



Vote For a Sustainable Peterborough

Candidate Name: Stephen Wright

Running for: Ward 5 - Northcrest

<p>Please tell us what policies you would support that address the goal of Ensuring Sustainable Economic Policies.</p>	<p>I can envision supporting policies that establish 1) a "Local Improvement Charge" by taking the lead in creating partnerships with local partners and regional businesses; 2) the introduction of a set of tax incentives that promote 100% renewable energy; 3) a thorough review of the options available to retrofit building construction to meet a net-zero energy standard; 4) working with other Councillors to investigate the viability of reducing the tax burden on small businesses; and, 5) the management of growth in the downtown core consistent with higher density and repurposing commercial land for mix-use residential development.</p>
<p>Please tell us what policies you would support that address the goal of Ensuring Sustainable Cultural Policies.</p>	<p>We are on the land of the First Nations and Metis Indigenous communities and I uphold their cultural, language, and inherent treaty rights. I see a path forward where the City can benefit tremendously by sharing in our rich cultural diversity, including the arts, through investing in inclusive events.</p>
<p>Please tell us what policies you would support that address the goal of Ensuring Sustainable Social Policies.</p>	<p>Homelessness and poverty reduction strategies must go hand-in-hand with the funding of arenas and other recreation centers, so we don't erode our moral and civic responsibilities to ensure a healthy city. We need to adequately fund organizations like Peterborough Public Health to address the opioid addiction, mental health, and access to healthy food.</p>
<p>Please tell us what policies you would support that address the goal of Ensuring Sustainable Environmental Policies.</p>	<p>I support environmental policies that preserve our natural places as our city grows. Creative planning with community consultation is essential to ensure we map out how we use our limited natural resources while connecting people to roadways and trails.</p>



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<p>Please tell us what policies you would support that would increase transparency of government, democratic decision making, and citizen engagement.</p>	<p>We need to appoint an Integrity Commissioner to look at complaints filed by the public or a councillor against any elected member of council. The Integrity Commissioner should have the power to remove a councillor for a conflict of interest or corrupt practice. We need a formal code of conduct for council. We need a policy that requires councillors to declare all properties that they own or that they have a material interest in; We need a budget planning process open to public consultation. We need fewer in-camera sessions and all votes on all matters must be recorded.</p>
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