



Vote For a Sustainable Peterborough

Ward 4 - Ashburnham

| Candidate | Please tell us what policies you would support that address the goal of Ensuring Sustainable Economic Policies. |
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| Gary Baldwin | I would continue to support modest yearly increases in additional rent supplements The city should also work with our federal and provincial partners to address systemic shortfalls in available funds to address shortfalls in affordable housing. The recent provincial policy requires in all new developments must include mixed housing types. I support this policy. This term of Council we have moved to allow secondary suites in all wards provided that they meet certain criteria. This policy should help to address the 1 per cent vacancy rate. |
| Ian Russell Peddle | I would like to support more local small businesses using zoning and have more business in Ashburnham so that there does not need to be as much travel downtown. I would also like to encourage more development by increasing energy efficiencies and supporting our local solar industry. |
| Paul Rellinger | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The retrofitting of existing homes should be encouraged via the offering of tax rebates, scaled depending on the extent of the retrofit. As well, approval of new development - be it residential, commercial or industrial - must be dependent on the implementation of measures that will reduce their carbon footprint while moving them closer to 100 percent renewable energy reliant. It's key that the City make it clear that standards in this regard are expected of all new development and site plan approval will be withheld until the condition is satisfied. • An up-to-date inventory of all vacant spaces in the city must be completed as soon as possible with an eye on the development of those spaces as affordable rental units. Again, incentives must be available to the owners of these properties to entice them to make the necessary renovations to upgrade for occupancy. Too many properties in this city, particularly in the downtown core, have sat empty too long. I support any creative solution that expedites their being repaired, brought up to code and made available as living space. |
| Keith Riel | Sustainable Peterborough Plan it Peterborough Climate Change Official Plan ETC. |
| Sheila Wood | I would support all these policies and would hope that they are incorporated into the new Official Plan. I believe we should always follow our Official Plan to address sustainable economic policies. Sustainable Peterborough Plan and the Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP) approved by City Council in 2013 and 2016. The City's Strategic Framework, 2016 The 5 themes for the revised Official Plan |



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| Candidate | Please tell us what policies you would support that address the goal of Ensuring Sustainable Cultural Policies. |
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| Gary Baldwin | <p>As our senior population has increased the city approved two community improvement plans, the Central Community Area Community Improvement Plan and the Affordable Housing Community Improvement Plan to support downtown redevelopment and revitalization to support creating more affordable housing units. A move to more intensification rather than urban sprawl would be supported. Seniors in our community is an asset about which we should leverage. Seniors can act as mentors to youth and they have life skills to positively impart on youth. I would support policies that capitalize on initiatives in this regard. Our city needs to continue to invest in recreational infrastructure, the arts, music festivals and cultural events. Monetary investments in these cultural events and assets enhances the quality of life for all Peterborough city and county residents and should continue to be supported.</p> |
| Ian Russell Peddle | <p>I would like to ensure that Peterborough continues to be a welcoming place for newcomers and that it has proper places for those newcomers to live.</p> |
| Paul Rellinger | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a huge supporter of Peterborough's arts and heritage communities, I am distressed over what I see as a failure to fully celebrate those sectors on a consistent basis and reap the benefits both bring to the city. One of Peterborough biggest challenges going forward - perhaps the biggest - is ensuring that what we have isn't diminished or lost in the rush to welcome new development. Both can so-exist and must do so if we're to build the Peterborough we all want. The debacle which almost saw us lose the building that houses the Black Horse Pub should never happen again. We must protect our heritage treasures and should move quickly to ensure designation is granted where warranted. As for the arts community, it has been Peterborough's best-kept secret for far too long. Silence isn't golden in this case. We must promote the city as an arts and music destination on a year-round basis and provide the necessary supports to make that happen. • Multiculturalism gives a city a unique persona and life. We're blessed to have the New Canadians' Centre here. It does Peterborough an excellent service by embracing those new to the city and integrating them into daily life. I'd like to see that taken a step further via the establishment of an advisory committee, comprised of newcomers, that will report challenges and needs directly to city councillors with the goal of establishing policies that will make the transition for newcomers smoother while nipping at the start potential problems associated with the transition. |



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| Keith Riel | All of the above ¹ but especially policies that surround culture and culture diversity. |
| Sheila Wood | As someone who for many years worked for the Downtown BIA as General Manager I promoted many cultural events (Jazz Festival, restaurant tour, Street fests, art shows etc.) These cultural events and promotions allow for community involvement and enjoyment. |

| Candidate | Please tell us what policies you would support that address the goal of Ensuring Sustainable Social Policies. |
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| Gary Baldwin | Full time employment and a living wage would go a long way to assisting families provide the basics for their families. The recent minimum wage increase by the provincial government is a welcomed initiative for many Peterborough families. I would continue to support municipal programmes that provide subsidies to eligible residents for drug, vision and prescription drugs. Community organizations and service clubs continue to provide valuable services to our community and should continue to be supported. |
| Ian Russell Peddle | I would like to see inclusive zoning used more often in the City. I would also like the City to work with other stakeholders to build adequate housing for those who are currently homeless or living in squalor. |

¹ Referring to policies listed in Keith Riel's previous answer



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| <p>Paul Rellinger</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When I attended a Peterborough Public Health round table involving candidates held earlier this year, I identified food insecurity and inadequate housing as the two greatest public health risks in the city. All good things stem from people being able to eat and feel secure in their place of residence. Take either or both away and other challenges emerge quickly. City council must take a more active role in ensuring both areas are addressed in a meaningful way. Creative solutions are needed and councillors have to be part of that conversation. • Homelessness is something we're all aware of but yet little has been done to address the matter. The challenge lies in it being such a huge fix. It's overwhelming. The key to a solution of any kind lies in breaking it down into smaller, more manageable segments and brainstorming solutions. Again, city council has an obligation to be a leader in this area, directing staff as required and approving policies and measures that will ease the plight of the homeless. Long range, encouraging the private sector with incentives to provide on-the-job training will go a long way to helping the homeless get back on their feet and work towards a better situation for themselves. |
| <p>Keith Riel</p> | <p>As chair of Social Services I would champion all policies that would make lives better for all the citizens of Peterborough.</p> |
| <p>Sheila Wood</p> | <p>I believe that we need more affordable housing but the definition of affordable needs to be expanded. It should include seniors, students, families and single parent families. In the province of Alberta the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology has partnered with those who are living in affordable housing, and going to school to learn trades along with the developer to create and build homes for all to enjoy. This is something that could be done right here in Peterborough with Fleming College. I believe in growth for all not just a few. Also, all stakeholders should be at the table when creating new social policies especially those who are living below the poverty line. It is important to remember that social policies, housing, health care are also provincial and federal initiatives. The MPP and MP should be lobbied on a regular basis by City Council to address our community issues.</p> |



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| Candidate | Please tell us what policies you would support that address the goal of Ensuring Sustainable Environmental Policies. |
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| Gary Baldwin | I would support policies in general terms that support sustainable environmental initiatives. We are now in the process of updating our new official plan that will guide our community regarding land use planning for decades. All new developments in the city should be implemented using an environmental lens. I would support policies that encourage the development of complete streets and more modes of active transportation. Dedicated bike lanes, targeted sidewalk construction and more trail development would be supported. I would also support a move by the city to become greener with respect to converting city owned vehicles and properties to high efficiency standards. I would continue to support policies to make investments in public transportation and provide financial incentives and programmes to increase ridership. This will assist us to more quickly reach our CO2 targets and improve air quality. I am in support of a full scale transportation review to improve efficiency including traffic signal synchronization, transit and handivan services. |
| Ian Russell Peddle | I would like to work to ensure that the greenspace the City currently enjoys stays green or is replaced by new green space. I would also like to see if the trail network can be used more extensively for cross-country skiing in the winter. |
| Paul Rellinger | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All new residential development must include a set percentage of green space and natural areas before gaining approval. When I worked in Whitby in the mid 1980s covering City Hall for Oshawa This Week, I saw this in action. It was a requirement of all residential developers that park land be included in their site plans. Today Whitby has more parks than most communities its size. That didn't happen by accident. The same demand must be made of developers here. • We will never cast our vehicles aside. That said, as a municipality, we must provide the infrastructure for those who want to take advantage of healthy transportation alternatives. Any new road, or reconstruction of existing roads, must include the addition of cycling and pedestrian-friendly lanes and routes. This includes The Parkway extension should it be approved. In addition, Peterborough Transit must be reviewed thoroughly, and regularly, to ensure it is providing the best possible service and is affordable. Again, transit users must be at that table. They know the system better than anyone else and know where it can, and should, be improved. Their voice has to be heard. |
| Keith Riel | If you look at my voting record you will see that the lens of the environment is always at the forefront and any new or old policies are championed by me. |



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| <p>Sheila Wood</p> | <p>Well, I would not want development on any lands that are considered wetlands or protected by the Environmental policy. I believe again, that the Official Plan has to incorporate language to make sure that or green spaces are protected. Consultation, communication from all stakeholders should be part of the working policies as they are developed. Also I will champion our Green Waste program. We have been promised this since 2008 and although the new provincial government has backed out I still believe money should be used for this program. As well as the Styrofoam program. Not everyone has the money or means to go to a butcher for their meat products so grocery stores are their only option. We need to lobby the big grocery stores to eliminate Styrofoam or cut down in the packaging.</p> |
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| 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>Gary Baldwin</p> | <p>I would support local initiatives that improve transparency and citizen engagement. This term of Council a pilot participatory budgeting policy was adopted. Various projects were approved throughout all five wards with a budget of \$20,000 per Ward. I would be supportive of this continuing in the new term of Council. The recent 5 day planning charrette that was organized by the city of Peterborough was also very successful and engaged many members of the community. This type of initiative should continue in the next term of Council. I would also support the continued use and perhaps an expanded number of advisory committees.</p> |
| <p>Ian Russell Peddle</p> | <p>I intend to be transparent. I enjoy speaking to people and I am always open to being convinced by new ideas that are supported by rational thought.</p> |
| <p>Paul Rellinger</p> | <p>When I look back on the process which led to council's approval of the sale of PDI to Hydro One, I come to one inescapable conclusion: As upset as people were with the sale, many were more upset with the process itself. Too much secrecy. Too much behind-closed-doors discussion. Very little, if any, transparency. Overall, the optics were very bad, leading to even more frustration and anger. It's imperative that residents feel their voices are being heard and considered in all decisions affecting them directly and their community in general. Anything short of that borders on dictatorship. The current process which sees council make decisions on the same evening it hears input from residents is unsatisfactory and fuels the sense that councillors aren't taking their expressed concerns into full consideration. I would be open to any changes or measures that ensure residents' voices are not only heard but given their due before council votes are taken.</p> |



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| Keith Riel | I have been an advocate for open transparent government for the eight years I have served as a city councillor and will continue that practice when re-elected. |
| Sheila Wood | As a candidate for Councillor in Ashburnham I have been clear from the beginning that communication, consultation and accommodation are needed on a regular basis to engage the constituents. If you haven't seen your Councillor at your door in four years except at election time it is time for a change. I will hold 4 town hall meetings, do a quarterly newsletter and continue to knock on doors after elected. As I said earlier in my comments if a policy is coming forward all stakeholders must have a voice. I will also go to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario on a regular basis to network and learn from other cities best practises. Bring a report back to staff, City Council and my constituents. I will also makes sure I am meeting with our MPP and MP to discuss issues that pertain to our community that their governments are putting forward. |