant transportation initiative Ottawa has ever undertaken. I have worked tirelessly to secure LRT to Kanata since 2013. I have participated in every single consultation in the last five years, and have worked with our current MP, Mayor, and Councillor to ensure Kanata is included in this project. We have an environmental assessment and route approved by City Council and now we need funding. There is still much to be done. ***I will advocate for Kanata North at every opportunity to secure the funding needed to move forward with LRT to Kanata in acceptable timelines.***

The current OC Transpo bus routes serving Kanata North cause daily frustrations for thousands and desperately needs to be improved. ***I will immediately seek residents' input into a review process for our bus services and work with OC Transpo to create a system that provides the value we deserve. I will also create a Kanata North Transit Committee for ongoing review and feedback, to ensure that the bus system is serving our area in the best possible way.***

Over the last number of years as the city heavily invested in LRT, our roads have been neglected and are increasingly congested. As our community continues to grow, we need investments in our roads, walkways and cycling routes. This is critical to the future of Kanata North. ***I will work with the community to ensure our projects are prioritized and reflected in future capital budgets.*** These decisions will be guided by the community and will look to improve the safety for everyone on the roads.

I want the quality of life in Kanata North to be second to none. By working with the community, gaining valuable input through public consultation, and establishing strong relationships with my fellow Councillors and city staff, I believe we can achieve that objective. A commitment for LRT to Kanata, revamped bus service for our community, and investments in roads, pathways, and cycling routes will mean that we can move around our community safely and with ease. That is my aspiration for Kanata North.

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HOW WE

**GROW**

Kanata North is a growing community. New neighbourhoods and investments in infrastructure are important and necessary. However, we must find a way to move forward without destroying our forests and green spaces. ***I will be your advocate for well-planned neighbourhoods that respect and protect Kanata North's green spaces.***

As Kanata North continues to grow, we must ensure that new neighbourhoods are people centric. We must build communities people want to live in, that are diverse in housing choices and pedestrian and bicycle friendly. ***I will work diligently on new development files to ensure we build people centric communities that strive to create the best possible outcomes for residents.***

We should be doing so much more as a community to protect our environment for future generations. ***I am committed to making Ottawa a leader in environmental initiatives.*** We must improve participation in recycling and compost programs, look for opportunities to green our infrastructure projects, eliminate single use plastics, and look to preserve our greenspaces. If we don't do better, our children and grandchildren will sadly pay the price for our behaviour.

Our community has experienced tremendous growth over the last decade. As a growing community, I have heard many concerns about safety. It is my priority to ensure that Kanata North remains a safe place to live, work, retire and raise a family. ***I will work with our police and community representatives to address concerns about crime and speeding in our neighbourhoods*** to make Kanata North's neighbourhoods safe, liveable and accessible for all - including enhanced pedestrian and cycling routes.

***I am committed to working with you to make sure Kanata North grows in a way that is inclusive and works for all of us, from individuals and young families to retirees and senior citizens.***



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## HOW WE THRIVE

I am committed to working diligently to ensure that Kanata thrives as a place to live, raise a family, start a business, and work.

***It is my commitment to our Kanata North community that our tax dollars are spent in the most efficient and cost-effective manner.*** I am an economist by study, and I appreciate the importance of ensuring value for every penny we spend in our city. I see this as my core responsibility and obligation to the residents of Kanata North.

Kanata North is incredibly fortunate to be home to Canada's largest tech park with over 500 companies, which provide over 21,000 jobs. This economic engine contributes over \$7.8 billion to Canada's GDP annually and is rich in talent and expertise that are desired and required by new and successful companies. As I did when I was the inaugural Executive Director for the Kanata North Business Association, ***I will continue to promote and heighten the profile of Kanata North as a centre of technology innovation and business because this means jobs in our community.*** The ability to create and attract more jobs is a privilege and I believe our city should support this economic engine in our community in a more aggressive manner. I will foster programs that support and encourage new technology companies. ***I will work for stronger support of Kanata's business community within the programs of the municipal, the province and federal government.***

Kanata should be a proving ground for new technology and innovations that will improve the quality of our home and work lives. ***I am committed to the adoption of technologies that make Ottawa a smart city and better serve our residents.***

We also need programs that will educate our elementary and high school students, hire our interns and graduates, and provide opportunities for experienced workers. I believe we should identify locations throughout Kanata North in which individuals can gather in a shared work space for work and meetings. As well as a place for learning, training and higher education. ***I will work towards establishing programs for our youth and co-working opportunities in Kanata North.***

I have deep respect for our senior citizens and a strong desire to support our youth and I will work on their behalf to enhance programs and activities that will enrich their lives in Kanata. ***I will formalize a Seniors Council through the great work of the Kanata Seniors Centre and create a Youth Council so that our next generation has the opportunity to participate and engage in planning for the future.***

***I will build stronger ties with community associations so that they have the opportunity to engage and provide meaningful input into the planning and development process for our community.***

***I also plan to work collaboratively with my fellow Councillors in the west end of Ottawa on major infrastructure projects so that we may have a unified presence at City Council.***

I am confident I can lead our community forward. Under my leadership, Kanata North will continue to prosper, grow and thrive, thanks to thoughtful partnerships, sound economic policies, and proper planning.



# MORGAN'S GRANT

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## **MORGAN'S GRANT**

After knocking on every door in Morgan's Grant over the last 6 months, residents have made it clear that this neighbourhood has unique issues and concerns. Namely, poor transit service, speeding, congestion and a desire to protect our green spaces, maintain the mosquito program and increase opportunities for jobs and for youth.

You have been clear in your desire for LRT to Kanata. In the short term, however, better service is needed now! Lengthy bus rides and unreliable service have plagued Morgan's Grant for too long. The new Innovation Park and Ride isn't helping matters. I am committed to initiating a community review and re-design of our existing bus routes. ***I am also committed to establishing a Transit Review Committee that I will meet with on a regular basis to ensure that the bus service meets the needs of our community.***

I have also heard your concerns about speeding on Klondike, Halton Terrace, Flamborough Way, Ipswich, Brady and Old Second Line among others. ***Effective traffic calming measures are a priority. Safety in our neighbourhoods is a must. Further, I believe we need to better support our police force with the resources they need to be able to enforce traffic laws and keep our communities safe. I am committed to working towards these goals.***

I also hear your concerns regarding traffic on March Road and on Terry Fox, particularly at the beginning and end of day. The congestion is a sign of our growing community, strong employment in our tech park - and inefficient road network.

***My commitment is to work for better light sequencing to keep traffic moving and to also champion the need for investments in our roads to get us moving.***

Many in Morgan's Grant have expressed how lucky we are to live so close to the South March Highlands and Trillium Woods. I couldn't agree more. My family loves these woods. The proximity to these green spaces is amazing, as is the opportunity to work in Kanata North in the Kanata North Tech Park. ***I am committed to protecting our green spaces and growing jobs in our community to make Kanata North an even better place to live and work.*** Let's also not forget about your pets. Many residents have expressed a desire for a dog park and ***I am happy to work with the community to find a suitable location for this.***

Lastly, you've told me you are worried about your kids. They need better transit to get to part-time jobs and activities, but they also need the opportunity to become better connected to the many opportunities in the community in our business and technology sector. ***I am committed to formalizing a program to connect the high schools in Kanata North to the business community, and I am also committed to starting a Youth Council to ensure their voices are heard and listened to.***

I am listening to you Morgan's Grant. I am working hard to ensure that I understand the concerns you've raised and I am ready to act should I earn the opportunity to serve as your City Councillor for Kanata North.



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# **BEAVERBROOK**

Beaverbrook is truly a remarkable community. The mature trees, winding roads and pathways connecting throughout the neighbourhood are extraordinary. It's been a pleasure knocking on every single door in this neighbourhood and engaging in wonderful and inspiring conversations.

One thing is clear. You have told me that you feel like Beaverbrook has been forgotten and neglected since amalgamation. You are worried about the level of services you receive. ***I am committed to working towards better maintenance and upkeep of your roads and your pathways.***

Many of you have also expressed concerns about the growth and development that is happening in Kanata and how this could impact Beaverbrook as well. We know that the development north of the Beaverpond is moving forward. We can't stop it. However, moving forward, ***I am committed to protecting our trees and our green space to ensure generations to come can enjoy nature and the green Kanata we have all come to love.***

I have also heard that your beautiful streets can be dangerous due to missing sidewalks and speeding. With everyone - young and old - enjoying the neighbourhood, you are worried about an accident waiting to happen. ***I will look to effective traffic calming measures and enforcement, especially in school zones, to keep your roads safe for all to enjoy.***

Lastly, I know you are proud of your heritage and Beaverbrook has some very unique elements and history we should be protecting. The Beaverbrook Community Association has been doing amazing work to restore the original street signs in your neighbourhoods. ***It would be my honour to support the hard work of the Community Association on this project and others moving forward.***

Beaverbrook is a model community to be held up as an example for others. Today's developers however don't build communities the same way and the City of Ottawa has densification objectives they are striving for. ***I will be a strong voice pushing back on densification in established areas and only support it along the future LRT lines where it makes the most sense.***

I will be a strong independent City Councillor who will work on these priorities and priorities for all of Kanata North. I have a proven track record of building collaborative relationships and getting things done. It would be an honour to serve as your City Councillor.

Please reach out anytime with any suggestions, ideas or concerns you may have.



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## KANATA LAKES

Mosquitoes are a major concern throughout Kanata North and in particular in Kanata Lakes. Kanata North is fortunate to be home to some significant wetlands, as well as the South March Highlands and Trillium Woods. The high water table and the flat topography of our community unfortunately creates a haven for mosquito reproduction. ***I am committed to working with you to determine how best to move forward when the current pilot mosquito nuisance program is complete.*** This is an ongoing and unique issue to Kanata North and I believe the city has a responsibility to address it.

As I have gone door to door these last seven months, you have been very concerned about the developments happening in Kanata North, particularly on the land north of the Beaverpond. The clearcutting of this forest is devastating. It displaced many animals and destroyed a natural forest that was enjoyed by so many in our community. In the coming years this area will become home to 3,000 new homes. ***I will work actively to review the subdivision plans, working with the developers to ensure this new development is done well and that the path around the Beaverpond is restored and enhanced.***

We also need to ensure our roads are designed to handle the additional residents that will move into our community as these homes are built. Ensuring that your neighbourhood streets do not become cut throughs and that we have sufficient capacity on our main arterial roads to handle this growth is critical. ***I am committed to overseeing this growth and working to secure the investments in our roads, pathways and cycling routes. I am also committed to reviewing and re-designing our bus service to improve efficiencies and create the service you deserve.***

I have witnessed and heard a lot about speeding in your neighbourhood. The installation of speed cushions along Knudson Drive, although well intentioned, is a daily frustration for residents and has caused unpredictable and erratic behaviour as drivers try to avoid the cushions. This is causing additional safety concerns for drivers but also for cyclists. ***I am committed to effective traffic calming measures - which means the right solution in the right place. I will work to reduce speeding and increase enforcement on our streets.***

Many of you have shared with me how important it is that we have employment in our community. The many businesses in Kanata including the over 21,000 jobs in the Kanata North Tech park need to be protected and these businesses supported so they continue to grow here. I am committed to supporting employment growth as I have done for the last five years as the founding President of the Kanata North Business Association. ***I am also committed to working with our high schools to better connect our kids to the innovation and opportunities in our tech park.***

Our jobs are our future. As our community continues to grow, it is essential that we ensure there are activities and opportunities for our kids to engage in that allows them to grow as individuals. ***I will start a Youth Council that I will meet with on a regular basis to ensure we are providing our youth with the services and opportunities they need to succeed.***

I have spent the last seven months listening to you Kanata Lakes and your concerns and ideas. I am ready and committed to serve you moving forward, if I earn the opportunity to serve as your Councillor.



# BRIARBROOK

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**BRIARBROOK**

Having knocked on every door in Briarbrook, Brookside and Shirley's Brook neighbourhoods, it is clear that taking a bus from within our community is a real challenge, and it's a frustrating experience. Many have expressed that they have given up and purchased a second car. This is not acceptable. I am committed to improving the level and quality of bus service offered in our community. ***I am also committed to ensuring your voice is heard and you have the opportunity to provide ongoing input on transit via a newly formed Transit Committee for our area.***

This community is also a fairly young one with a lot of families, many of whom I've met over the years at South March Public School. I have personally witnessed excessive speeding and you have told me that safety is a priority. South March Public school is nestled in the middle of the neighbourhood. Yet Klondike, Maxwell Bridge, Marconi and Shirley's Brook are all key areas in which ***we need effective traffic calming measures and increased enforcement by police to ensure safety of our children and everyone on the roads.***

Many in this community have asked questions and expressed concerns about the new development planned just north of this neighbourhood, along March Road. We also have a proposed six storey apartment building on the corner of March Road and Klondike. I heard concerns about increased congestion on our roads and concerns about what will be built in peoples' backyards. ***I am committed to working with residents and the developers to minimize the disruption. I will work to ensure that this***

***new development has the roads, pathways and cycling infrastructure needed and that it also includes green spaces and parks for all to enjoy.***

As a young community, I have also heard time and again your desire for Ottawa to do more to protect our environment. Our children are being taught at school the impact we can have as individuals by recycling and composting, and through simple steps like saying 'no' to using a straw. ***I support your concerns and am committed to leading Ottawa into the future with a stronger commitment to our environment by banning single use plastics, a bylaw for green roofs for new commercial development and increased use of green techniques in building our City.***

I love your neighbourhood! With an abundance of parks and soccer fields, the great career opportunities offered by the Kanata North tech park, and a rich selection of housing types, Briarbrook Brookside is an amazing place to live. However, we do have work to do, and I am committed to you and your neighbourhood.



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## **VILLAGE GREEN**

Village Green is a lovely neighbourhood that has experienced considerable densification in the last number of years. This densification is concerning to residents and has implications on the surrounding homes.

The transportation master plan calls for LRT to run along the north side of the 417. This makes the Village Green area a prime location for denser housing as we have seen with the building of the William's Court apartments, hotels, and the seniors retirement home. There are continued plans for development as well as the creation of a 20 acre park - to be named Bill Teron Park. ***I am committed to working with city staff to ensure this park moves ahead and will become another treasured green space in our community.***

I have also been following and providing input into the development plans for your area, which include a complete street along Kanata Ave and more building along Campeau. ***I will continue to monitor these plans as they move forward and bring these to the community for consultation.*** We have an amazing opportunity to work together to re-envision what Kanata Ave (behind the Centrum) and Campeau Drive could look like in the years to come. Your input is key to shaping the future growth of Village Green.

As I have knocked on your doors you have expressed concerns about this densification, on-road parking and the impact on traffic on Campeau Drive. ***I will only support the planned growth and development in your neighbourhood when traffic studies are completed and we ensure we have the roads, pathways, and cycling routes needed to support the planned growth. I will also work with the community to review the onstreet parking concerns and suggest actions to mitigate the community concerns.***

Village Green is a growing community that is really a neighbourhood in transition. With densification, LRT plans, and the new 20 acre Bill Teron park to be completed in the coming years; we have a golden opportunity to shape this growth together. It would be my honour to serve as your City Councillor and work together with you on our shared vision of the future.



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## **ARCADIA**

“How we move” is certainly top of mind in Arcadia. Having knocked on every single door in your neighbourhood these past months and having had the pleasure of talking to many of you, the main concern that I have heard time and time again at your doors is the extension of Campeau Drive. Many of you purchased your homes with the expectation that the Campeau extension serving your neighbourhood would have been completed years ago. I understand your frustration and **am committed to working with city staff, Minto, and the province to get this road built as soon as possible.** Furthermore, I am committed to ensuring that, as your neighbourhood continues to grow, the required roads, including Huntmar, get the investments needed to connect you.

I have also heard concerns about the Carp River Restoration Project and the pathways in the area. **I understand there are a few missing links that need to be addressed and will work to prioritize these. I also understand the need for power to your current park to enable your ice rink this winter. As the next phases of your community are built, I will work with the developer and the community to ensure the park space is completed in a timely manner, and I will work with the community to fundraise for additional community space and amenities.**

Mosquitoes are also a very big issue in your neighbourhood. The high water table and the flat topography of our community unfortunately creates a haven for mosquito reproduction. I have witnessed first hand the mosquitoes in your neighbourhood this summer.

**I am committed to working with you to determine how best to move forward when the current pilot mosquito nuisance program is completed.** This is an ongoing and unique issue to Kanata North and I believe the city has a responsibility to address it.

As one of the newest neighbourhoods in Kanata North you are asking for better bus service. I understand the need and I am committed to working with you to increase the level of service. **I will also work to secure the funding needed to move forward with LRT in a timely manner.** Kanata must be included in this project.

There are concerns about on-street parking in Arcadia. **I am committed to holding a public consultation with your neighbourhood to discuss this issue and work with you to find solutions.**

These are my commitments to you and your neighbours in Arcadia if I have the honour of serving as your City Councillor. I am dedicated to our community and ready to ensure Arcadia has the representation it needs and deserves.



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# **RICHARDSON RIDGE**

Having spent a considerable amount of time canvassing in Richardson Ridge and speaking with many of you, I know that your neighbourhood has some unique challenges. You still have construction underway and you are still waiting for some commitments from the builders and the city to complete development.

The number one topic of conversation at peoples' doors has been mosquitoes. Many residents have shared with me that the mosquitoes are unbearable. The high water table and the flat topography of our community unfortunately creates a haven for mosquito reproduction. ***I am committed to working with you to determine how best to move forward when the current pilot mosquito nuisance program is completed.*** This is an ongoing and unique issue to Kanata North and I believe the city has a responsibility to address it.

You have also shared concerns about speeding on our streets. Richardson Ridge is hilly and with cars speeding, it is especially dangerous. Some of the intersections still do not have painted stop lines. Additionally, you've shared the need for stop signs and crosswalks to improve road safety for our kids. In the spring, I advocated for you to have the traffic signal installed at Terry Fox and Huntsville and I will continue to work on your behalf. ***I am committed to mitigating these safety issues in your neighbourhood with effective traffic calming measures to ensure intersections are safe and properly marked.***

Lack of public transit and congestion on Terry Fox are also issues affecting your daily lives. Many of you have expressed

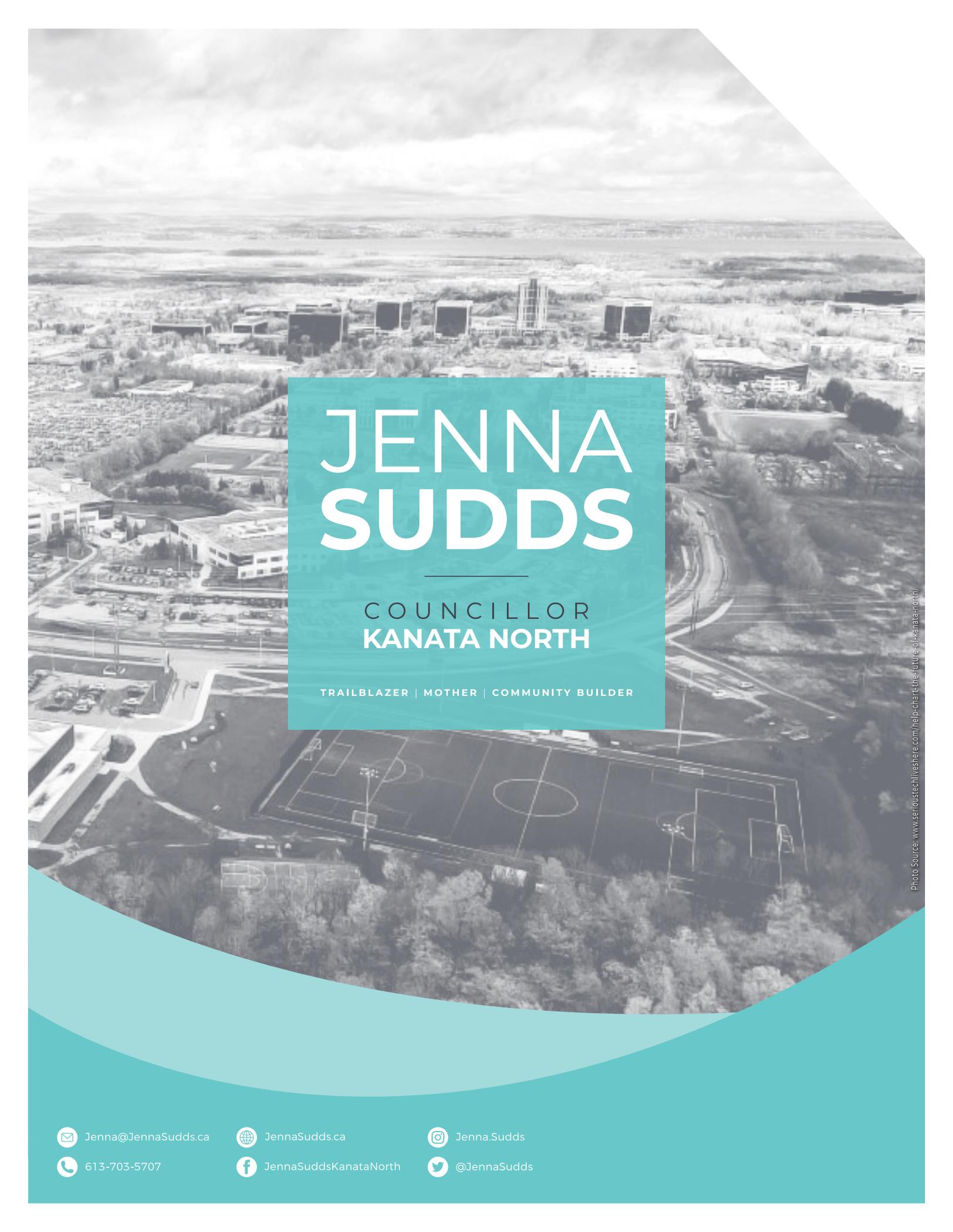
a desire to take public transit but are frustrated by the lack of service your neighbourhood receives. With few people opting to take public transit, we are faced with severe congestion at peak times on Terry Fox Drive.

***I am committed to ensure we:***

- ***Sequence the stop lights along Terry Fox to maximize traffic flow***
- ***Work with you to re-design our current bus routes to serve you better***
- ***Invest in our roads, walkways and cycling routes***

Lastly, I have heard your concerns about the developers' commitment (or lack of) to your neighbourhood. You've expressed frustrations about messy construction sites and you are disappointed that your park has not been built. ***I will work with the developers and city staff to address these concerns and work proactively to ensure your neighbourhood is safe, and that the park is completed in a timely manner.***

Richardson Ridge is a beautiful neighbourhood! You have my commitment that I will work with you to ensure your voice is heard at City Hall to address your concerns and further improve our community.



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