



Vote For a Sustainable Peterborough

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Running for: Ward 2 - Monaghan

<p>Please tell us what policies you would support that address the goal of Ensuring Sustainable Economic Policies.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong public transit • Diverse housing developments with increased density • Peterborough has an abundance of natural assets. It is the duty and responsibility of our local governments to protect those assets. While I believe we need to develop new lands that will meet our economic goals, we need to identify environmentally sensitive lands that should not be developed. • We need a comprehensive understanding of where best to expand our city, and where best to leave land untouched. A strong development plan will ensure that we protect our environment while ensuring we can grow as a city.
<p>Please tell us what policies you would support that address the goal of Ensuring Sustainable Cultural Policies.</p>	<p>As a community we need to respect our relationship with local first nations and their historic role as stewards of the land. We also need to understand and respect the environment we live in and the impact future developments will have. So much of our local culture is tied to the outdoors. We need a council that is responsive to our changing climate and is open to innovative ideas to help limit our impact on the land.</p>
<p>Please tell us what policies you would support that address the goal of Ensuring Sustainable Social Policies.</p>	<p>Peterborough is in need of more housing options, especially for low income residents. We need to ensure future developments are built in appropriate areas of the city and they need to be built with an increased density. Our new developments need to support the needs of residents while ensuring we are not damaging our environment.</p>
<p>Please tell us what policies you would support that address the goal of Ensuring Sustainable Environmental Policies.</p>	<p>I believe we need a council that is willing to accept the impact we have on our environment and be open to new and innovative solutions. We need to work with local groups and agencies to ensure we are growing our city in a responsible way. I believe we need to enhance our recycling programs and create a city wide composting program to reduce the amount of trash ending up in our landfill.</p>



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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>I believe council needs to interact and listen to our residents. Residents need to be confident that their voices were heard and considered before decisions are made. We need process that can gather community input and a council that is willing to listen. Council should be constantly engaged with its residents, especially those who are opposed to a particular issue. Listening to opposing views challenges one's own thinking and open up new ways of thinking about the issues. Strong public engagement will bring more confidence in the decisions of council how it makes decisions.</p>
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