

**From:** mark scharfe <mark\_scharfe@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** September 19, 2018 3:43 AM  
**To:** Heather Pope  
**Subject:** Re: Dementia and Criminal Justice - Ottawa Municipal Election

Hello Ms. Pope, This is my response to your question.

As a candidate for municipal council, when elected, my responsibility in rural is making decisions regarding drainage, roads, garbage, and then police, fire, recreation, and social services.

Because dementia is a disease of the mind, it is a mental health problem.

As im sure you are aware, mental health is not a proven science. We cannot tell, for certain, if a person is hearing voices, "loosing their mind", or psycotic, other than to look at the evidence, and make an assumption.

As a municipal councillor, I certainly appreciate "dementia justice" , however, I do not feel that there is much that I can do at the municipal level.

It is definately not appropriate to put these folks in jail, or give them fines,put them on probation, or give them an order to "keep the peace".

I am not "passing the puck", however, it is definately a health care issue, and has to be dealt with at this level.

I appreciate this is not a very helpful answer, but it is all that I can offer.

Sincerely, Mark Scharfe, Candidate for Osgoode Ward #20

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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 theDementia 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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