

**From:** Don Yetman <donyetman2018@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** September 20, 2018 9:24 AM  
**To:** Heather Pope  
**Subject:** Re: Dementia and Criminal Justice - Ottawa Municipal Election

Hi Heather,

Thanks for the note.

I have long advocated for those with mental health issues. I have an autistic adult son, and have been working on living options for him for years. I also have a close friend suffering from Dementia, he and his family, are struggling with care issues right now, so I have seen the hurdles and lack of easily accessible support.

With respect to Dementia and the Criminal Justice system, we have a moral responsibility to provide services and supports for those afflicted. Some of the key things that City needs to action are:

1. Maintain the existing Long Term Care facilities, and plan to increase spaces to reflect the aging population and resulting increase in Dementia cases. I believe we need to forecast needs with the available demographics , then identify and secure future funding.
2. I also believe as a planning tool, in addition to funding the increase in spaces, we need a longer term and ongoing process to develop more spaces. This can be partially achieved by adopting the concept of Inclusionary Housing , which promotes that Building Developers allocate X % of units at Below Market value. These units can then be made available to disadvantaged and/or groups the provide services for them.
3. I want to review all the various programs and organizations to which Ottawa presently provides funding to ensure that there is real resulting community value. There is a finite amount of money to be allocated, so the City needs to ensure that the right groups get the money.
4. All first responders , including law enforcement, need continued and ongoing education on Dementia, other mental health issues and the varying manifestations of these diseases. First responders need to have a good understanding of the disease to identify and properly react to situations
5. The Justice System needs to quickly determine the designation of Dementia and remove these people from the criminal stream and direct them to the Health System for attention.

Thanks for the opportunity to express my opinions.

Please let me know when these comments, and others, are posted. I would like to share them.

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**From:** Heather Pope <dementiajustice@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** September 18, 2018 5:01 PM  
**To:** Heather Pope  
**Subject:** Dementia and Criminal Justice - Ottawa Municipal Election

Dear Candidate:

On behalf of the Dementia Justice Society of Canada, I am writing to ask a campaign question: "If elected, how will you work to improve the lives of people with dementia who live in a municipal long-term care home and become involved with the criminal justice system (e.g., are violent toward staff or another resident and are charged with assault)?"

Dementia Justice is a federally-incorporated non-profit society dedicated to advancing the rights, needs and dignity of people with dementia who are, or are at risk of becoming, involved with the criminal justice system. We strive to achieve our objectives through public advocacy, awareness-raising, education, and interdisciplinary legal and policy research.

Our current volunteer advisory board members are:

- Nicole Dalmer, PhD candidate, Faculty of Information and Media Studies, University of Western Ontario;
- Professor Margaret Isabel Hall, Faculty of Law, Thompson Rivers University;
- Barbara Lindsay, Director of Advocacy and Education & Marketing and Communications, Alzheimer Society of British Columbia;
- Helene Love, doctoral candidate, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto;
- Aileen McGinty, Crown Attorney, Mental Health Court and Court Monitored Drug Treatment Program, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia; and
- Daina Stanley, PhD candidate, Medical Anthropology, McMaster University.

For your reference, several of our advocacy materials are posted on our website, including our 2017 [submission](#) to the federal Department of Justice in response to its transforming the criminal justice system initiative.

Kindly note that we intend to post your response on our website for voters to read.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes with your campaign.

Sincerely,

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Director

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