

My Love Letter to my Community

Dear Kanata North,

I love your beauty. I love that nature is at my fingertips. A walk at the Beaverpond, South March highlands, along the Carp River, or our many greenspaces can be done on a whim. I can lose myself in nature whenever I choose. My kids have been able to appreciate this nature since they were born. For this I know they are calmer, happier kids and I am a happier, calmer mom. The beauty of our community is everywhere we look, as long as we are open to seeing it.

I love your people. It is an understatement to say that our community has a big heart. This is evidenced by the 165 (and counting) neighbours who have signed up over the last 3 weeks to volunteer to help others grocery shop or run errands while they self-isolate. The stories I could share about the dozens of folks we have helped in the last few weeks are so incredible. This is community at its finest and Kanata North you are pretty fine.

I love how safe we feel here. I know that crime does happen, but not often, and when it does, we rally as a community. We watch out for each other. We make sure our neighbours are ok. Your hearts are so big. It makes my family and I feel safe.

I love the sense of community and belonging I've felt since the day we moved here. The smiles and generosity of neighbours. The amazing schools, community associations, and businesses. This feels like home amongst many instant friends. It's amazing.

I love the life we've been able to build here.

Thank you, Kanata North for being the place I want to raise my family, grow old in, and have the opportunity to serve my community as their Councillor. Thank you to the people of Kanata North for being so kind and gracious particularly now in such difficult times. Although, it may not always seem like it we are so fortunate. It's times like now that taking stock of our blessings, being thankful, and remaining focused on our health and wellness is critical.

Please keep us safe in the days to come.

With much love and appreciation,

***Jenna
Proud City Councillor***