

## END OTTAWA ELECTIONS GAMBLING

Voters (not individual councillors) have the constitutional and treaty freedom of election, association, expression, political opinion, employment rights to choose the best ideas through a free vote on a cohesive group of candidates who have endorsed a specific platform. If people elect a mayor that does not belong to a political party or a political party that is in the minority, there is a potential that the mayor will be limited by the platform of the municipal political party with the majority number of Councillors, this may have ended Mayor O'Brien zero means zero promise.

Like any human being, Mayor Watson has strong and weak points; however the media incorrectly blamed him for learning from the challenges of Mayor O'Brien by forming an informal political party of Councillors who are willing to work together on certain issues and or trade voting favours. The people of Ottawa never got a chance to vote on the agenda of a trading favours political party. In any political party system of government, the political party with the majority always has the unfettered right to hire and fire committee chairs, therefore the replacement of the Chair of the Police Board is part of a mayor's job.

Some suggest that political parties are not needed because the best ideas will rise to the top, but trading favours to get votes in Council cannot always lead to the best interests of Ottawa residents. Another perceived drawback of a political party is that Councillors will not be able to vote their conscience for fear of being expelled from a nomination or caucus (withdraw the whip), this fear will end with a City bylaw requiring that any political party that endorses a candidate on a ballot may not expel any member without complying with the Supreme Court of Canada s1 Charter "criminal, corrupt, profoundly immoral" test for expulsion from parliament.

**Draft Bylaw To End Ottawa Elections Gambling** (Any Candidate For Council That Did Not Get Elected By Providing Voters A Campaign Website Objection To The Legality Of This Bylaw Should Vote Yes)

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