

[Candidate]

I'm writing to ask for your position, as candidate for Mayor of Ottawa, on an issue of pedestrian safety.

You may be aware of this statistic, from the [city's 2026 report](#):

Ottawa cyclists and pedestrians are suffering "fatal and major injuries" from collisions involving vehicles at the rate of more than one per week.

Table 2 - Collision Data Summary (2019 to 2022)

Collision Descriptor	Cyclists Involved	Pedestrians Involved	Total Vulnerable Road Users Involved
Fatal and Major Injury Collision	59	121	180
Collisions involving vehicles* turning left	17 (~29%)	23 (~19%)	40 (~22%)
Collisions involving vehicles* turning right	12 (~20%)	5 (~4%)	17 (~9%)
Collisions not involving a turning movement	30 (~51%)	93 (~77%)	123 (~68%)

* *Motorized or non-motorized vehicles*

The City of Ottawa isn't tracking minor injuries, which could include concussions, or close calls, which occur even more frequently and also affect health and quality of life.

When asked about the possibility of tracking close calls, city staff replied: "the near miss data requires special equipment, typically a consulting assignment, so we don't have city-wide data on that" (city hall meeting, 26 February 2026, [approximately 2:09:25 of the video](#)).

1. Would you, as mayor, support the idea of crowd-sourcing data from vulnerable road users about when a vehicle nearly hits them?

This seems like important safety data for a city that cares about preventing harm to vulnerable road users to have. Crowd-sourced data could be both thorough and economical.

2. Would you, as mayor, commit to spending minor city resources in support of this crowd-sourcing project for pedestrian safety, such as posters at intersections, a website, and translation services?

3. If not, why not? What is your plan to protect Ottawa's vulnerable road users from ongoing significant harm?

[signed]