



# Vote For a Sustainable Peterborough

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Running for: Ward 1 - Otonabee

<p>Please tell us what policies you would support that address the goal of Ensuring Sustainable Economic Policies.</p>	<p>I am concerned, our children are concerned, and more people on the doorstep identify issues about climate change and the effects it will have on their future. We must address those concerns by making changes in Peterborough to ensure healthy and needed jobs for today, and a more equitable economy for our children. Sustainability is a concept that brings the economy, the environment, culture and social issues together for the good of the whole community. Economic policy must find a place in that integration. Sustainability means that I champion fact-based decision-making, smart planning and strong growth based on green industry, building infrastructure, and public ownership of essential public services. It is predicted that the switch to a green economy will create jobs in home retrofitting, in new 'sustainable' builds, localizing food and power production - all needed for Peterborough's future.</p>
<p>Please tell us what policies you would support that address the goal of Ensuring Sustainable Cultural Policies.</p>	<p>Peterborough is known for its rich musical and arts scene, its glorious heritage buildings and vibrant downtown – support for all of these should be maintained and expanded. Welcoming newcomers to Peterborough has enriched both hosts and guests as well as bringing new cultures to add to the centuries of Indigenous history and hundreds of earlier immigrant experiences. We need to celebrate our diversity, our rich sense of art, music, film, theatre, sculpture, etc. We need to continue to explore paths of reconciliation with First Nations and Metis peoples who first settled Nogojiwanong. Finding economic support is key.</p>
<p>Please tell us what policies you would support that address the goal of Ensuring Sustainable Social Policies.</p>	<p>Poverty, inadequate and precarious housing, food insecurity and homelessness continue to plague this city, the region and, indeed, the world. We have to invest in needs, get people involved in their own development in partnership with the city in working for equity together. By recognizing that inequality is a major threat to human security, we can begin to build a safer city where everyone has a place.</p>



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<p>Please tell us what policies you would support that address the goal of Ensuring Sustainable Environmental Policies.</p>	<p>I have worked on many local, environmental projects. Here are a few policy ideas based on that experience. I believe that we must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Promote active transportation, a walkable city, public transportation that meets job and leisure needs, and explore next generation transportation, such as electric buses, in collaboration with local groups such as Peterborough Green Up.</li><li>• Follow the guidelines of “Kawarthas, Naturally Connected” and ensure that Peterborough establishes a natural heritage corridor with a Natural Heritage Coordinator at City Hall to make certain that natural heritage features and connections are established and protected.</li><li>• Reinststate a multi-stakeholder Environmental Advisory Committee to Council.</li><li>• Initiate smart traffic lights to synchronize signals and relieve congestion.</li><li>• Compost and use our green waste locally.</li><li>• Expand and upgrade our storm water management infrastructure to protect our rivers and streams.</li><li>• Ensure development that respects the environment with minimal encroachment on natural systems.</li><li>• Promote adaptive reuse of abandoned or empty buildings.</li><li>• Support an economic and health benefit analysis of local ecological systems: wetlands, forest systems, biodiversity, etc. and incorporate the findings into city planning, budgets, and development.</li></ul>
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<p>Please tell us what policies you would support that would increase transparency of government, democratic decision making, and citizen engagement.</p>	<p>As a Councillor for Otonabee Ward, it is my responsibility to respond to neighbourhood and individual concerns while contributing to the determination of the public good of the whole community. This is a balancing act that I will enjoy and it builds on the experience I have gained by working with individuals, groups, businesses, different levels of government, and community organizations. I listen. I research. I collaborate. Overall, I believe the city should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spend wisely with a focus on essential needs as identified by our community.</li> <li>• Engage our local post-secondary institutions in support of fact-based decision making.</li> <li>• Use asset-based community management to identify and protect foundational infrastructure.</li> <li>• Avoid unplanned, piecemeal development.</li> <li>• Prepare for extreme weather – the community and all city departments have a role.</li> <li>• View all city policies through the lens of Sustainability which I have done for many years. We are unique with our Peterborough Sustainability Plan and the Climate Reduction Plan. These reports must be part of every decision. We need to support staff training across departments in this type of integrated planning, cost-benefit analysis and decision-making.</li> <li>• Get people involved – a more participatory government is a more accessible, transparent government.</li> </ul>
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