



Vote For a Sustainable Peterborough

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Running for: Ward 4 - Ashburnham

<p>Please tell us what policies you would support that address the goal of Ensuring Sustainable Economic Policies.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Please tell us what policies you would support that address the goal of Ensuring Sustainable Cultural Policies.</p>	<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>
<p>Please tell us what policies you would support that address the goal of Ensuring Sustainable Social Policies.</p>	<p>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.</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 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.</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 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>