

## BRIEF

### DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY, VILLE DE GATINEAU

My name is Susan Rogan, and I have been living in the Aylmer sector of the City of Gatineau for the last twenty years. I love the natural beauty of the area and want to preserve it for the future.

After attending the workshop and reviewing the draft I would like to suggest that the following ideas be added to the Environmental Policy.

Preserving the Water Resource: The City of Gatineau should encourage the use of dual-flush toilets to save valuable water. A financial rebate would be a good incentive.

Preserving the Water Resource: Maintain the purity of drinking water. Additives such as fluoride should be avoided. That is like medicating the entire population in order to help a few people.

Preserving the Soil Resource: Urban sprawl should be stopped, because it is not sustainable development. The city core should be densified instead. The City should maintain or tighten existing rural and agricultural zones, and not rezone them to residential. This just allows the urban sprawl to continue.

Reducing the environmental footprint and energy consumption: Continue to investigate and then implement 'waste to energy' technologies like modern incineration and plasma gasification. Continue to cooperate with the MRC's and maybe even the City of Ottawa to find the best technology. Discontinue the use of landfills.

Quality of life: In Aylmer the marina area, park and public beach area should be preserved the way they are. This area is the only large open natural place in Aylmer where the public can enjoy the Ottawa River. Overdevelopment of any kind would destroy this unique and beautiful site.

The City of Gatineau is doing excellent work for the environment and can be proud of its leadership. Thank you for taking the environment seriously and for working with the citizens for a greener future.