



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>	<p>To ensure we provide for the current community without sacrificing the future we need to walk lightly on our portion of the earth. We can build jobs locally through the creative economy by encouraging knowledge based businesses to begin or locate here while using our incredible cultural assets to multiply those impacts. For example the new canoe museum will create 1100 jobs during construction, but more importantly, an ongoing 200 based on visitors who come to see our heritage on display. I believe we need to encourage firms to invest here by brokering a land deal with our neighbouring townships that provides enterprise lands so that our children have viable real jobs to support their hopes and dreams for the future. By showcasing the very principles of sustainability that we must practice for the future we can ensure that we are an attractive place for businesses to locate, and flourish.</p>
<p>Please tell us what policies you would support that address the goal of Ensuring Sustainable Cultural Policies.</p>	<p>We need to support the vibrancy of our community cultural plan, interacting with our neighbours to share experiences and use the synergies to strengthen the cultural aura that attracts many to our community. We have strong artistic groups in the city and area that add vibrancy to committees, community groups, public art and so much more. I support ensuring that our city is well known as a centre for the arts through our public art projects, our love and respect for our heritage both built and natural, and through our advocacy on behalf of those who express the diverse nature and vibrancy of our culture in all its shapes and sizes.</p>
<p>Please tell us what policies you would support that address the goal of Ensuring Sustainable Social Policies.</p>	<p>A former mayor once said, "is Peterborough just a city, or are we a JUST city". I've worked hard to ensure that every person has a safe, decent affordable place to call home. For those who need it, there should be culturally appropriate and respectfully delivered supports that allow people to live here and be true members of our society. I believe in the concept of a guaranteed income that takes so much stress from families and allows them to be able to cope realistically with life, and not just survive it.</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 embrace the movement to a denser community that makes better use of infrastructure while reducing the stress on the environment. We must continue to protect the natural habitat through full application of all safeguards, environmental regulations and so forth. What was a swamp when I was much younger is now a treasured wetland. The ten metre buffer that was ok when I joined council is now 50 and often more. We need to fully protect our water resources, wildlife habitat and air quality. I support active transportation where we are doing many things to reduce dependence of cars, increase walking biking and other forms of non-motorized transportation. These all reduce the stress on the natural environment which means more will be preserved for future generations to enjoy.</p>
<p>Please tell us what policies you would support that would increase transparency of government, democratic decision making, and citizen engagement.</p>	<p>I want to see us really get behind participatory budgeting. I think we can get people thinking and doing more in the community through its vibrancy. One shot was not enough. I am pleased that we have our reports out to the public sooner, allow more time for feedback and questions, and have greatly reduced the number and duration of closed door meetings. I support broadcasting the meetings to all who wish to view them, and even better welcome their attendance and questions. I don't have much experience in it, but would like to explore pop ups within the ward and city to give people a chance to just talk to their representatives. I've talked to hundreds in the past several months and find them far better informed and more engaged than given credit for. There are some really savvy people in our city and we need their ideas.</p>