

# 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 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? \*

Too little infrastructure investment in high growth areas such as Ward 10.

Ward 10 Specific funding is not being spent on maintenance, repairs and renewal. Ward 10 Recreation/Community Centres are aging, and are either bursting at the seams or barely used.

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

Invest in upgrades to roads, sidewalks, parks and paths in high-growth areas, such as Ward 10, before development projects begin, not after.

Use Ward 10 Specific funding for repairs, maintenance and upgrades instead of misallocating it for unknown projects (Between \$3 Million and \$7 Million in Stoney Creek-Specific funding is currently sitting in reserve, unspent and unallocated). Accelerate timelines on redeveloping Winona Community Centre and adjacent property, and make timelines transparent to the community. Make better use of Saltfleet Community Centre and property with new community programming including performing arts space.

## 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? \*

Losing Employment Lands to retail or residential development - especially in Ward 10. Lack of focus on Agrifood and related industries.

Hamilton's poor reputation for red tape and costly delays at City Hall.

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

Ensure Employment lands (commercially/light industrially zoned greenfield properties) are not converted to other uses without thorough study. Without places for non-retail businesses to grow and develop, we risk becoming a 'bedroom' community of commuters to other places.

Hamilton focuses on Steel & Manufacturing, Health Sciences and even Film & TV Production, but there is little talk of Agriculture and related businesses. Hamilton is nearly 80% rural, with a strong Ag and food processing sector, we should better support this recession-proof industry to better balance our economic mix.

Increase service standards for important City departments, increase communication between departments.

Reduce redundant policy and streamline processes that are hurting our reputation across the province.

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### 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? \*

Length of term of Councillors.

Lack of transparency and engagement.

Poor Culture of City Hall.

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

Even though it is a Provincial Matter, I support Term Limits for Councillors and Mayor. If you can't get it done in 3 Terms (12 years), move aside and let someone else try.

Locally, I will post Ward 10 projects, proposals, budgets and timelines in realtime on a ward-specific website to engage the community in a fully transparent manner. I'll hold quarterly public meetings to discuss issues (more frequently if needed). I will continue to use my 4 social media channels to convey information and listen to the community's voice.

Everyone from Council, downward, should exhibit collaboration and cooperation. The first question every City Staff member and Councillor should ask is "how can I be a part of making this better?"

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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? \*

Sidewalks and paths are incomplete and in poor repair, which discourages walking and cycling.

Building of new parks, and greenspace isn't keeping pace with building new homes and apartments.

Proximity of industrial properties and highways to residential areas without controls or buffers for noise and air pollution.

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

Use previously unallocated Ward-specific funds to Improve and better connect existing sidewalk and path infrastructure, with a goal to city-wide connectivity.

Invest in park upgrades, Increase greenspace by acquiring more surplus school properties (in partnership with non-profit housing providers). Reduce or eliminate ability of developers to contribute cash in-lieu of providing parkland.

Conduct air quality and noise studies in Ward 10 neighbourhoods, and take remedial action.

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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? \*

A general lack of knowledge of the various communities within Hamilton. Lack of engagement between various communities and Hamilton Council. Unwillingness of some City Leaders to learn about our diverse communities.

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

Training and education should be allocated and provided for council members to better understand the diverse communities within Hamilton. Provide a centralized digital space for Hamilton's communities to offer information to the general public. Council must show leadership on these issues, and show a willingness to grow and learn.

#### 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? \*

In Ward 10: Rebuilding formerly rural roads to accommodate new growth, without destroying local neighbourhoods. Extending HSR Route 55 (Stoney Creek Central) to Winona Crossing/Costco Plaza. Connecting HSR Route 55 to GO Bus Network Via Casablanca GO Station, and provide a Transit connections between North Service Road Communities and Confederation GO Station

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

Work with City Staff & Affected Neighbourhoods to revise Barton Street and Highway 8 reconstruction plans, and plan to divert more arterial traffic to South Service Road Collector Route. Reallocate Transcab funding to extend Route 55 to Winona Crossing. Allocate funding to complete planned Transit Hub at Winona Crossing as planned. Work with Metrolinx to coordinate Route 55 extension to Casablanca GO Terminal. Coordinate with Niagara Regional Transit to connect and coordinate HSR and NRT. Plan transit connection between Confederation GO Terminal and Communities located along the North Service Road

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