

# Questionnaire

1. Many newcomers and marginalized folks, including Chinese seniors and families, use and frequent community centres to stay active and involved. Some community centres are located in neighbourhoods with high concentrations of the Chinese community such as the Kanata Recreation Centre, Richcraft Recreation Complex (Kanata), Minto Recreation Complex (Barrhaven), Walter Baker Sports Centre, Plant Recreation Centre, McNabb Community Centre and more. How will you ensure these community centres are accessible to [those who do not speak or read the dominant languages](#) , being English or French?

The budget that that city of Ottawa allocates to every ward is roughly \$260K. I would ensure that we would hire translators from the budget that the ward has to communicate with the residents in their preferred language. This expense would fall under Constituent Communications and Web Services. It is important for the councilor of the ward to be able to communicate with all residents in their preferred language. The budget is give to the ward so that we can do just that. Communication as to what the councilor did doing and to what the city is doing is an easy way to get residents more involved into what is going on at city hall.

2. OC Transpo
  - a. This fall, numerous bus routes were changed and shortened to encourage LRT transfers. The LRT has since been delayed to Winter of 2019. Shortened routes like that of the [#11](#) that passes through Somerset St. West and the Chinatown area impact the Chinese community, including seniors, where additional transfers and shortages may affect their accessibility to and from destinations. What will you do to address these issues while the LRT is delayed and while the LRT is operating?

I would initiate a price reduction to the cost of a single ride. Instead of \$3.50 per ride, the cost would be \$3 as a measure to compensate the riders for the inconvenience that these changes and delays have had on transit users. Economic theory states that if you lower the price, demand will increase. It is important to return money back now to the users because the Mayor and OC Transpo have confirmed that the cost of a single ride will be increase when the LRT becomes fully functional.

- b. How will you engage customers whose dominant language is not English or French in public consultations regarding issues such as bus route changes, [town halls](#) and [customer feedback](#) ?

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- c. What will you do to ensure that OC Transpo's services are more affordable and accessible for low-income folks?

I would hire a consultant from the budget that the ward has to conduct an independent report on figures and data obtained from the City and OC Transpo. With this independent report I hope to find a price that can be economically viable for the transit users and for OC Transpo to have a balanced budget.

3. Current [Rideau Raceway casino ads](#) are targeting the Chinese community in Ottawa with orientalist graphics and advertisements written entirely in Chinese characters. Gambling is a social activity ingrained in Chinese culture and is also a common problem within the community. How will you ensure that the community is not being unfairly targeted for gambling? What will you do to also challenge the stereotypes and racial bias that is prevalent in the city and that Chinese Canadians continue to face?

I would propose a by-law that will exclude ads from targeting any ethnic community with stereotyping and racial bias. I will speak up on council and say that every community should be free from stereotyping and racial bias. I am of Italian decent and my grandparents and parents have experiences stereotyping and racial bias in their lives. I will work towards a future where this is not the norm.

4. Post-amalgamation, the City of Ottawa has [never had a Black, East or Southeast Asian councillor on city council](#). What will you do to ensure that marginalized groups have the same opportunity and chance to be involved in municipal politics as others do?

I will try and talk to as many community members as possible and tell them that participating in municipal politics is important. I would offer to listen to their ideas and voice them on council. I will encourage that they dream big and become active members of the community so that people recognize them and one day they could become a councilor, mayor or even working for the city.

5. Chinatown has been experiencing gentrification for years. Newer development is pushing out lower income families and local businesses, changing its landscape and affordability. Chinatown is not only a home to many, but a hub for those from the Chinese community living in other wards to come together to reconnect with food, family and history. How will you ensure that affordable housing and suitable businesses remain while retaining the history

and heart of the neighbourhood?

I am in favour of inclusionary zoning so that developers include affordable housing and increasing small business venues when potentially looking to purchase and develop land within the city. Residents and small business owners are the lifeblood of the city and without them the city would not function properly. This is why I will make sure that there is communication between the city, community associations, residents and developers because everyone should have a say into how the city is shaped for the future.