

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

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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? *

Infrastructure can be subdivide into two categories:

Social Infrastructure (schools, affordable housing & hospitals) & Economic Infrastructure (roads, sewage, communication, water, airports & power).

Social Infrastructure: Concern: affordable housing

Economic Infrastructure: Concern: Addressing the infrastructure gap as it pertains to our roads & sewage overflow.

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

Homelessness: Lets admit there is no quick fix. We need to establish a task force dedicated to work on this issue. This task force would need to have an executive sponsor that would in all likelihood be a city councilor. As the champion they would need to navigate this task force in a direction that ensure a stable housing environment in Hamilton. The task force would be made up committee representatives, and if possible someone from the provincial ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing,

Sewage overflow/Roads: I would need to review the City of Hamilton's capital infrastructure budgets and the priorities. Find out what the planned amounts are for our roads and sewage overflow mitigation projects. If there are financial gaps apply for extra money from the province and the federal government. In particular lobby the ICIP a Canadian government funding program program created to support long term economic growth and shape sustainable communities.

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) Work to keep our property tax increases as low as possible
- (2) Cost of housing
- (3) Infrastructure gaps

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

- (1) Inspire local entrepreneurs to choose Hamilton to start and build their business
- (2) Offer tax incentives, rebates to small business to help them get on their feet so they can hire local.
- (3) Transportation: improve access to jobs by improving transport links.
- (4) Social housing: building more social housing will mean more jobs and employment as there will be a demand for skilled workers.

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) Transparency: Transparency fosters trust and open communication.
- (2) Collaboration: Respect differences and promote inclusion.
- (3) Focus on continuous performance management : promote ongoing communication to work together to achieve goals

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

Create a culture of open and honest feedback

Build trust through collaboration

Radical Candor: This is the ability to challenge people and at the same time show that you care. This process allows for open and honest dialogue as opposed to talking about others when they are not present. Flexibility: when we encounter roadblocks or obstacles we all need to be prepared to stop and reassess and sometimes alter our direction. We need to foster a flexible attitude. Not all wards are the same, they are very diverse in nature and have their challenges and needs. We have to be open to new ideas as well as 'course-correcting' when need be.

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? *

Sewage: Make sure we have learned from past mistakes and have a mitigation strategy for the future.

Traffic congestion: This is getting worse, and if you live in Ancaster and there is a major accident on the 403 our city is absolutely inundated with cars exiting the 403, either east or west and using our local roads to mitigate the traffic volumes. We need to work with the province to find a way to alleviate these situations. Our local infrastructure was never built to accommodate this.

Climate change: This continues to have a negative impact on our air and water.

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

Reduce Energy consumption: transition city vehicles to electric, install solar panels at city owned facilities, work with provincial and federal counterparts to set up a rebate program for the citizens.

Continuous education programs: awareness, knowledge and understating how we can all help. We need to develop a deeper understanding of the issues and how each individual can help.

Make Hamilton more green: increasing green spaces/community gardens to promote healthier lifestyles; promote walking and biking from home to and from our schools where it can be safely accomplished; more charging stations, engage our partners at the HSR for input.

Find a way to measure the impact and challenge other wards to a community challenge. Appoint a champion in each ward to head up the initiative.

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? *

Encourage Shop/Dine out local initiative: shopping local is a great way to give back to your community. This is not only important for our economy but will create jobs for years to come. We have just come off an extended lockdown that left our local business shuttered for a few years. They have and continue to face financial uncertainty, lost revenue and are trying to keep afloat.

Identify and champion our community leaders. Work with them to extend their reach into our communities.

Engage all of our community members. We need to build trust and let people know communities are not just a place where we live but an opportunity to experience. Diversity and inclusion efforts should be fun.

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

(1) Shop/Eat Local

(2) Promote and celebrate diversity and inclusion. We can learn about other traditions and holidays. Learn about the different cultural celebration's and champion them within our communities.

(3) Volunteer at our Children's Hospital and Senior Centre's. No better way to get in touch with our communities by immersing ourselves in enriching the lives of our more vulnerable citizens.

(4) Support community events.

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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? *

Safer Streets: Set up a Safe Streets Initiative. This committee would be made up of representatives from the cycling community, city planning, Hamilton Police, CAA and community members. Pick a city counselor to be the Executive Sponsor who’s role will be to have collaborative discussions about traffic calming measures and the development of a road map to include: review residential street speed limits, traffic calming measures; expansion of bike lanes, street environmental improvements (much like the cities of Calgary and Vancouver have adopted).

The goals of this committee would be to make our neighborhoods a safe place for pedestrians, cyclists’ and motorists,

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

Expand Bike/Car share program (Car2go, Zipcar)

Improve bus frequency

"Slow Down": We need to review our speed limits in all of our residential areas and determine what is the safe speed to protect our citizens.

Encourage more walking with in our communities. Have walking maps drawn up with popular locations, safe walking routes and approximate times to get there.

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