

Councillor Monette, Heart of Orléans BIA and Orléans Autotech come together to erase graffiti.

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OTTAWA--- This year is the third in the fight against graffiti in Orléans that has been lead by Councillor Monette. This spring to kick off the 15th annual Spring Clean the Capital Councillor Monette donates a 1500-psi gas powered pressure washer to the Heart of Orléans BIA.

“This washer will be for the entire community to use. Since it is now required by By-Law to have it removed within a weeks time, I am donating a pressure washer to make it a little easier to comply” stated Monette. “Not only will local businesses be able to use the washer so will local community associations”

“We are very excited by this donation, it will help tremendously with the look and feel of St. Joseph Blvd.” Responded Anita McDonald, Executive Director of the Heart of Orléans BIA. “We are relatively new BIA and always welcome donations which will help clean our businesses and community.”

The first graffiti you spot when driving down St. Joseph blvd is on the side of Orléans Autotech, it is glaring black spray paint on white brick. “After removing the graffiti today I want to ensure that no one else defaces my property. This summer I plan to paint a mural on the side of the wall with family and friends to discourage future vandals. Every little bit helps and I want to do my part,”. Said Mr. Copland, owner of Orléans Autotech.

Spring Clean the Capital is a regional event, which lasts from April 15th to May 15th as part of the Community Pride Program for more information on this please see www.ottawa.ca.

The pressure washer will be loaned out through the BIA for graffiti removal to any local community organization or business, which has need of it. This is a small step towards the ultimate goal of complete eradication of graffiti and vandalism.

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