



Election Insider

## Ward 5 - Q&A

- 1 **What role should the councillor play in the Constance Bay beach debate, and where do you stand on the issue?**
- 2 **What is your position on the Carp dump expansion proposal, and how would you advise the province to proceed?**
- 3 **What will you do to help create jobs in the community?**



### Alexander Aronec

BIO - Alexander Aronec is an 11-year resident of Ward 5, and lived in Ottawa for over the last 20 years. He has worked for a small consulting firm and a small retail business. He has volunteered 200 hours per year over the last seven years with Scouts Canada. He is working on a degree in Political Science at Carleton University. He also helps out with his father, who for the last six years has been a partial quadriplegic.

The councillor should have actively and continually stated the current legal position which to the best of my knowledge is: "The Lane Street property owners own all fronting property to the waterline in accordance with provincial legislation and other validated documentation. This shall remain the case until such time as the Ontario Superior Court issues a ruling to the contrary." The property owners appear willing to allow access to their beach by others but they demand, justifiably, that all concerned parties

first acknowledge and accept the "Private" status. If the councillor had or does get this consensus, the issue will resolve. Concurrently, the councillor should point out the other public beach space in the area.

In 2006/7, Waste Management identified the anticipated achievement of maximum capacity of Carp Road in 2011/12. At that point, council did nothing towards identification of an alternative for handling the IC&I waste. Do I support the expansion? No. Would I vote for it to go ahead if I had to vote now? Unfortunately, Yes. The next council and the MOE need to start working a.s.a.p. to be future proofed. Navel gazing, reactive decisions and indecisiveness exemplified by the current council is what belongs in the trash.

I would engage grocery vendors to adopt a "Grown Local" policy to keep our agribusinesses vibrant; I would support OCRI in their activities to bring established business to Ottawa and OCRI and others in facilitating new business/entrepreneurial startups and make the city commuter friendly.



### Eli El-Chantiry

BIO - Eli El-Chantiry was first elected to City Council in November 2003. He is well known throughout West Carleton-March for his extensive community involvement. He is committed to continue to work with area residents and businesses to help build West Carleton-March's future in the City of Ottawa. Eli is truly honoured to have had the opportunity to represent West Carleton-March at Ottawa City Council for seven years and is hopeful to have the opportunity for another four.

Since we are speaking about land that is not in the ownership of the City of Ottawa, I believe the councillor plays a peripheral role in this issue. There

is however, a role as a community leader to assist in bringing two sides with opposing views together to find a solution that best meets a win-win approach. To this end, I have worked closely with all sides and a mediator/facilitator in moving forward on this sensitive issue.

I appreciate the efforts that Waste Management has made to agree to the majority of the 15 conditions that I brought forward to council in my recent motion. Let's face it, IC&I waste has to go somewhere - let's work together to ensure that we keep all players working together to ensure that we find the best possible end result for the interim period while we continue to work on finding alternative technologies.

I have worked actively to re-energize the Carp Village BIA and I am currently working with the Carp Corridor BIA. Both of these groups have the mandate to assist their membership in ensuring they are viable and sustain any growth and ultimately able to employ community members. Further, as a member of the City of Ottawa Economic Development Committee, I am working to help bring new business into all communities, including West Carleton. A great example of this is our relatively new Lee Valley Tools off Carp Road.



### James Parsons

BIO - James Parsons of Vydon Acres started Lawn/Tree Landscape Maintenance in

1988 and continues to operate it to this day. He built his own house along the Ottawa River in 2005, and continues to live there with his wife, Julie, and three children Holly, David and Scott.

The role the councillor should play in the

Constance Bay beach debate is that of informant. They should tell the people everything they know and then ask them what they would like to have done. Private property should be respected and left alone for the people to pay the taxes and liability insurance. They own it for their enjoyment. A lot of the beach is publicly owned and not by the people who own the houses or cottages along the water.

The Carp dump expansion proposal is a provincial issue based on criteria that they set out for the dump owners to follow. The city mayor or councillors can try to influence the provincial bureaucrats at the ministry of the environment but so far no success. I believe that Ottawa should take care of its own garbage problems by making a waste processing facility. Hazardous waste should be separated by homeowners and brought to another facility to be taken care of properly as they do now, right.

Aside from the people employed to run the waste facility, there should be a public beach set up and run by the city in the west end of the Ottawa river hiring life guards and the clean up staff. Farmers market just of the 417 would also create jobs for students in the area in the summer and lets the local farmers sell there produce.

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