

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

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Ward 10

Ward 11

Ward 12

Ward 13

Ward 14

Ward 15

Other:

Campaign website:

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Campaign Email: *

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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? *

I'm for improving all the things mentioned. But the 3 main things are roads which are deteriorating at a rapid speed, playgrounds for everyone's pleasure especially children and the last one that is close to my heart is recreation centers. These centers need repairing in the worst way. These centers accommodate virtually every family member whether it's the pool, gymnasium, meeting rooms, or even the outdoor tennis courts. These centers absolutely need to be brought back to top notch facilities.

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

My first and foremost action would be to approach our higher level of governments and request that our fair share of money come our way to keep on top of Hamilton's infrastructure. My second action is to make sure that we identify which infrastructure is deemed the worst no matter what ward it would happen to be in and go from there. And my third action would be that staff be directed to one by one identify and prioritize all of our infrastructure which is falling apart and begin to repair what needs to be repaired in order of priority.

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? *

Closest to my heart is wages. In today's day and age if an individual isn't making enough money they definitely can't afford a roof over their head and food on the table. Just to mention a few. Secondly housing is a definite priority of mine. No person, young or old should be living on the streets. Unfortunately it once again comes down to our senior level of governments. Mr. Trudeau and Mr. Ford need to definitely do a better job of taking care of their own in this country, first and foremost. Not everyone can afford to own a home or for that matter be able to afford rent for a place to call home. Let's do our fair share as three levels of government and begin to take care of our own. Better wages, more homes for our people, and thirdly let's provide decent jobs with decent wages so people can have just a bit of dignity. Not everyone wants to live on the streets. But if there isn't a decent wage or a decent job well unfortunately a decent home with food on the table and clothes on their backs just isn't going to happen.

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

Well i would lead the way by getting wages, jobs, and homes improved for the less fortunate. Working with the Roundtable for Poverty committee.

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? *

Well i chose to run and branch out into politics after a career of 44 years at my present job with the City of Hamilton is because unfortunately we haven't had a leader at the helm who can lead. A council needs a great Mayor to lead the charge. We as individuals of this glorious city of ours made up of 15 wards needs to elect a strong individual as its leader putting party politics aside. Our mayors haven't had the respect of their colleagues. The second thing i would like to see is if a staff member, who by the way is a professional does or covers something up that the mayor and council members let the individual off the hook. Transparency as far as I'm concerned doesn't exist at City Hall. Too many things are covered up. Therefore these individuals need to be reprimanded. Either written warnings, suspensions, or all together getting fired. The Red Hill and the Cootes fiascos were an utmost disgrace to this city which each and every taxpayer is paying for. And thirdly we need to get on the same page eventually in the end. As individuals representing our constituents of our wards we need to do whats best in our wards. But the bottom line is all 16 members around the table at City Hall need to do what's best for the City of Hamilton. We are all entitled to our opinions and suggestions in a democracy but at the end of the day we should align ourselves and vote for the right thing. I will be one when elected to ask tough questions of our staff. Each staff member including councillors should be held accountable for their actions.

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

My three actions would be to work with the newly elected mayor. Definitely try and work with not against my colleagues and lastly make sure that less and less in camera meetings are held. The public needs to rest assured that therei is less and less waste of each individuals tax dollars.

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? *

First and foremost our steel companies need to make sure that less and less pollutants go into the air and our atmosphere. Secondly running for Ward 11 councillor i see too much trash dumped in our rural areas. Mattresses, old tires, bags of garbage, furniture. These things need to be cleaned up and definitely monitored. And thirdly being a transit worker for almost 45 years i would like to see less vehicles on the road and people should take transit or get on a bike and bike it to wherever you need to go.

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

Picking up garbage that is being dumped in rural areas. Stop the steel companies from polluting. And try and get as many people to take transit or ride a bicycle to work or wherever.

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? *

I would like to improve our thinking regarding racism, improving and educating people regarding gay men and lesbians and same sex marriage. And thirdly definitely improving rage towards each other. In todays day and age there is unbelievable rage towards each other, especially on the road. Everyone is in a hurry and get cut off and therefore the rage sets in.

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

The three actions that i would propose is more police presence, ensure that the communities are well versed and educated, and i would ensure that the communities participate. By participating it opens an individuals eyes.

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? *

Well like i said I've worked in the maintenance department of our transit division (HSR) for almost 45 years. Currently we park buses outdoors in the winter because our fleet has outgrown our present garage. A second garage needs to be built asap. Secondly buy more gas buses or electric buses. And thirdly get as many people to ride bicycles.

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

The three actions i would take to improve our transportation system is to offer free rides at off peak hours. We need to get people on our transit system. Secondly i would make sure that our transportation system was up to snuff. In other words we would need to approach the other two levels of government to make sure we get our fair share to purchase up and coming new buses. Natural gas and electric is the way of the future. And thirdly i would make sure the cleanliness of our transit system met our standards. No obe like to ride on a dirty and filthy bus.

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