



Vote For a Sustainable Peterborough

Ward 3 - Town

Candidate	Please tell us what policies you would support that address the goal of Ensuring Sustainable Economic Policies.
Kemi Akapo	<p>Peterborough was and is known as the Electric City. The city that first had street lights as well as a streetcars going down its main streets. We were ahead of our time then, but have some catching up to do and some looking ahead to become leaders again.</p> <p>We need policies that will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Entice employers in the environmental sector to start up or relocate to Peterborough to conduct business; this could be in form of tax incentives. ● Ensure that any new buildings constructed are done according to the latest standards that adhere to sustainable building practices. ● Provide incentives to retrofit and revitalize old spaces (as seen at the Mount and Knox) to address current needs, such as housing. ● Ensure that our current infrastructure, such as roads and water mains, is maintained. ● Plan for the future. The work of updating the Official Plan needs to be completed.
Jane Davidson	<p>Peterborough needs a strategic plan built on economic sustainability, so I'd start right there. Something along the lines of "The Energy Capital of Ontario." A vision centred on this declaration and the existence of initiatives like the CleanTech Commons at Trent University, will draw businesses focussed on both green and clean tech to our city. If you declare it, they will come. We need to insist on economics that foster and model sustainability and directly address runaway climate change and carbon emissions. Every decision made at Council must be passed through a climate change and sustainability lens: if a housing development can't model energy-smart buildings and designs, coupled with no energy-smart way to move people in and out of these developments, then it's back to the drawing board. Growth does not have to outpace intelligence, especially in the face of climate change. We can model ourselves after Aberdeen Scotland, which has a fleet of city buses powered by hydrogen, whose only emissions are water vapour. Business opportunities will flow from this action. Another economic opportunity falling under the Energy Capital of Ontario umbrella: a new kitchen waste site operated as a co-op between city, county, governments and private funders, modelled after Victoria, B.C. where it is illegal to put kitchen waste into the garbage. Kitchen waste recycling diverts massive amounts from landfill, the facility provides employment, and of course, is energy self-sufficient using a combination of solar, biomass and water powered electricity all produced locally. Since the one thing people in Peterborough can all agree on is hockey with lacrosse a close second, let's have a new energy</p>



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	<p>efficient arena in downtown Peterborough, on the Townsend City Works yard. A single pad works with a double pad at Trent University. Re-purpose Memorial Centre for Lakers. This will kick start and revitalize the downtown while modelling the benefits and technology of an energy self-sufficient sports facility for the rest of the province. It will also require the combined mental bandwidth of conservatives and progressives to source funding and produce a true community-based project for the good of all. It might well foster some understanding and trust as an important side-benefit. This project will need a local source of renewable energy - modelled on Burlington, Vermont, which used a combination of solar, wind, water (which we have in abundance) and biomass to become an all-renewable energy city. We can power out downtown with a rooftop solar powered energy co-operative, partnering with the city-owned utility and county and city investors. The co-op would also supply electricity to heat and cool buildings in the downtown core. We will bring fans to the new facility with our public streetcars and ridesharing energy-efficient vehicles. These are just a few examples of how the Energy Capital of Ontario will work. The possibilities are almost endless!</p>
Jenny Lanciault	<p>All policies-----either partially or in totality need to be supported to ensure Sustainable Economic Policies.</p>
Dean Pappas	
Jim Russell	<p>First, I would like to acknowledge that much of my thinking is greatly influenced by those with greater expertise, and knowledge, than my own. In particular, the work of Sustainable Peterborough in fostering a vision and enlightening the public on the need to have environmental issues top of mind, especially for elected officials. In regard to economic policies, I would support the intensification of our central core. I recognize and support all efforts to ensure that our City leads by example in reducing our own carbon footprint. Our development needs to be up, not out, with a focus on greater density. I also support the idea of tax relief to developers who meet net zero emissions building practices.</p>

Candidate	Please tell us what policies you would support that address the goal of Ensuring Sustainable Cultural Policies.
Kemi Akapo	<p>Arts, culture and heritage preservation is what brings colour to a city. A fantastic example of this is Artsweek, a week-long event which celebrates arts of all kind through the city, but focused on the downtown.</p> <p>There is no shortage of art in Peterborough and we must continue to do what we can to support it so it can grow and thrive.</p>



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	<p>We need policies that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ensure our downtown continues to be a place that local businesses, artists and people can call home and thrive. ● Our Central Area Master Plan, while good, needs to be updated. ● Continue to foster and develop stronger and better relationships with our First Nations, Metis and Indigenous communities here in Peterborough/Nogojwanong. The work towards reconciliation has begun, but it needs to continue. A land recognition at the start of every Council meeting would be a small first step towards this. ● Strive to better create an environment which is friendly and welcoming to newcomers.
<p>Jane Davidson</p>	<p>First off, cherish and celebrate our original history, including our First Nations communities. More festivals, all modelling plastic-free sustainability, along cultural themes. Become the next wave melting pot - diverse cultures have so much to teach one another. Cultural policies and practices celebrating diversity also help to reduce fear of the other, which promotes an ethos of safety, calm, and well-being.</p>
<p>Jenny Lanciault</p>	<p>All policies-----either partially or in totality need to be supported to ensure Sustainable Cultural Policies</p>
<p>Dean Pappas</p>	
<p>Jim Russell</p>	<p>More investment in arts and heritage will enhance and deepen connections between citizens. Additionally, the City must be on a journey of truth and reconciliation with First Nations and Indigenous communities. A land recognition at the beginning of every council meeting would be a small gesture of recognition we should adopt, but also more substantive engagement at the local level is crucial.</p>



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Candidate	Please tell us what policies you would support that address the goal of Ensuring Sustainable Social Policies.
Kemi Akapo	<p>Peterborough has its share of social difficulties, including poverty, lack of housing, addiction, and food insecurity.</p> <p>We need policies that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Continue to provide funding to organizations providing essential frontline services, such as Social Services, the One City project, and the Warming Room but also work to address the root causes of homelessness. ● Help address the local housing shortage and work towards preventing it in the future - such as incentives for developers to build affordable and rent geared to income housing. ● Continue funding for the Housing Supplement Fund ● Encourage a local food economy, by encouraging food literacy and community gardens. <p>I supported the Basic Income Guarantee pilot and while that has been cancelled, it is important that we continue to advocate with the provincial government to continue to provide supports for our most vulnerable.</p>
Jane Davidson	<p>Address poverty and food precarity with food co-ops, new gardens on available apartment lands for tenant use, in-city greenhouses, education seminars on food storage to reduce garbage waste. Affordable housing blended with market-priced rentals, house-sharing, and redevelopment modelled on the commons-style of community at the Mount.</p>
Jenny Lanciault	<p>All policies-----either partially or in totality need to be supported to ensure Sustainable Social Policies</p>
Dean Pappas	
Jim Russell	<p>Promote only using vendors who provide a living wage to employees. Our current living wage in Peterborough is estimated to \$17.65/hour. Eliminate homelessness- through increased rent subsidies and lobbying the federal government to accelerate it national housing strategy. Lobby the province to reinstitute the basic income guarantee study. Prioritize and advocate for robust local food production and buying. Ensure any new housing development is mixed income and incent developers to meet a minimum proportion standard.</p>



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Candidate	Please tell us what policies you would support that address the goal of Ensuring Sustainable Environmental Policies.
Kemi Akapo	<p>Climate Change is real and we must do our part in addressing it.</p> <p>In addition to what has been stated above, we must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Create an environmental advisory committee to advise City Council ● Protect and maintain our natural heritage and green spaces ● Ensure any future development must have the least amount of negative impact on the built environment ● Support and expand active transportation options for cyclists, transit users, and pedestrians. ● Increase funding for public transportation. ● Explore composting options within the city
Jane Davidson	<p>Focus on transit first: purchase hydrogen or solar powered city fleets, including ambulances, public works vehicles, and buses. Return Peterborough to its original glory as a streetcar city, using the newest streetcar technology. We need to overhaul and refund our public transit system to add more buses, more frequent routes, and transit hubs at all four corners of the cities to enable continuous flow and changeovers. Our new community bus is a good start to help seniors and other-abled people so we need to purchase more of these buses to diminish reliance on expensive taxis and expand their routes to service the west end, East City, and the north end. Studies prove that ridership increases when good, reliable transit is provided.</p>
Jenny Lanciault	<p>All policies-----either partially or in totality need to be supported to ensure Sustainable Environmental Policies</p>
Dean Pappas	
Jim Russell	<p>Greatly increase funding for public transportation. Accelerate the building of bike paths and sidewalks. Preserve and protect natural areas.</p>

Candidate	Please tell us what policies you would support that would increase transparency of government, democratic decision making, and citizen engagement.
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<p>Jane Davidson</p>	<p>Hold city council meetings in each ward on a rotating basis so people living there have access to meetings. Open up committee meetings to public input and public presentations rather than giving people a scant seven minutes to present to a council that is immediately called to vote on an issue. A change in format requires a change in the by-law. This change can come from council itself. Citizens want to be engaged; the present format mitigates against that, so let's change it. I advocate regular ward meetings in accessible church halls and apartment building common rooms so that seniors can have better access to their councillors. Seniors make up nearly 25 per cent of our population, and I suspect many of that cohort live within the boundary of Town Ward. If you elect me, you will see me. Regularly.</p>
<p>Jenny Lanciault</p>	<p>All of the policies listed about plus some common sense and collaborate effort need to be utilized in some capacity to effect all of issues listed above. One cannot just simply apply a single policy in totality to achieve a Sustainable Peterborough. Each component (cultural, financial etc) requires it own thought process and concerted effort to make a reality.</p>
<p>Dean Pappas</p>	
<p>Jim Russell</p>	<p>Assign budget dollars specifically for the promotion and development of resident associations. Convene a review of all City committees with a goal of identifying decision points that could be made by citizens. For example, could the arts and heritage committee be charged with developing the granting process and have final authority over those decisions? Start each year with an open council meeting that is a form of strategic planning that develops an agenda of policy development for the coming year. Most importantly, tether to a newly created Official Plan.</p>