

Candidate drops run over udder nonsense

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Mayoral candidate Robert Gauthier has withdrawn from the race, partly because he's frustrated with an illegal cow in Orleans.

"I don't feel my services can be provided in an effective manner," Gauthier said Thursday.

Gauthier said he's disappointed the city won't follow the "rule of law" and force an Orleans cheese boutique to remove a plastic cow from the roof of its shop.

A bylaw prohibits any rooftop signs in Ottawa, and the rule applies to the cow at Cheddar Et Cetera in a plaza on Watters Rd.

'Rule of law'

The shop has a petition of about 1,500 signatures from people who want the city to allow the cow to stay on the roof. Gauthier said a petition shouldn't dictate how the city enforces a bylaw.

"I'm a believer in the rule of law," Gauthier said.



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"I don't have time to get bogged down in stuff like that."

Orleans Coun. Bob Monette is calling for a review of the rooftop sign bylaw. City staff estimate the review would cost \$20,000 because they would need to hire a consultant.

In other election news, an Ottawa lawyer has thrown his hat into the ring to compete for a council seat.

Rod Vanier filed his nomination papers this week to run in Knoxdale-Merivale ward. The seat is currently held by Coun. Gord Hunter, who is retiring from municipal politics after this term.

The municipal election is Oct. 25.

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