

1. Your question is an interesting one, because I thought it would be a good idea to put at least a few words in Mandarin (or Cantonese?) on my election signs, in addition to French and English. However, my election team is made up of a diverse group of people, and the consensus was that if I put anything other than English on the signs (or perhaps French as the other official language) that other groups such as Arabic or Punjabi speakers might feel ignored. Therefore, my answer is: I think City signage and some communications should be in several of the most common languages in use in our community including at least one Chinese language.
2. a) I am going to primarily stay focused on transit issues affecting Kanata South residents - I have a keen interest in ensuring transit improvements are made in our area. b) I'm not sure what can be done about these everyday types of communications in languages other than English, and in many cases, French. I do agree that signs, and things like health and safety brochures, should be printed in several languages though. c) I believe there is a huge amount of work that needs to be done to modernize and update our public transit infrastructure. I think there is too much emphasis on fare levels and not enough on getting timely and efficient service - there is no point quibbling over fares if increasing numbers of people are discouraged because our public transit is in such bad shape. Ask yourself; why are so many Kanata South bus stops just a sign stuck in the grass? Where are our concrete platforms and bus shelters and crosswalks across busy roads?
3. I don't gamble much myself - and I very rarely buy lottery tickets. It seems like a slippery slope. I have noticed that at least two Canadian banks advertise their wares in Chinese characters on posters, and they too are businesses seeking customers. Since I agree public health and safety communications should be in a variety of languages, and gambling addiction is a public health concern, perhaps communications explaining the dangers of gambling and how to get help should also be in a variety of languages (if they aren't already).
4. When I announced my intention to run for city councillor last February, I said that if a woman would run in Kanata South I would step aside. It was reported in the local media. Not one woman stepped up. Now, there are four demographically-similar males running in this ward. Why? As a side note I have to say that I have volunteered for many years in my workplace and in the community, and it seems like the same demographic groups show up to help out again and again. Rather than focusing on who ends up being a city councillor, I respectfully suggest that a good first step on that path is simply to volunteer in the community. I would encourage every resident to get involved and help out.
5. I think it is important to recognize and respect the hard work and struggles of those who came before us. It is nice to have a geographic area of the city like Chinatown that is interesting and fun for everyone to visit and learn. Affordable housing is a problem all

over the city and can't be easily addressed in a few words here. I have a bit of a problem with the words "suitable businesses". Sometimes it is better to be a tree that bends with the wind. Better to keep the tree alive even if it looks a little different over time.