

Working full-time for Kanata

Having lived in Kanata for over 22 years, it is an honour and a privilege to represent our community on City Council.

One of the things that makes Kanata a great place to live is its strong tradition of community participation. People feel they can and should have a voice in decisions being made by our City.

I value that tradition and I want to keep that tradition alive. Your comments, questions and ideas help me do just that.

The input I receive from people in the community also helps me ensure that Kanata's unique concerns are addressed.

I appreciate hearing from you about issues affecting our community at community association meetings, by phone, by e-mail or by letter. I assure you that I will continue to work hard on your behalf at City Hall to make sure local interests are represented. You can reach me at:

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Protecting our children

Getting children safely to school is a priority for all of us. Adult crossing guards were installed at five additional intersections in Kanata.



Peggy and a fellow Sens fan at Glen Cairn Safety Day in October.

As easy as 3-1-1

Accessing non-emergency City services is now as easy as dialling 3-1-1
For all Emergencies: 9-1-1
For Police non-emergency: 230-6211

Terry Fox Transitway Station

The opening of the Terry Fox Transitway station completes the relocation of the transfer point for bus routes in Kanata to the Centrum Mall. The station provides additional Park 'n Ride space and improved bus access to this busy shopping area.

Thank you volunteers!

Kanata has a strong tradition of community volunteers. Their hard work and dedication contributes in a large way to making Kanata the great community it is. I want to thank all volunteers for the difference they make to our community.

March Road widening

Council has approved the widening of March Road between Morgan's Grant Way and Old Carp Road.

The widening of March Road through Briarbrook/Morgan's Grant is long overdue. Growth in both rural Kanata and Briarbrook/Morgan's Grant has resulted in a substantial increase in traffic and future development plans will only add to the congestion.

I worked hard at Council to speed-up the widening of March Road and opposed changes to the official plan allowing further development until guarantees were in place to widen the roadway.

Budget addresses concerns

Kanata residents have made it very clear that they value both essential services and the services that contribute to our quality of life. The 2005 budget responded by:

- ✓ increasing roadside grass cutting
- ✓ restoring leaf/yard waste collection
- ✓ hiring 38 new paramedics
- ✓ improved bus service in Kanata
- ✓ adding a paramedic post by Centrum
- ✓ improving the intersection of Richmond and Stonehaven
- ✓ funding for renovations to Kanata Recreation Complex
- ✓ installing traffic lights at Fernbank and Eagleson

Peggy Feltmate



Kanata's
Councillor

Report to Constituents

Dear Friends:

As your Councillor, I feel privileged to serve and represent all of Kanata.

Kanata is continuing to grow rapidly. The challenge continues to be making sure our infrastructure keeps pace with growth and that growth takes place in ways that minimize the impact on existing communities.

I am proud to be Kanata's representative on Council in this great city, and I always appreciate receiving feedback from residents in the community.

Sincerely,

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Terry Fox Extension

I am delighted to be able to report that the southern extension of Terry Fox is open as far as Fernbank. Work will now start on the extension to Eagleson and Hope Side Road. This will ease traffic congestion in Bridlewood, Glen Cairn and Katimavik./Hazeldean.

New traffic lights at Fernbank and Eagleson will allow people in the south end of Kanata to make use of the extension of Terry Fox as well as responding to safety concerns about the intersection.

In November 2004, \$6.3 million dollars was approved to help complete the southern extension of Terry Fox Drive.

Extending Terry Fox to Eagleson Road and Hope Side Road will alleviate many of the traffic problems at the intersection of Fernbank Road and Eagleson Road.

In addition, by providing an alternate route for residents traveling between Bridlewood and other parts of Kanata, the extension will relieve some of the traffic volume on Stonehaven - particularly as roads in and out of Bridlewood connect to Hope Side Road.

The extension will also relieve some of the pressure from residential streets in Glen Cairn and from Castlefrank Road in Katimavik/Hazeldean.

For all residents of Kanata, making sure our infrastructure keeps pace with growth is a priority. For residents of Bridlewood, I know infrastructure improvements are of particular concern.

The extension will not solve all of our traffic challenges in Kanata South, but it is an important step forward.

Improving community safety

A Community Safety Forum that I held on October 22 provided an opportunity for the community to come together and share their concerns and suggest solutions to community safety issues in Kanata.

During the Open House portion of the Forum, residents and business owners talked with City staff, community partners and police. Participants then identified the issues they wanted addressed throughout the day: vandalism, traffic safety and police resources.

Working collaboratively with police, staff from traffic and sidewalk safety, community street lighting, by-law services, OC Transpo and community partners such as Neighbourhood Watch, the Kanata Community Safety Partnership, and the Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre, participants came up with suggestions to address many of the issues identified. A subsequent report was drafted, and can be viewed at: www.feltmateforkanata.com



Peggy congratulates Ashley Walker after she sang the national anthem for City Council in April. Ashley is a very talented student at Katimavik Elementary School with an up-and-coming career in music.

Grass cutting increased

The 2005 budget responded to residents' concerns about the appearance of our community. The budget for grass cutting was reduced in 2004, and this year's budget increased roadside grass cutting from three times per year to five. I have been hearing from residents that the result has been a noticeable improvement.

Increased representation for Kanata

The most recent estimates place Kanata's population at 68,000 people. That's five times the size of Ottawa's smallest ward.

Representation by population is a basic democratic principle and Kanata residents were treated unfairly by this imbalance.

To address this issue, new ward boundaries will come into effect for the next municipal election. Urban Kanata will be divided in two at the Queensway to form Kanata North and Kanata South. Rural Kanata will join Ward 5, West Carleton.

The new boundaries that have been adopted by Council are not perfect. Like many others, I would have preferred not to increase the number of councillors but to have more equal population distributions. The ward boundary changes do provide fair representation for the residents of Kanata.

Honouring our Veterans

The Kanata Cenotaph is a memorial to the sacrifices made by our veterans. How it looks says a lot about how seriously we take the debt we owe them.

Like many of you, I was concerned about the condition of the Cenotaph. In the 2005 budget, a colleague and I moved a motion to provide funding for the maintenance of cenotaphs on City property. The increased expense of \$10,000 is a small amount compared to the immense sacrifices made by veterans of the First and Second World Wars and the Korean War.



Peggy attends Remembrance Day ceremonies in Kanata.

Declaring 2005 as the Year of the Veteran prompted many of us to reflect on the 177,000 Canadians who have died in the service of our country. We owe it to their memories to ensure their sacrifices are never forgotten. Ensuring the Kanata cenotaph and others across the City are properly maintained contributes in a small way to that remembrance.