

"What do you see as the biggest issues surrounding the Panda Game? / Selon-vous, quelles sont les plus grands problèmes qui entourent le match panda?"

Zero accountability by U of O and students. No recourse. Little to no help from those promising they will be prepared and do better year after year including By-Law, OPS, City of Ottawa.

The disorderly events and misbehaving surrounding the Panda games are simply a larger manifestation of what occurs regularly on weekends on certain Sandy Hill streets that have a high density of student accommodation. This type of behaviour - loud music, yelling, glass breaking and generally obnoxious behaviour - occurs throughout the year, but most frequently at the beginning of the fall term and at the end of the year. The issue is simply that Universities are (now) big business as demonstrated by the increased enrolment over last 30-40 years (according to the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada enrolment rising from 550,000 students in 1980 to 994,000 in 2010, for example, and now over a million in undergraduate studies alone) and the University of Ottawa is no different. Therefore, to sustain this business model focused on increasing student enrolment and general growth, university owned land is dedicated by its administrators to building new faculty and operational buildings and is less and less dedicated to building on campus accommodation for students. Neither is the university reserving green, open space on campus for the health and well-being of students - that role is also left to the municipalities.

Residents of Sandy Hill have the right to expect that our city government will protect their physical safety, wellbeing and private property. Our Mayor and City Council did not provide the resources necessary to contain the mob violence or control the disorder that followed the Panda Game on October 2, 2021. And yet, this outcome was easily foreseeable, especially considering that the same unacceptable behavior has plagued this event year after year, escalating in severity each time. By nightfall, the handful of police and bylaw officers assigned to this daunting task last October had to abandon the field or risk their own safety, confronted with 2,000+ drunken, out-of-control rioters overjoyed to trash our streets and terrorize residents. How are we to feel safe in our own homes again? Who will protect and uphold our rights?

Student street parties have been growing size and destruction, most notably since 2012 when a mass of students flooded the intersection of Somerset St E and Chapel on St. Patrick's Day. Every 'holiday' provides students with an opportunity to party without consequence, leaving urine/fecal matter about the streets mixed with beer cans, broken bottles, and other garbage, as well as damaged lawns and steps. Panda Game parties became a major issue in 2016 and have been left to expand without serious intervention by the ward councillor, Ottawa Police Service, and the Universities whose students temporarily occupy this neighbourhood. The only consequence the partygoers ever face is a hangover, and that leads to their continued emboldened behaviour which culminated in the riot of 2021. It is entirely possible to discover who the partygoers are and charge them, yet that is not happening, nor are the Universities concerned with the behaviour of their students, nor the reputation their establishments are now garnering. This issue is far larger than just the Panda Games as property owners deal with wild

parties almost year round. Property owners should not have to physically defend their property when Police Services are trained for that very thing, and the Councillor should not continue to turn a blind eye to the plight of the residents who suffer as sacrifices to contain the street parties as he has done for many years. When the councillor boasts in his election pamphlets that he has enacted strategies to mitigate these parties, yet stops short of any meaningful action, it is an insult to the property owners who have witnessed their neighbourhood destroyed time and time again, and whose property values fall as a result of his inaction. Inaction by the Police Service allowed a vehicle to be overturned, almost set on fire (the rain prevented a full flame), and multiple assaults and injuries within steps of children's beds. As a tax paying member of society, having my residential property reduced to a 'student ghetto' is insulting and demeaning, and the lack of interest in changing this destructive status quo from the Mayor, the award councillor, and the police is shocking no deplorable. Residents should not fear for their safety while at home.

A lack of police presence on Russell Ave. Police need to be on that street from 8 am, on Panda Bowl Game Day, until 1 am to deter out of control parties. UOttawa, and the other groups responsible for paying the police, need to double their police budget costs.

What I see as the biggest issues..... Violence. Unlawful assembly. Problematically large crowds of people on the street creating safety issues. Groups of people on the streets while I was trying to drive somewhere from my home (around 7pm). Police blocked off streets with large crowds while I was trying to drive home (around 11pm). Groups of people running on the road while I was trying to drive home. Risk to their own safety. Harmful towards residents' feelings of safety. Noise issues. Disregard for residents' well-being. Lack of prevention or earlier intervention when crowds began to gather (earlier in the night prior to vehicle incident).

The intoxicated, disorderly and destructive behaviour impacts of students on the public realm and private residences properties.

Le manque de vision et de leadership du SPO. Il est inconcevable que le SPO n'ait pas même envisager une telle possibilité.

"A fragmented, uncoordinated approach on the part of our municipal leaders, the universities, the city and OPS, and a lack of ownership on all parts. "

" Many things went wrong the night of the Panda Game riot.

- Panda Game mitigation plan did not anticipate a street party post 6 pm. This shows severe lack of planning and judgement on the part of the OPS, UOttawa and City Officials, including elected.

- No official reacted in time. Russell Street residents were abandoned by officials, especially OPS for over 6 hours while they suffered violence, harassment, and damage to their homes.
- OPS officers and 911 did not take Russell Residents concerns seriously. Our repeated requests for help were generally ignored, if not treated with contempt.
- Residents had to do officials', especially the OPS' job that night– to keep the riot escalating, ourselves.
- OPS told residents 'to go home, bud' when they were told rioters were attempting to light car on fire and asked us "do you want us to get hurt" rather than providing any assistance.
- OPS actions, especially the barricades, emboldened rioters, who pointed to police and laughed as residents tried to call 911.

2) The riot was part of a larger, social issue, it was not a one-off event. We have to look at Panda Game in this context.

- Since reduction of COVID-19 restrictions, since this summer, increase of street parties that are disruptive to the neighbourhood.
- We have also seen tendency over the last few years of increased illegal street parties.
- Many of the people who arrive are not from the neighbourhood. People arriving via uber and taxi.
- Difficult to enforce, but need police and bylaw that are onsite and need to intervene quickly.
- Panda game thus just the worst instance of a similar events:
 - o Hallowe'en if this year, residents faced similar gathering of students. Half a dozen homes called ByLaw with not effect. Once we called 911, three or four police cars showed up and disbursed the crowd.
 - o 311 and Police were not able to respond to "Frosh Week" mobs of students roaming.
 - o Chapel Street is regularly very disruptive.

3) Ottawa U has done nothing since the riot. No formal apology, no outreach. No students have faced any punishment.

4) Sense community is abandoned by city officials

- Lots of disrepair, strewn garbage, houses condemned or in poor shape.
- Need to consider zoning and housing to promote mixed neighbourhood, and not create a student ghetto.
- Need to ask why this doesn't happen near Carleton U (Ottawa South)?
- Students believe Sandy Hill is campus.

I think we need student ""monitors""/peer supports. Alternatives to the drinking/smoking culture. More social services for young people who are struggling, especially now

The students don't have a safe space to tailgate! Using strathcona park or Sandy hill community center would be a suggestion.

"I don't think the Panda game is going away or should go away. Russell Ave has become a fun place for students to gather and that won't change unless we offer another venue that is more appealing to them, and deter students from gathering on a residential street."

lack of personal safety. recurring issues.

"Lack of police and city enforcement

Public disturbance disorder and public safety issues

Should be contained to university premises at university expense "

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Would be interesting to know if those arrested were UO students? What were the consequences? What was enforced? This is the first year these actions were taken despite annual meetings demonstrating property damage / assaults / trespassing / etc.

"The University relies on the adjacent municipal housing and infrastructure to accommodate students to greater and greater extent, and the market is happy to fill that niche with grim, sub-standard housing. The consequence, however is that a mixed neighbourhood of varying family types and residents like Sandy Hill has become overwhelmed with a transient student population cramped into contractor designed/minimum standard rooming house-like accommodation. Besides the loud weekend partying, this type of market driven development, then also leads also to poor property maintenance standards and management - read: garbage and rats. "

Town and gown should revisit their support of the Pancake breakfast. I fail to see the logic in promoting an event in Sandy Hill that reminds students 'we need to plan a party like last year' after the breakfast and after the game. If they want the privilege of having an event in Sandy Hill they have to earn it.

Cancel the 2022 event and if they act like adults it can return in 2023. And why does the City allow the pancake breakfast to be held at Sandy Hill Arena. Minor hockey was cancelled. Host it on campus.

Victim blaming. Victim blaming is a devaluing act where the victim of a crime or a wrongful act is held responsible (entirely or in part) for the acts that have been committed against them. I believe that comments such as ""you shouldn't live in Sandy Hill on Russell street if you don't want this to happen on your street"", or ""if you want peace and quiet, live in Kanata!"" equate to victim blaming. Victim blaming can create feelings of shame and anxiety, causing further harm to those who were affected by the events that occurred. I want it to be clear that the community members who were caused harm by what happened did NOT deserve or ask for this. Buying a house or living in an apartment in a certain neighborhood does not mean that you are deserving of violence to your property, person, or threat to your safety.

The inability of uOttawa to provide and manage its student's population recreational needs on uOttawa property instead of students resorting to the public realm and private property for these needs.

"This is a predictable event that occurs every year, and yet once again, everyone was caught off-guard. There should be a coordinated approach to preventing this from happening (i.e. awareness campaign, police presence, barriers for non-residents to access Russell Avenue, and a process for responding to parties or crowds before they grow).

What would you propose as solutions to these issues? / Qu'est-ce que vous proposez comme solutions à ces problèmes?

"Panda needs a hiatus until all parties involved develop a solid plan to deal with this annual nightmare. Despite meetings making these same suggestions, the problem persists. Previous suggestions: UO needs to develop a Code of Ethics for its students and enforce consequences AND a place / party students actually want to attend (what are the barriers to this when Lansdowne hosts events all the time?!). By-Law needs to ticket early. OPS needs to ticket and disperse crowds early. Punishment needs to fit the crime... years of trespassing / property damage prove otherwise."

"I doubt very much if the misbehaving and huge nuisance parties, and garbage that we see on Sandy Hill streets would be tolerated by the University Administration if occurred on campus. Rather, it wouldn't even happen in the first place, as students know better than to directly, and negatively impact their future alma mater, but consequences for misbehaving on municipal streets goes largely un-enforced. The problem of the Panda Games, and general nuisance parties has only been getting worse with time. No amount of scolding, cancelling events, fines or 'student role model leadership schemes' will solve this problem to any noticeable affect."

"Provide police and bylaw officers with adequate resources to respond effectively. Restorative justice initiatives where violators apologize/listen to their victims face-to-face. Neighborhood watch type surveillance during the event on a voluntary basis. Increased presence by UOttawa student responders. Cancellation of Panda Game in the absence of a firm plan of action. Initiatives to restore public trust in police generally, with full acceptance of responsibility by City government for the failure to provide an adequate response on October 2, 2021."

"All partygoers should all be charged with criminal offences, regardless of their supposed 'participation level' at these parties. Students should face suspensions and/or expulsions based on investigations into their party activities, as well as possible eviction if the party originated from their temporary address. The universities should draft a more comprehensive 'rules of conduct' for students so they understand that the neighbourhood as they occupy while studying are residential neighbourhoods and are not 'student ghettos' as some other cities have, and that families live around them. If this poses too big an ask of the universities, then they may host the street parties on their property and police may funnel any partygoers to university property. The councillor may either resign for his inaction, or admit that he has not done what is necessary to protect the residents and property owners and make a genuine effort to collaborate with those affected by his inaction on ways to prevent these parties from continuing. Pancakes breakfasts and tailgates are fine for students who are respectful and want to enjoy the festivities, but these parties are formed by students who do not care about school pride, and are more interested in 'having fun.' I fear if the councillor and universities maintain their inaction, then next year will see things far worse than some bruises and an overturned car."

"I hope Town and Gown holds regular meetings regarding next years Panda Game. I've lived on Russell for 13 years and that night my kids were scared. It was a disgrace and what's amazing to think is that it could have been worse. To the police, city and university- please do better."

"For what happened, a restorative justice approach. Moving forward, prevention. "

Require uOttawa to provide recreational needs for its student body on uOttawa property and not permit uOttawa to acquire special event permits in the public realm/property or public facilities.

"Il n'y a malheureusement aucune solution à court terme. Une police communautaire plus présente envers laquelle la population a confiance sera nécessaire afin de permettre à ces derniers d'interagir en temps réel avec les gens lorsque des débordements surviennent plutôt que de rester assis dans leur auto aux intersections de Sandy Hill. Malheureusement, ce problème dépasse le cadre de Match Panda et, avec le leadership en place, aucune avancée ne sera faite sur ce plan. Un meilleur travail de prévention et d'information du secteur communautaire, incluant notre conseiller municipal, doit être mis en place, les leaders des différents groupes doivent être présent en rencontrer la population en

amont, avant que les problèmes surviennent. L'échec de la soirée du Match n'a pas une réponse simple ni une solution simple. Il s'agit, entre autres, mais sans toutefois se limiter, à un problème structurel au sein du service policier, d'un manque de confiance des parties concerné envers celui-ci, d'un manque de communication entre les divers groupes, etc. Malheureusement, aucun de ces problèmes n'a de solution rapide et personne ne souhaite les adresser.

"a) Ongoing consultation with residents

b) The development of a plan to avoid another riot, and to coordinate the response if one materializes. Planning must involve residents, the city, elected officials, OPS, Carleton U and uOttawa leadership and students

c) An awareness campaign to draw attention to the mental health impact student actions have on residents of Russell Avenue and Sandy Hill more broadly, and to highlight fines and consequences (i.e. student suspension or expulsion for attendance)

d) Limited access for non-residents to Russell Avenue before, during and after Panda Game

e) Visible police presence, on foot (i.e. not just SUVs and vans parked at street ends)

f) A process for rapid response to crowd control if/when crowds begin to gather

g) The provision of fines and arrests to students who engage in illegal behaviour

h) Portable outhouses in areas where students are likely to congregate over the course of the weekend with a plan for maintenance

i) A clear process for residents to access help/support to deal with trespassing or violence

j) Mental health support for residents who experience fear, stress, anxiety and trauma related to the Panda Game

k) Clear accountability mechanisms if riots are not prevented

l) Tax breaks and/or compensation for affected residents to offset costs of preparing homes for rioters and paying for damages.

m) Compensation for residents to pay for private security forces if OPS cannot guarantee the safety of residents"

"First, all responsible parties have to recognize that what happened was violence and damage enabled by a riot of over 2000 people, mostly university students.

Need a strategy or plan with all responsible entities to deal with this problem throughout the year. This plan needs to look at reinforcement and urban planning, to avoid ghettoizing our streets.

We need to see consequences for students who cause violence and damage to Sandy Hill residents. U Ottawa has to condemn actions of their students.

Panda Game riot could have been avoided if police sent police early (6pm). Responsible officials need people to monitor and react quickly. Mitigation strategies need to be moved far from Russell Ave

Need more official patrolling onsite that are reachable that prioritize and stop gathering early.

Russell Avenue residents need support from City Officials to protect the community.

UOttawa, OPD and City Officials take steps to improve trust and credibility among Russell Ave residents.

See above

"Community staff that help keep people safe, not police which people don't want to interact with."

"Use an outdoor space like the Sandy Hill Arena parking lot as a venue and make it a more attractive place for students to gather. To attract them offer music at the arena and deter them from gathering on Russell through increased policing and a zero tolerance policy for open alcohol and increased fines. This isn't my area of expertise but from my experience, you can't take away something like this event without offering a replacement."

"I think there should be on-campus activities. the responsibility should be put on the universities. it is a university event and the damages and consequences should not be put on the neighbourhood. I suggest a supervised pre and post game party. let students drink and make noise on campus without consequences but have supervision to make sure nothing gets too out of hand and maintain safety. (also as mathieu fleury said, if it was up to me i'd cancel the game) I suggest the Lees football field."

The Universities should host a 24-hour party in a venue either on University grounds or at the stadium. They should ensure security and emergency services. It should be exclusively funded by universities and attendees

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"The solution must address the root causes noted above, namely:

1. the University of Ottawa must increase on-campus accommodation and proportional on-campus recreation and green space, or fund pocket housing for students along the light rail in order to take the pressure of Sandy Hill;

2. the City of Ottawa must put a cap on cramped, rooming house “infill” development marketed to students (or dramatically increase expectations for design and property standards); and
3. the City of Ottawa must develop a directed approach to missing middle housing to re-attract a diversity of families and residents back to Sandy Hill."

J'aimerais simplement ajouter que Action Sandy Hill n'est pas la voix de tout les résidents de Sandy Hill