

# 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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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? \*

1. Continue an excellent asset management plan through evidence facts ensuring capital dollars are spent strategically as per Ontario's Regulation 588/17.
2. Asset Management program Management Plans which include lifecycle activity and lifecycle costs will provide the Mayor and Council a plan to review and consider recommendations in decision making representing the community/shareholders.
3. A current infrastructure reporting involving transportation, waterworks, showing the level of service to maintain and recommendations for the Mayor and Council to review and consider recommendations in decision making.

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

1. Building Conditions Asset reports on all facilities to review and prioritize for the ten-year capital budget.
2. Road and Bridge Condition Asset reports to review and prioritize for the ten-year capital budget.
3. Applying for additional Government Grants and lobbying provincial government and federal government for infrastructure funds(providing City of Hamilton infrastructure reports).

## 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? \*

1. Promote businesses to the City of Hamilton.
2. First year business tax rate reduction.
3. Keep residential tax rates low.

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

1. Business Incentives (i.e., Industrial Parks) Assistance programs that encourage businesses to locate or expand in a local area and boosts growth (job creation and increased tax base)
2. Promote Job Growth – tax incentives
3. Additional Social Housing for low-income people providing safe and affordable living conditions.
4. Better Communication of City Services

### 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? \*

1. Civil change – Exchange Ideas – Better Communication
2. Teamwork - effective listening skills, responding appropriately to questions and comments respectfully
3. Positive Motivation for Council – the process that initiates, guides and maintains goal-oriented behaviors.

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

1. Open communication -happens in a team when its members are empowered to share their thoughts without fear of repercussions and builds trust.
2. Teamwork and collaboration skills – trust, tolerance and self awareness.
3. Code of Conduct Enforced – sets expectation and standards

## 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? \*

1. Climate Change Initiatives
2. Energy Initiatives
3. Brownfields – Remediate

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

1. Remediation of Brownfield Sites – is a lot of work but has serious benefits by boosting the economy by creating jobs and lifting property prices along with improving the environment and creating a safer, healthier space.
2. Continue Fuel Initiatives Studies (i.e., Grants, Biodiesel, hydrogen fuel cells and ethanol, & Green Fleet).
3. Energy Initiatives – grants, lighting, multi-speed pump/motors, electric vehicles/buses, solar, education in energy conservation).

## 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? \*

1. Improved Communication Strategies – identify your key communities
2. Ensure all communities are identified and heard – leverage community groups
3. Supporting all the communities in the City of Hamilton

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

1. Senior Services – accessibility and a communication plan of financial assistance and community programs to help seniors
2. Equal Access to all communities – an accessible community is barrier free which doesn't limit participation in everyday life. Visual, auditory, physical, speech, cognitive and neurological need to be taken into account when implementing accessibility measures.
3. Maintain – Fair and equitable payment for services (Area Rating)

## 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? \*

1. Lack of Bike Lanes – research shows that more bike lanes encourage more bike commutes which reduces greenhouse gas emissions and improves health.
2. Lack of Sidewalks – important part of universally accessible streetscapes (important for people with visually impairments, agility issues and small children).
3. Traffic Congestion – increasing all the time

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

1. Traffic Congestion Studies – investing in active transportation and public transport can reduce congestion, reducing delays from collisions, reduce the unreliability of travel time, reduce fuel and transport costs and improve residents ability to access facilities and services.
2. Increase in ridership through the introduction of additional bus service on the BLAST corridors from the money from the provincial and federal government (\$370 million) – continue applying for provincial and federal monies.
3. More Natural Gas Buses (cleaner for the environment reducing the emission of toxic substances and greenhouse gases along with contributing to reducing the negative impact from the transportation sector on the environment.) Along with the financial benefit of reduced fueling costs.

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