

Councillor Alex Cullen to Present City of Ottawa Proclamation of November 15 as GIS Day 2006

Alex Cullen who was re-elected to Ottawa city council will attend ceremonies at the University of Ottawa to present the City of Ottawa Proclamation declaring November 15 as GIS Day in Ottawa.

Dr. Barry Wellar, Distinguished Geomatics Scientist at the University of Ottawa, and Media Program Director for the Canadian Association of Geographers, says that Cullen is an excellent city representative for this assignment.

“Alex Cullen knows how important geography is to planning, development, zoning, transportation, policing, waste disposal, and numerous other civic issues, he knows that good decisions are based on good data and good information., and he knows that Ottawa has been a world leader in the development and application of geographic information system (GIS) technology.”

In addition, as a member of the current council and the incoming council, Alex Cullen is strategically placed to ensure that the use of GIS technology is maximized over the next four years.

According to Dr. Wellar, a recognized urban expert, “The new mayor and council have a raft of promises to keep, and many of them require more and better geographic data, information and knowledge to deal with complex and difficult-to-solve problems, including the light rail conflict. Since Alex Cullen will no doubt be front and center in ensuring that due regard is given to how geography affects decisions, it is most fitting that he present the City of Ottawa Proclamation declaring November 15 to be GIS Day in Ottawa.

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