



Vote For a Sustainable Peterborough

Candidate Name: Sheila Wood

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 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</p>
<p>Please tell us what policies you would support that address the goal of Ensuring Sustainable Cultural Policies.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Please tell us what policies you would support that address the goal of Ensuring Sustainable Social Policies.</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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<p>Please tell us what policies you would support that address the goal of Ensuring Sustainable Environmental Policies.</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>
<p>Please tell us what policies you would support that would increase transparency of government, democratic decision making, and citizen engagement.</p>	<p>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.</p>