



# Vote For a Sustainable Peterborough

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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>Creating programs to assist people upgrade their homes to be more energy efficient I hear a lot about and think is key to bringing energy efficiency to Peterborough. I also believe in what Vote for Sustainable Peterborough released in their brochure in updating our building construction to meet zero energy standards.</p>
<p>Please tell us what policies you would support that address the goal of Ensuring Sustainable Cultural Policies.</p>	<p>Peterborough is a great city, thanks in large part to our cultural diversity. We have so many events throughout the city like arts week that showcase the cultural sustainability of Peterborough. We also have organizations like the New Canadians Centre (NCC) which does a great asset to Peterborough that we should be supporting in welcoming new comers to our diverse city</p>
<p>Please tell us what policies you would support that address the goal of Ensuring Sustainable Social Policies.</p>	<p>Peterborough has many social issues that need to be addressed in the coming council term. Homelessness and poverty must be addressed. The answer to ending poverty is not a one solution matter, it will take many solutions to help combat the matter in our city but we must get the process started immediately. Through different projects like co-housing, tiny homes, guaranteed income which the province scrapped we must advocate to bring back. These along with many others must be talked about and researched thoroughly to find the best options for Peterborough. Another issue that I am hearing a lot about is food security. I will thoroughly look into all options for increasing food security and one right off the bat that many residents are furious about is the ability to have backyard chickens and be able to collect the eggs to feed their families. I have heard this issue and will advocate for the reversal of the previous council's decision to ban a food source for so many in Northcrest and Peterborough</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>The big issue in Northcrest is the Parkway, I am opposed to the Parkway in its current state. The bridge over Jacksons Park destroys our green space and costs our taxpayers millions. This is not environmentally smart and thus I do not support it. I fear if we don't elect change the bridge design could be taken back to the Province of Ontario and with the change in government, we could see a change in decision. A complete plan will also be looked into by myself and colleagues to find the best ways to get people out on trails, cycling more places, and walking to cut down on car pollution. We cannot eliminate the car but we can find ways to encourage more people to be active in our communities and enjoy the environment Peterborough has to offer us.</p>
<p>Please tell us what policies you would support that would increase transparency of government, democratic decision making, and citizen engagement.</p>	<p>These are all key issues for myself and many across Northcrest and Peterborough. People are being pushed away by the current councillors working to complete their own agendas. We need change, if elected I will take all constituents calls and use them to come to my decisions. I will listen to the will of the people I was elected to serve, this will continue to get citizens more engaged as they feel their voice will return to them. I also plan to have community gatherings throughout the four years to continue to hear the issues facing the people, and I will have an online (or mail by request) newsletter to allow full transparency in what I am doing on behalf of them at city hall.</p>