

Maxime Tremblay

Plateau District

Achievements – 2014

Commitments:

- **Excellent service to residents**
- **Controlling increases in municipal taxes**
- **Culture of transparency**
- **Efficiency**

Dear residents,

« Make the Plateau a lively, active and engaged centre of life »
– **Maxime Tremblay**

I am excited to present to you with the achievements in the first year of my term as city councillor for the Plateau District. As you will see, there are numerous “major projects” underway in our neighbourhood. Among them is the project named “Coeur du village urbain Le Plateau”, which will bring together neighbourhood businesses, a public square, pedestrian paths, sports facilities, a community garden and much more. From the beginning of this project I have been working in close collaboration with the “Association des résidentes et résidents du Plateau” to ensure that the development fully meets the needs of the population. In that regard, the addition of a skate park and a community garden in the “Coeur du village” is a good example of the team work.

At the city council I have pursued my commitment on the “Commission de révision des dépenses et des services” (CRDS) that set as its goal a change in mentality and to become an efficient organization. Furthermore, I have continued to promote a transparent municipal administration with the objective of providing better information to residents regarding decisions made by the City.

With respect to budget management, it is important to balance control of municipal tax increases with a reduction of the infrastructure deficit, which now has reached 1.3 billion dollars. This is why it is important for the Ville de Gatineau not to make any cuts to the municipal infrastructures budget. In my opinion, we should instead pursue ways to invest more in this area. Our roads, our buildings, our facilities and our real estate are in great need of investment.

In our Plateau sector, the issues of safety, of transport, of green spaces and of infrastructures remain major priorities for me and I work on them every day. I would

also like to thank the members of the “Association des résidentes et résidents du Plateau” with whom I collaborate regularly and who demonstrate a profound attachment to their community.

With the development and investments that were carried out in our district, 2014 can be considered the year of the Plateau. I shall continue to work hard to make available all the services necessary for residents and thus make the Plateau a lively, active and engaged centre of life.

Residents Alert

In 2014, I created an information letter in order that any residents who wish, may receive applications for minor variances relating to the Plateau district. This allows everyone to be able to raise questions with the services of the Ville de Gatineau before the City council adopts a minor variance. Subsequent to my initiative, the Ville de Gatineau decided to follow the example and offer the service to all residents of Gatineau.

Map – Zoning and density in neighbourhoods

Also with the goal of innovating in matters of transparency, I have put a map on line to show the density and zoning proposed in new residential and commercial developments in the Plateau district. This tool is now available on my website.

*It's always a great pleasure to represent you on the City council of the Ville de Gatineau.
Have a good day!*

Maxime Tremblay
City councillor - Plateau district

My engagement at the Ville de Gatineau

My responsibilities on City council:

- Chair of the Commission de révision des dépenses et des services
- Member of the executive committee
- Co-chair of the Comité des fêtes du 150^e anniversaire de la Confédération
- Member of the Comité de la Société Place des festivals
- Member of the Comité des ressources humaines
- Member of the Comité de travail ad hoc concernant l'entretien hivernal des réseaux routiers et pédestres (ad hoc committee on winter maintenance of road and pedestrian network)

Commission de révision des dépenses et des services:

- The Committee's work led to the Ville de Gatineau making recurrent savings in the order of \$6,400,000 in the first year on an objective of \$3,000,000. Furthermore, by revising certain procedures, the City was able to avoid additional non-recurrent costs of \$3,400, 000.
- starting in my first term as city councillor I emphasized the importance of undertaking work on our expenses and our services, which subsequently led to the creation of the Commission de révision des dépenses et des services in January 2012.

- The City council unanimously adopted the action plan of the Committee which set an objective of attaining recurrent savings of \$15,000,000 by 2018.

Repertory

If you would like to obtain more information respecting:

Your City councillor and the Plateau district:	maximetremblay.ca
Residents alert:	gatineau.ca/avis publics
Map – Zoning and density in the Plateau:	maximetremblay.ca (tab “dossier d’urbanisme”)
Your neighbourhood association:	www.residentsduplateau.com
The Ville de Gatineau:	gatineau.ca / 3-1-1
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Major projects in the Plateau district

Le Coeur du village urbain Le Plateau

This urban park will be the biggest one in the district covering an area of over 110,000 square metres. It will include a commercial section, a public park and a residential area.

The commercial zone located south of du Plateau Boulevard between the traffic circles at Atmosphère / de l’Europe and du Plateau / du Prado, will be intended primarily for neighbourhood businesses. This, in fact, is the area where the Gatineau CSSS may establish a CLSC and be the site for the neighbourhood municipal library. The businesses would front onto a large public square leading to a central park.

The large public central park will contain walking paths, a community garden, a playing field, water fountains, a skate park, tennis courts, soccer and soft-ball fields, as well as a NHL size skating rink. The latter is the product of a partnership with the Ottawa Senators.

For the residential portion, the Ville de Gatineau is proposing a mid to high density zone. The urban plans also provide for the establishment of a secondary school on the edge of the central park. The Commission scolaire des Portages-de-l’Outaouais, in fact, has adopted a resolution in that respect.

Work on the central park has already started with the extension of de Bruxelles Street and will continue in 2015. Phase 1, including the community garden, the playing field, the skating rink and the skate park has been estimated at little over \$2,000,000.

If you would like to follow the progress of the work or look over the various plans of the Coeur du village urbain Le Plateau, visit my website at maximetremblay.ca

2 photos

Partnership with the Ottawa Senators for the construction of an outdoor skating rink in the Plateau

Meeting with the neighbourhood youth who wish to have a skate park in the neighbourhood.

Pink Road

Photo de la carte

Pink Road. Phase 1 of the widening will be take place on the Gravit /des Grives stretch.

The widening of Pink Road is a very important issue in the Plateau sector, as well as for some neighbourhoods in the Aylmer sector. Furthermore, a multi-use path will be developed along Pink Road up to du Conservatoire Street where pedestrians and cyclists can walk and ride in complete safety!

Since initially no funds were available to carry out the project, I worked with the Member of the National Assembly for Hull, Maryse Gaudreault, to find funding quickly. Thanks to our efforts, the Minister of Transport of Qu bec decided to provide a special grant of \$320,000, which will allow the City to begin to make plans and estimates this year.

• Background:

- 1972 – Signing of a Canada-Qu bec agreement providing for the improvement of the road network on the Quebec side of the National Capital Region, with 50/50 sharing of costs. Although funding comes from the provincial and federal governments, the management of the roads designated in the agreement is entrusted to the Ville de Gatineau. Pink Road and La V rendrye Boulevard are part of the agreement.
- 2008 – Start of the environmental study by the Ville de Gatineau with respect to the project to widen Pink Road
- 2011 – The Bureau d’audiences publiques sur l’environnement (BAPE) undertakes its public hearings and produces its report
- 2012 – The minist re de l’Environnement produces a report leading to the conclusion that the project is acceptable at an environmental level if certain conditions are respected
- 2013 – The Government of Quebec signs a decree allowing a certificate of authorization to be issued to the Ville de Gatineau with respect to phase 1 of the project to widen Pink Road between de la Gravit  Street and des Grives Boulevard
- 2013 – The Ville de Gatineau adopts a resolution giving priority to certain road infrastructure projects including Pink Road
- 2014 – Quebec’s Minister of Transport provides a grant of \$320,000 to enable plans and estimates for the project to be started

• The first stage of the work consisting of the development of plans and estimates, will begin in 2015 with possible construction in 2017.

- **From the beginning of the process, residents were consulted and several presentations were made to the Association des résidentes et résidents du Plateau (ARP). A follow-up committee composed of residents will be established.**

Expansion of the Plateau community centre

- The main hall of the community centre was named “Jeannine Doyle-Cormier” in honour of this great volunteer engaged in the Association des résidentes et résidents du Plateau
- Expansion of about 170 square metres
- Total budget for construction: \$625,000
- The opening took place in November 2014

Photo

Inauguration of the new community centre where the main hall bears the name of Jeannine Doyle-Cormier

Des Fées Pathway

- Completion from du Plateau Boulevard to des Grives Boulevard
- Construction of a bridge at du Satellite Street

Neighbourhood parks

Parc du Shamal

Phase 1 of the park was carried out in 2014

Once completed, the park will have: play areas, water fountains, a soccer field and a basketball court, a skating rink and a small skate park

Two other new parks were created during the year: Parc Vaudaire and Parc du Marais

Library

It's official now, there will be a library in the Plateau sector and all indications are that it will be located in the new “Coeur du village urbain Le Plateau” development. In the 2014 budget \$22,000,000 was allocated to municipal libraries in Gatineau, including \$6,000,000 for the Plateau library.

Environment

- An investment of \$10,000 by the city councillor to revitalize, clean and landscape the des Fées Stream. The work was carried out jointly with the Agence de bassin versant des 7 (ABV des 7)
- An investment of \$10,000 by the city councillor for the du Marais elementary school as part of its project to beautify the school yard
- Construction of a fence around the soccer field located behind the du Plateau School

Pedestrians and cyclists

- Installation of a pedestrian crossing on du Plateau Boulevard between de l'Automne Street and de Bruxelles Street. The pathway could now be linked to the NCC pathway by passing under des

Allumettières Boulevard. This section would be possible thanks to an ecological donation from the Plateau de la Capitale S.E.N.C. company (project under development)

- Development of a report, in collaboration with the VÉLO committee of the Association des résidentes et résidents du Plateau (ARP), with respect to possible improvements to the biking network in the Plateau sector. A meeting was also organized for the purpose of carrying out the necessary follow-up.
- Support for Trottibus project

Transport and safety on streets

- Public transport toward the west end of the Ville de Gatineau. We are waiting for a study made by the Société de transport de l'Outaouais. However, the city councillors for the Aylmer sector, and I am now a member of this group, met with the provincial member for Pontiac in order to make him aware of the importance of the Quebec government's financial participation in this project.
- Several meetings with transport committee of the Association des résidentes et résidents du Plateau
- Improvement to the bus routes 24, 49 and 50 of the Société de transport de l'Outaouais
- Reduction of the speed limit on du Cosmos Street to 40 km/h
- New by-laws respecting parking on du Tropic and de Ganymède Streets in order to increase the safety of students on their way to school
- Addition of a turn signal at the intersection of des Grives and du Plateau Boulevards in order to facilitate left turns on du Plateau Boulevard
- Prohibition on trucks from driving on du Conservatoire and du Prado Streets and de l'Amérique Française and du Plateau Boulevards from des Grives boulevard westward (in force from the summer of 2015)
- Extended time to turn left onto des Allumettières Boulevard from des Grives Boulevard

Commercial development

Two new commercial centres are being developed in our sector at the present time:

- Intersection of Vanier Road and des Allumettières Boulevard (Maxi)
- Intersection of des Grives et des Allumettières Boulevards (Canadian Tire)

Photos

At the Fête Foraine organized by the ARP. On the photo, Maxime Tremblay, city councillor, Lise and Mathieu Toupin from the Hull Tennis Club, Maryse Gaudreault, Member of the National Assembly for Hull and Serge Bertrand, president of the ARP.

New bridge joining the des Fées pathway to Satellite Street

The des Fées pathway is now linked de l'Atmosphère Street

Maryse Gaudreault, Member of the National Assembly for Hull and Maxime Tremblay with Serge Bertrand and Lili Lemieux of the Association des résidentes et résidents du Plateau