

# IELECT Candidate Questionnaire

IELECT Hamilton is asking every candidate for Council to complete this online questionnaire to provide residents with information regarding your campaign platform.

Please complete the following questionnaire. IELECT Hamilton will post your unedited responses on our website. The questionnaire is structured using the six priorities identified in our research of municipalities across Canada.

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KEVIN GEENEN

Running for: \*

Mayor

Councillor

If councillor, which ward are you running in:

- Ward 1
- Ward 2
- Ward 3
- Ward 4
- Ward 5
- Ward 6
- Ward 7
- Ward 8
- Ward 9
- Ward 10
- Ward 11
- Ward 12
- Ward 13
- Ward 14
- Ward 15

Which ward do you currently reside in: \*

Ward 1

Ward 2

Ward 3

Ward 4

Ward 5

Ward 6

Ward 7

Ward 8

Ward 9

Ward 10

Ward 11

Ward 12

Ward 13

Ward 14

Ward 15

Other: .....

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## I - Infrastructure

A Leader who inclusively improves Hamilton's neighbourhoods, parks, playgrounds, roads, bridges, community centres, and waste water treatment facilities.

1. What three things are you most concerned about and would like to see changed as they relate to Hamilton's current infrastructure needs? \*

WASTEWATER TREATMENT - We need to ensure that the city's water treatment systems have adequate capacity so that we are not dumping sewage into our waterways. ROAD

SAFETY - We need to ensure that intersections, school zones, and indeed all roads are pedestrian friendly.

ACCESS TO WATER IN PARKS - Our parks should have outdoor water fountains to ensure clean water access for park users, especially throughout the always-increasing number of heat waves.

2. As a councillor, what three actions would you propose to improve Hamilton's infrastructure? \*

WASTEWATER TREATMENT - I will ensure that water treatment system capacity is addressed whenever there are new developments going up and seek to reduce run-off in the first place (ex: implementation of more permeable surfaces where appropriate).

ROAD SAFETY - I will seek to hear from Ward 5 residents and indeed all Hamilton residents as to what areas there are serious pedestrian safety issues as well as undertaking various safety reviews of specific areas. School zones will definitely be one of the highest priorities in this regard. After identifying problem areas, conversation will then turn towards coming up with effective solutions. Measures implemented must be put in place with community input.

ACCESS TO WATER IN PARKS - I will make a list of all of the major parks/trails in Ward 5 and conduct a personal review of water access. Consulting with the community and working with city staff I will aim to ensure clean water access to park users.

## E - Economy

A leader who strengthens the overall financial health and prosperity of Hamilton and all its diverse residents, through better and more secure jobs, a living wage, housing availability and affordability, and access to public services.

1. What three things are you most concerned about and would like to see changed as they relate to Hamilton's current economy? \*

AFFORDABLE HOUSING - Housing costs are far too expensive.

CREATING JOBS - We have one of the fastest growing economies in Canada. We have to continue to encourage investment and create jobs.

COMMUNITY EVENTS - Its time to bring back in-person community events like the Battlefield Re-enactment (with proper collaboration) which have a very positive impact on our local economy.

2. As a councillor, what three actions would you propose to improve Hamilton's economy? \*

AFFORDABLE HOUSING - I will seek to increase the affordable housing and general housing supply in order to keep costs down. Recognizing that the city's definition of "affordable housing" (125% of market rate - currently approximately \$1,500 a month) is actually not that affordable and working to fix that definition or instead work on increasing geared-to-income housing.

CREATING JOBS - I will seek to promote Hamilton's fast-growing film industry, the economic growth of Mount Hope Airport, and the many industries that make use of our ports.

COMMUNITY EVENTS - I will work with community stakeholders to ensure that in-person events continue to take place well into the future in a way that is collaborative and respectful.

## L - Leadership

A leader who treats all residents with respect and dignity, pushes for transparency and good governance, inspires others through a bold vision, and takes innovative, equitable and evidence-based decisions to better serve all Hamiltonians.

1. What three things are you most concerned about and would like to see changed as they relate to Hamilton's current leadership at Council? \*

ACCESSIBILITY - Our Council members need to be active on social media and easily accessible.

SCANDALS - From the Red Hill Parkway surface issues to the secrecy behind the billions of litres of sewage released into our water we must work to remedy these issues and ensure that there are not similar scandals in the future.

POSITIVITY - There has been a lot of behaviour from Council members on social media and in meetings that is negative and extremely unbecoming at times. My goal is to bring positivity and an attitude of collaboration.

2. As a councillor, what three actions would you propose to improve the city' leadership? \*

ACCESSIBILITY - I believe strongly in community-building and engagement with residents. I think that residents shouldn't have to go to great lengths to get in contact with their councillor. In fact, even better, I think that the councillor should be reaching out to residents rather than the other way around. A strong social media presence, phone calls, door knocking, email updates, and event attendance are activities that should really happen all year round, not just when there is an upcoming election. Councillors should also be accessible via a quick text. That's why I'm giving everyone (including the media and residents) my personal email and personal phone number. Personal Email: kevin.hamilton.council@gmail.com Personal Phone (Call or Text): 289-919-5535

SCANDALS - I will stay true to my morals and ensure that the safety of residents and our environment come first.

POSITIVITY - I will constantly monitor my behaviour on social media and in-person to see how I can better myself and foster a welcoming community.

E - Environment

A leader who champions actions to address climate change to ensure a healthy, safe, and sustainable environment for all current and future Hamiltonians.

1. What three things are you most concerned about and would like to see changed as they relate to improving Hamilton's current environment? \*

ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE - There has been a lot of environmental damage. Algae blooms are proof of the poor water conditions in many areas. Our air quality is also rather poor, particularly in the summer months.

GARBAGE/DUMPING - We need to ensure that our trails and communities are clean. There is too much garbage and dumping.

EMISSIONS - We need to come up with ways to reduce emissions by working with provincial and federal partners.

2. As a councillor, what three actions would you propose to improve Hamilton's environment? \*

ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE - I will support environmental remediation efforts and work with environmental stakeholders every step of the way.

GARBAGE/DUMPING - I will organize community clean-ups, consult with community members on installing more garbage cans, and try to come up with more effective ways to address illegal dumping.

EMISSIONS - I will once again work with all stakeholders, particularly the provincial and federal governments, on reducing emissions. The transition towards "green steel" is one fantastic example of how our city's emissions can be drastically reduced.

### C - Community

A leader who fights for the needs of a diverse, equitable, and inclusive population and who improves community engagement so the voices of all Hamiltonians are heard.

1. What three things are you most concerned about and would like to see changed as they relate to supporting the needs of all communities in Hamilton? \*

MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS - There are many mental health related "crisis incidents" in our city every day. We need to drastically improve how those incidents are de-escalated.

COMMUNITY SAFETY - From sexual assaults and indecent exposure incidents in our parks to property theft, vehicle thefts, and porch pirates, we need to work to improve community safety.

HOMELESSNESS - Everyone deserves a safe place to live, but unfortunately many are left behind.

2. As a councillor, what three actions would you propose to support Hamilton's communities? \*

MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS - I believe in working closely in collaboration with first responders, hospitals, schools, and clinics to improve mental health services. We need to establish the best crisis and out-patient options for our community and work to reduce stigma.

COMMUNITY SAFETY - I will help strengthen neighbourhood watches, increase pedestrian safety, and improve police effectiveness and transparency. A healthy police-community relationship built on mutual understanding is key.

HOMELESSNESS - I believe in investing in long-term solutions to homelessness and exploring innovative options that balance the rights of the unhoused with the need to keep our communities safe. These strategies include mental health and addiction support, "mini-homes", and supporting the non-profit work of various organizations.

### T - Transportation

A leader who supports safe, effective movement throughout the city for all Hamiltonians by ensuring access to equitable and affordable public transit, safe roads, sidewalks, bike lanes, and trails.

1. What three things are you most concerned about and would like to see changed as they relate to Hamilton's current transportation needs? \*

CONSULTATION ON HSR TO WINONA - Bus service currently stops at Jones Road. We need to seriously look at extending bus service further east.

CONFEDERATION GO - We currently have a half completed station in the east end and it will be a great accomplishment to finally see work complete.

SUSTAINABLE BUSSES - We need to continue to work to make our HSR fleet more sustainable.

2. As a councillor, what three actions would you propose to improve Hamilton's transportation systems? \*

CONSULTATION ON HSR TO WINONA - I will consult the community on whether or not there is desire to extend HSR service further east into the Winona region or whether the current Transcab transfer service is adequate.

CONFEDERATION GO - I will see through completion of Confederation GO and seek to bring increased GO service to the station when complete.

SUSTAINABLE BUSSES - Hamilton has the first carbon-negative bus in Ontario which is great, but making our fleet more sustainable should not stop there.

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