

# 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
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- Ward 10
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- 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? \*

1. Infrastructure does not keep up with development. That needs to change. Currently we have a "build now" worry about infrastructure later mentality. The new developments across the Stoney Creek waterfront and into Winona are a perfect example of developments that are misaligned with required infrastructure.
2. Residents who live nearby new developments need to be better consulted on potential infrastructure needs and concerns. They are on the ground every day in the area and can better predict than anyone at City Hall where problems are or may occur in the future. My focus on responsible and respectful development, requires meaningful consultation with existing residents.
3. We need to change our approach to roads. We have some of the worst roads in the province. A 2021 audit on the city's roads by City Auditor, Charles Brown, found the city was overly focused on resurfacing and reconstruction but doing little in terms of proactive preservation. When roads are allowed to age or decay, it is costly financially to address, but it can also cost human lives.

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

- 1 Promote development or intensification where we have existing infrastructure as opposed to expansion into areas with little to no capacity for more buildings and people, or that contain precious farmland and green fields.
2. Ensure people in neighbourhoods are treated with respect and fairness when it comes to proposed new developments.
3. In changing our approach to road maintenance from repairs to preservation, I would also urge that we insist on quality work and hold accountable contractors that provide an inferior product.

## 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. Cut waste by governing with integrity. For too long City Council has hidden their failures from the public like a report that the Red Hill Parkway was defective. The inquiry into that mistake is costing taxpayers \$27 million and has cost some families their loved ones.
2. Invest in innovation. Find new solutions to problems that will not only help our city, but that will enable us to market solutions to other municipalities and create new revenue streams, thereby relieving taxpayers.
3. Cut waste by reforming our corporate governance, mainly how we hire and manage consultants. We rely too much on outside help. We need to support our internal capacity.

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

see previous answer above

## 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. Disconnected career politicians who have been in office for decades. A job that is supposed to be a service to community becomes a source of their livelihood. People would do anything to protect their livelihood, including not disclosing the details of a sewage spill (Chedoke Creek) or a defective highway report (Red Hill Parkway). It is time we explore term limits, either through petitioning the provincial government to establish term limits, or encourage politicians to step down after two terms.
2. The consistent failure of councillors to effectively weigh in on issues outside of their Wards that have an impact on the overall quality of life in the city. Far too often councillors are unwilling to contribute to Hamilton's bigger picture and rather, engage in unhelpful horse trading.
3. Frequent lack of decorum in Council. There should be zero tolerance for conduct-unbecoming in Council. Council should be focused on moving our city forward with positive aspirations and support for managed growth and innovation

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

1. I would commit to adopting a broad concept of what I call "sustainable leadership." That starts with recognizing that all elected officials have a natural expiration date. Though only the province can impose term limits, elected officials who are committed to sustainable leadership understand that politicians who are in office longer than 8 years accumulate a power and privilege that turns service to community into a livelihood. When that happens, those in positions of power tend to do anything to protect their livelihoods as like when they when they hid from the public the Chedoke Creek sewage spill and details of a defective Red Hill Parkway.
2. Second, leaders committed to sustainable leadership worry about the next generation of leadership as much as their own. Though committed to serving no longer than two terms, in that time they can develop a leadership pipeline preparing our young local graduates for community leadership. Following in the footsteps of programs like the Ontario Legislative Internship Program, an initiative which familiarizes university graduates with our provincial legislative process, I would propose the creation of a Hamilton Municipal Legislative Internship Program. Such a program would annually select a dozen or so local graduates from Mohawk, McMaster, Redeemer and other appropriate feeder groups, and have them serve as legislative assistants in City Council for a period of 12 months.
3. Third, recalling that City Council has in recent years often been the site of awfully personal disagreement with others and even violence towards journalists, I would simply be kind, understanding that we all want the best for taxpayers. Treating others the way you wish to be treated would also hopefully go a long way toward raising Council's image in the eye's of the public and getting people to actually believe that municipal democracy is worth participating in as voters. It is time we model professionalism and act as worthy stewards of the public interest and the public purse.

## 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. Ensure all new major developments, whether condos or single-family homes, are supported by green infrastructure.

2. As an industrial city surrounded by highways we should all be concerned about our city's air quality. Work hard to improve air quality and hold polluters accountable to set standards.

3. Continue to support a freeze on Hamilton's urban boundary.

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

see answer above

## 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? \*

Here we should look no further than Hamilton's aspirational statement: "to be the best place to raise a child and age successfully." This must be cleansed of the contradictions we see in the daily lives of ALL Hamiltonians. For example, unsafe traffic, living on truck routes, toxic fumes from traffic, dangerous roads, lack of transit, and lack of recreational opportunities for all citizens etc..., make a mockery out of this aspirational statement. Rather, the change I would make is to hold our feet to the fire and force us to graduate from a hollow statement to one that flourishes through real improvements.

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

Taking into consideration the contradictions in our aspirational statement mentioned above, Council must realize that the only way we can live up to being the best place to raise a child and age successfully is if every community has the same overall quality of life. No community can be forgotten or left behind

### 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? \*

1. The increasing number of injuries and deaths on Hamilton's roads should be a call to swift action. I support the implementation of Vision Zero and believe everyone should be motivated to eliminate once and for all, all traffic fatalities and injuries in our city.

2. At the same time, we have some of the worst roads in the province. They are safe for no one - not drivers, not cyclists, and not pedestrians. We have to change entirely how we both maintain and repair our city's most important transportation infrastructure.

3. Lastly, we have to hold road contractors accountable for the work they are paid to do for the city. Our tax dollars cannot be wasted on inferior work and safe transportation infrastructure cannot be an afterthought.

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

see answer above

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