

**Ottawa East
Community
Association**



Old Town Hall

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Via Email

Mayor Jim Watson
Office of the Mayor
City of Ottawa

Dear Mayor Watson:

I am writing on behalf of the Old Ottawa East Community Association to express our concern over the lack of meaningful representation on key city committees by councillors who represent Ottawa's urban wards. We are particularly concerned with the absence of representation by our elected Capital Ward Councillor, Shawn Menard on the Planning Committee, or FEDCO.

As you know, Capital Ward is experiencing an escalated rate of development and change that brings with it a host of issues of direct relevance to planning and policy. The needs of our densely populated ward are diverse and complex, and can only be effectively represented through formal committee membership. While balancing committee membership is undoubtedly a complex task, the current lack of genuine urban representation stands out.

We hope that changes may be made to the committee profiles in the near future, that will bring Capital Ward to the table.

Kind regards,

Phyllis Odenbach Sutton
President, Old Ottawa East Community Association

Cc Shawn Menard, Councillor, Capital Ward
Presidents of other community associations in Capital Ward
Sheila Perry, Federation of Citizens Associations