

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? *

Sewergate: there is no higher need than to safeguard our water systems. This current councillor and others voted to keep problems secret. We need to ensure this doesn't happen again. Second: Broken Roads: Aberdeen Ave in Ward 1 is voted as one of the worst roads in the city. We need to prioritize infrastructure to fix these problems. Public Transportation: LRT is an approved project. In Ward 1 there will be disruptions. I will ensure communication and proper access for residents and businesses during construction.

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

1. Getting fair share of dollars from other levels of government. Cities cannot do it alone. 2. Cyclical review and improvements of these assets. We cannot ignore projects any longer. 3. Accountability and Transparency. Unlike the current councillor I will never vote to keep things secret.

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. Fairer taxes. The city over-collects in annual operating taxes to the tune of a surplus of over \$200M per year, or 10% of the total revenues. This tax grab produces a fund for the city while infrastructure suffers and citizens have problems paying rent and buying groceries. This needs to stop. 2. The current councillor and others are not paying attention to job creation and business attraction and retention. Our ratio of industry/residential taxes is out of whack. 3. We need to fast track services for new business growth in the Airport Employment District in order to attract jobs and lower taxes for residential.

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

1. Eliminate or lower greatly the budgeted operating surpluses so taxpayers are not disadvantaged. 2. Put more resources into the Invest in Hamilton initiatives so that Economic Development is front and center and not an afterthought. 3. Fast track a time frame for the servicing and attraction of job creators in the AEGD.

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. Councillors must debate issues but collaborate on solutions. This term, especially with the polarizing Ward 1 incumbent has seen some toxic activity. I am a proven collaborator and not an instigator. 2. Transparency has been an issue with our current councillor who wants to defund the police and keep secrets as in Sewergate and Red Hill fiasco. We must support community safety and transparency. 3. The current Councillor declares conflicts of interest because of a family connection with the development industry. This is not good for our ward. I have no such conflicts. The residents are my only concern, not cozy relations with developers. As well, the current council is imposing intensification on our neighbourhoods without proper consultation. I do not want duplexes and triplexes in our already taxed neighbourhoods especially near student housing. I will stop this cozy relation with developers.

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

1. Mandate sessions for councillors on collaboration (getting to yes); 2. Facilitate sharing sessions on issues of importance in the ward so all can be educated as well as revisiting the strategy for the city. 3. Field trip by Councillors to each ward, once a term, to see first hand the geography and issues we are being asked to support.

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. Environmental stewardship of Cootes and no more secrets if things go wrong. 2. Up to date transit vehicles and climate initiatives for the city in collaboration with other levels of government and personal responsibility 3. Ward 1 has its share of apartment buildings which are not part of a full recycling process. This must change.

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

1. A subcommittee to be briefed and brief the community on water rehabilitation at Cootes and Randle Reef as examples. 2. Bring apartments into the 21 recycling Century. 3 Create a subcommittee on the LRT implementation process.

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. Hamilton is for everyone. Policies need to reflect that. 2. Antisemitism has been on the rise. We need to support our communities in Ward 1. 3. Economic disparity is an issue. We need to provide employment opportunities for all levels of abilities.

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

1. The city is not nor should it be a nanny state. However, insofar as policies under the jurisdiction of the city, we must be fair, inclusive and just in whatever we do.

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? *

We must ensure that a multi-modal transportation system works for everyone: vehicles, pedestrians, cyclists and goods movement. And that includes air, the port, rail and roads.

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

1. Make everything safe by fixing infrastructure, improve enforcement to reduce accidents and take advantage of inter-regional transportation means e.g. Go Bus/Train, Hovercraft as in the Niagara area being proposed, expand air possibilities in Hamilton.

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