



27 September 2022

Subject: Ottawa Municipal Election 2022

A member of the HCCA, Piero Narducci, reached out to the Board of Directors on 22 September 2022 inquiring about an all-candidate event to engage and inform members of the community about the upcoming mayoral election, as this type of event has been traditionally hosted by the HCCA.

The president of the HCCA offered to include the municipal election as an agenda item at the next monthly meeting.

It was recognized by the Board that organizing an HCCA event is for the benefit of the membership. Exposing members to the candidates for mayor, city councillor, and trustees in our ward is a very good idea, as our elected officials will impact our lives and community for the next four years, and it is simply a good support to our democratic values to make sure everyone is well informed on the policies and positions of candidates.

Given time constraints, if the Board cannot host an all-candidates' meeting, it should at least make information available about candidates and any debates or information sessions going on around town to the membership who may want to tune in.

Motion 1

That the HCCA, to help engage the community in our local politics and strengthen democracy, conduct the following activities:

- 1) Advertises the 2022 municipal election debates by email, on its website, and through social media; and*
- 2) Organizes an outdoor in-person or virtual ward all-candidate meeting for councillors and trustees, or alternatively submit to all candidates' questions from the membership in writing for distribution to the membership by email or publication on the HCCA website.*

Moved by Audrey Bélanger Baur, seconded by Sabrine Barakat, carried unanimously by all those who cast their vote (6 board members).

On 28 September 2022, the following email was sent to the membership:

Subject: Mayoral Debate tonight – election news

Dear member,

On Monday, October 24, 2022, Hunt Club Community members as all Ottawa citizens will have an opportunity to exercise their democratic right to elect a new mayor for the city of Ottawa, as well as elect or re-elect councillors and trustees. As our elected officials will impact our lives and community for the next four years, it will be important to ensure that everyone is well informed on the policies and positions of candidates.

For the benefit of the Hunt Club Community Association membership and to help engage the community in our local democracy, we would like to inform you of a mayoral debate today, Wednesday, September 28, 2022. CBC Ottawa's Adrian Harewood will moderate a mayoral debate on the environment. The five candidates scheduled to attend are Brandon Bay, Bob Chiarelli, Nour Kadri, Catherine McKenney, and Mark Sutcliffe. The event will take place in the Centretown United Church at 507 Bank St. at 7:00pm (doors open at 6:15pm). Or, you can watch on live stream. To register, please use the link below.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/eco-debates-ottawa-mayoral-race-2022-tickets-396520181537>

Let's ensure the future of Ottawa and the Hunt Club community by participating regularly and actively in the upcoming municipal elections.

You can also watch previous debates at the following link: <https://youtu.be/nY5JG-ocSHs>

Finally, at the October monthly meeting, we will collect your questions for candidates and share with you their responses before election day, and consider if an all-candidate meeting is possible.

Warm regards,

The Board of Directors

Finally, Audrey recommended that the Board of Directors make note to plan ahead of time an all-candidate meeting whenever there is an election. Many members responded to the email saying they wished they had been notified sooner.