

# 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? \*

The 3 things I am mostly concerned with as they relate to infrastructure are roads, parks, and neighbourhoods. The current state of our roads in Hamilton is quite appalling, there are many damages and pot holes that are ruining our vehicles and causing many problems while driving. Parks could also be improved by having weekly/monthly maintenance, a-lot of the time the grass is uncut and there is a-lot of waste/hazards laying around. Keeping our parks clean and waste-free, it will keep our kids safe. Our neighbourhoods need to be cleaned and maintained as-well to keep our community safe and healthy.

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

1. Work on roads to ensure stable conditions.
2. Clean and maintain parks weekly/monthly
3. Clean neighbourhoods daily/weekly

## 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 3 things I am mostly concerned with as they relate to the economy are housing prices, secure jobs and public services. Housing has become a very big problem in Hamilton, people especially young people can hardly afford to buy a house as the prices have gone up significantly, In the past 2 years, house prices have gone up 26% and are being sold for an average \$800,000, which is over the budget of many people in Hamilton. Hamiltonians are also struggling with rent which has also gone up. Secure jobs are becoming hard to find in Hamilton, especially after the pandemic where lots of people lost their jobs or even their businesses. Public services are also in steady decline, people in Hamilton are waiting hours to be served especially in hospitals. People who come to the emergency room expect to be helped straight away since they wouldn't be there if it wasn't a problem which could affect their way of life.

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

1. Build more houses/buildings to decrease prices of housing and rent.
2. Create more employment centres to help people find secure jobs.
3. Hire more staff in hospitals/public centres.

### 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? \*

The 3 things I am most concerned with as they relate to leadership are representation, a fresh bold vision and people taking initiative. The mayoral scene in Hamilton could use fresher ideas and younger people. Young people should have a voice in the political scene and would plan great ideas for the future of Hamilton.

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

1. Inspire young people to enter the political ring.
2. Hire staff with fresh and new ideas.
3. Create more opportunities for people to open up with their concerns.

### 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? \*

The 3 things I am most concerned with as they relate to the environment are reducing carbon emissions, investing in more green technologies, and having more eco-friendly transportation. Hamilton is a great city for people with new ideas and new environment regulations. Creating a sustainable and liveable environment will help the future of this city.

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

1. Reducing carbon emissions.
2. Installing more solar panels.
3. Encouraging people to ride a bike or take the bus instead of driving.

### 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? \*

The 3 things I am most concerned with as they relate to the community are having more diverse people in the political scene, creating a platform for people of all races and ages to voice their opinions, and to establish a safe and free city. People should have the right to voice their opinions and be accepted by our community regardless of their race, age, or sex. We have a bright future in Hamilton, we just need the right leadership.

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

- 1. Encourage young people to vote and attend political gatherings.
- 2. Create a platform for diversity.
- 3. Teach and council people to accept our diversities.

### 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? \*

The 3 things I am most concerned with as they relate to transportation are public transit, safe roads, and new bike trails. Public transit is a great way for people in this city who cannot afford to own a car, thus we have to work on creating a more affordable, more sustainable and more encourage able system. Our roads have to be safe and hazard free at all times to ensure public safety. We have to build new bike trails in Hamilton because it will create more viable ways for people to move around within the city using a very affordable way of transportation.

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

1. Stabilize public transit costs and hire more bus drivers.
  2. Construct safe roads and sidewalks,
  3. Create new bike trails in viable areas within the city.
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