

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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Name: *

Colleen Wicken

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:

Campaign website:

Under Construction

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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? *

The City of Hamilton is behind in excess of 3.2 Billion dollars on infrastructure needs with 1.6 billion plus on roads, bridges and traffic . This falls on the lack of direction of tax dollar utilization under the current elected council from 2006 to date.

(1.) Current state of the deficit

(2.) Roads- Bridges - Water- Waste Water

(3) Traffic calming, improved road safety for everyone including drivers we need to better inform residents in general. Vehicular and pedestrian culture needs to change. We need to work with staff and Hamilton Police Service to create a safer and calmer means of travel on our streets, sidewalks and bike lanes.

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

As a city, we are well aware of the OLD infrastructure that lies beneath our streets which for the most part has over the years not been maintained. The Complete Streets Review and Truck Route Designation should be taken city wide rather than just through selective wards this will at the very least remove some of the pressures and possible collapse issues that overweight vehicles contribute to. I also believe that once shovels break ground on the LRT project there is a certainty added costs to the LRT Project that will need to be corrected before the construction proceeds along the entire route.

The city has the ability and equipment to monitor road cuts that inevitably occur due to water main breaks, sewer back ups etc. In many cases the road is dug up repeatedly. I well understand the restoration of a road cut to finality however when not properly monitored the costs for such a minor issue escalates unnecessarily cutting into the capital budgeting process. It is the councillors job to deescalate these costs and maintain the budget through reducing reactive costs and plan for proactive infrastructure improvements. A more coordinated effort needs to be implemented by all stakeholders reduce unnecessary costs.

Bring both resident and stakeholder involvement to the table when dealing with the intricacies involved in the Capital Budget process. As a former staffer, my personal approach was inclusive on behalf of the councillor completing road mapping in a neighbourhood by neighbourhood selection when working with the operations and administrative division. Continue with the Capital Bus Tour!

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? *

The tax burden needs to be spread more equally between residential, commercial and development.

Work with our provincial partners, unions and all affected stakeholders to implement living wage standards city wide.

Create safe, affordable and unbiased housing to accommodate those in need with gathering places that are fully inclusive and safe for everyone of all income levels and ages.

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

Bringing business and jobs into the city by working with the Economic Development Team to bring in businesses and jobs.

Work with existing local business to create further growth within.

Hamilton is blessed in that we have our very own water and air logistical resources. My role as a Councillor would be to work with these stake holders to continue growth of the Import/Export Trade Industry which would further grow the local economy and bring jobs to the city.

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? *

Lack of transparency and citizen engagement with the current council.

Term Limits need to be mandated with a maximum of three terms.

Even though each councillor is responsible to care for their own area, they must also be inclusive when dealing with city wide issues. There is currently too much infighting.

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

Working with my council colleagues and the corporation to review and where possible amend legislation thus allowing for a more transparent municipal government.

As a councillor I would provide my constituents with regular information and engagement via town halls, social media, news letters and ward updates.

Leadership needs to be more inclusive with citizens and stake holders and I will be that inclusive, efficient and experienced councillor.

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? *

Lack of accountability (Chedoke Creek Spill)

Lack of Transparency (Red Hill Valley Friction Report)

Lack of Cooling Station locations across the city

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

More accountability on general management and the chain of command within the corporation.

Review of corporate process and more accountability in the chain of command.

Efficiencies need to be mandated across the operations division.

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? *

Safety

Community Policing - Police Presence

Lack of engagement with education and public health systems

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

Create an open dialogue with all stakeholders

Provide residents with an open forum to voice their concerns and suggestions.

Create a safer environment through Police Program CPTED Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design.

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? *

Lack of respect and aggressive and carelessness that is currently being shown on our streets.

The lack of respect from all modes, cyclists, pedestrians and drivers alike.

Confusion with Traffic Control and Road Markings.

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

As previously indicated - Traffic calming, improved road safety for everyone including drivers we need to better inform residents in general. Vehicular and pedestrian culture needs to change.

We need to work with staff and Hamilton Police Service to create a safer and calmer means of travel on our streets, sidewalks and bike lanes.

We need to better inform the general population on the current road markings and cross walk regulations.

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