



Lori Stinson: 2022 Candidates Survey

Municipal Election Priorities	Campaign Asks	Would you work with us to achieve these goals?
Improving Our Democracy	That the City ensure section 6.1 is enforced (Province of Ontario, Municipal Elections Act) where polls are advised to be present “in buildings containing 100 or more dwelling units”. We would like to see the City of Ottawa pass a policy reflecting access to voting.	Inclusivity for all citizens, accessibility, just good sense
	Ensure polling stations open from at least 10am-8pm.	Or slightly later if possible as many folks on lower incomes work ridiculously long shifts
	The city should bring back door to door to find eligible voters.	In the interests of rebuilding democracy, accountability and attacking corruption
	Ban developer lobbyist donations to city councillors	N/A

	Split the Planning Committee into separate urban-core and suburban committees similar to Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee	Brilliant idea, although worry suburban committees wouldn't necessarily have full recognition of the needs for emergency housing, and affordable and accessible housing there. Seems to be a blindness to growing suburban poverty
Build Affordable Housing	ACORN wants to see a strong Inclusionary Zoning policy with 25-35% affordable rental housing targeting those in core housing need, citywide in perpetuity.	Should have been there a long time ago
	Convert empty office buildings to non-market affordable housing	Should have been there a long time ago
	Any developments getting municipal public funds must have rent control on all units (not just the affordable units). This is in addition to Vacancy Control on all units - so when the tenant leaves, the landlords can't double the rent.	Should have been there a long time ago
	Reserve public land for affordable housing	Affordable housing with greenspace and canopy – no more barren affordable housing
Fund Affordable Housing	We are calling on the City of Ottawa to dedicate \$40 million to building affordable, non-market housing to match its budget for emergency shelters.	As above.

	5% Vacant Unit Tax with revenues funding affordable housing projects	Works great elsewhere, although should look at effectiveness of making it slightly higher
	Tax all luxury homes- increase property taxes on houses worth more than 2 million.	Consider taxing lower than that, with the caveat of not penalising very long term home owners who could not afford their homes after significant market increases
Protect Affordable Housing	We need the City to enact an Anti Displacement Policy to protect affordable housing and stop tenants from being priced out of their neighbourhoods.	This has hit Orleans, and my ward hard already.
	Ottawa needs an Anti-Renoviction Bylaw similar to New Westminister, BC's where the bylaw effectively ended renovictions.	As above.
	No public funds, or permit approvals, to predatory landlords.	Should put together a clear, strong, legally enforceable definition of predatory landlords
	The City should expand its existing programs to introduce a Rent Bank like other Ontario cities.	Should have been obvious.
	Explore a Non-Profit Acquisition Strategy that would give non-profit & social housing providers, co-ops and land trusts the right of first refusal to purchase at risk apartment buildings on the private market similar to Montreal.	Brilliant, Ottawa needs way more co-op housing, and much expanded options for the homeless and supports for transitioning back into housing. This needs to be public, not private or private interest based

Tenant Engagement	Ottawa ACORN is calling for a proactive education program to inform tenants about their rights/resources when there are signs of potential renovictions/demovictions.	Self-explanatory
	We want to see a public registry of tenant buyouts, building permits, home and rental building sales	Overdue
	We want to see Ottawa follow the lead of cities like Toronto and Hamilton by creating a Tenant Defense Fund that would allow tenant groups to apply for funding for legal assistance when challenging renovictions, AGIs or when submitting tenant applications to the LTB.	As above.
Healthy Homes	Enforcement mechanisms of property standards at the municipal level need to be improved. There should be more severe consequences for negligent landlords. We need Landlord Licensing, similar to Toronto, which would include a landlord registry, proactive inspections, increased enforcement and better standards of repair.	And recognition in there for those doing it right
	More funding in the city budget for repairs and maintenance in Ottawa Community Housing	Long overdue - got to talk to some of the staff that do the repairs
Infrastructure and Employment	The City should support community organizations advocating for Community Benefits Agreements during development projects.	Yes
	The City of Ottawa should create an Ethical Purchasing Strategy that protects workers' wages and benefits and avoids contract flipping. All employees working on city grounds should be paid a living wage.	And include environmental protection here too – in the interests of climate action, but also more livable neighbourhoods

Internet for All	The City should leverage its own assets to create a municipal broadband program that can provide \$10-30/month home internet to low and moderate income households similar to Toronto's ConnectTO program.	Yes
	Expansion of programs that offer free or subsidized devices to low income people	Yes
	Provide FREE public wifi in all public spaces such as bus shelters, parks, community centres and more	Yes
Community Services	Prioritize city funding for youth services, street lighting, mental health supports, addiction supports, sidewalks and traffic controls in underserved, often low income & working class communities	This is what city government should be doing
	Support ACORN's national campaign to end predatory lending by calling on the Federal Government to support alternatives to payday and installment loans, lower the criminal interest rate and more.	Long overdue
Childcare	We need funding for affordable public/non-profit daycare spaces to be prioritized in lower income neighborhoods and communities	Long overdue
	Parents need easier access to information in order to understand Ontario's patchwork childcare system. We need transparency and accountability to parents through a simplified online process and face to face assistance when applying for subsidies.	And a council that will push the information in order to understand Ontario's patchwork childcare system. We need transparency and accountability to parents through a simplified online process and face to face assistance when applying for subsidies. provincial and federal

		governments for actual childcare. Loads of good European examples.
	Expanded programming for parents who work non-standard hours (ie. shift work, overnights).	Yes
Affordable & Reliable Transit	We believe transit should be free, starting with those living on social assistance.	Working transits way to free and genuinely accessible needs to be a key priority; also means ending P3s here, which prioritize profit and a profit model for public services
	Presto passes should be free for anyone under the low income measure, and there should be no minimum payment to upload Presto passes for people under the low income measure.	But see above.
	Increase bus service in underserved neighbourhoods.	And restore it where it has been decimated over the last few years of LRT disaster
Climate Change	Retrofitting Canada's aging highrise communities from a tenant led perspective is an important step in reducing Energy Poverty. Ottawa needs an Energy Equity Program that targets the lowest-income and least Energy efficient private apartment buildings across the city.	Should be obvious
	Financial support for low and moderate income households impacted by natural disasters	As above.
	Ensure low and moderate income renter communities have access to green space	Should be a central agreement in development and redevelopment; green space needs to be built in

