



February 5, 2019

Mayor and Members of Ottawa City Council  
Ottawa City Hall  
110 Laurier Ave. West  
Ottawa K1P 1A1

Dear Mayor and Councillors:

### **2019 City Of Ottawa Budget**

On behalf of the Federation of Citizens Associations (FCA) – an umbrella group representing 50 community associations in Ottawa – please accept these recommendations, endorsed by our membership at our January 16, 2019 general meeting, to be considered and acted on as part of your budget deliberations:

*The FCA recommends to Ottawa City Council to provide in its 2019 budget resources for:*

- *a cyclist/vehicle driver public education campaign on how to share Ottawa's streets safely;*
- *additional resources to enhance winter sidewalk maintenance to improve walkability;*
- *develop a Vision Zero program to eliminate traffic deaths by a target year;*
- *provide more resources to expand traffic calming on residential streets;*
- *develop a strategy to increase modal share and increase transit ridership by examining i) transit fares; and 2) enhanced service that more appropriately serves the community;*
- *provide additional resources to Para Transpo to meet the needs of its disabled and elderly clients; and*
- *increase opportunities to further "green" the City's fleet (eg. initiatives to reduce GHG emissions) .*

As a result we will be making presentations to the City's Transit Commission at its February 20 budget meeting, to the Ottawa Police Services Board at its February 20 budget meeting, and to Transportation Committee at its March 1 budget meeting regarding these recommendations.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Yours truly,

*Sheila Perry*

President, FCA

cc City Clerk, City Treasurer, General Manager Transportation Services, Chief of Police