



Vote For a Sustainable Peterborough

Ward 2 - Monaghan

Candidate	Please tell us what policies you would support that address the goal of Ensuring Sustainable Economic Policies.
Dave McGowan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong public transit • Diverse housing developments with increased density • Peterborough has an abundance of natural assets. It is the duty and responsibility of our local governments to protect those assets. While I believe we need to develop new lands that will meet our economic goals, we need to identify environmentally sensitive lands that should not be developed. <p>We need a comprehensive understanding of where best to expand our city, and where best to leave land untouched. A strong development plan will ensure that we protect our environment while ensuring we can grow as a city.</p>
Henry Clarke	<p>To ensure we provide for the current community without sacrificing the future we need to walk lightly on our portion of the earth. We can build jobs locally through the creative economy by encouraging knowledge based businesses to begin or locate here while using our incredible cultural assets to multiply those impacts. For example the new canoe museum will create 1100 jobs during construction, but more importantly, an ongoing 200 based on visitors who come to see our heritage on display. I believe we need to encourage firms to invest here by brokering a land deal with our neighbouring townships that provides enterprise lands so that our children have viable real jobs to support their hopes and dreams for the future. By showcasing the very principles of sustainability that we must practice for the future we can ensure that we are an attractive place for businesses to locate, and flourish.</p>
Charmaine Magumbe	<p>I would support any policies that has an agenda for ensuring a Sustainable Economically i.e. policies that would include: 1. Kawartha Loon Exchange (at present this is just singing to the choir. Needs to make this more city wide). 2. Promote local shopping in our regions supporting and enhancing ie; love local Peterborough, shop Peterborough, Greenup and Resource Center and local Kawartha, both of the farmers markets in Peterborough (there should be clear signage of those "farmers" whose produce comes from non-local sources). Also, I would love to see the adoption of Transition Town's Economic Localization: A Strategic Framework.</p>
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Candidate	Please tell us what policies you would support that address the goal of Ensuring Sustainable Cultural Policies.
Dave McGowan	As a community we need to respect our relationship with local first nations and their historic role as stewards of the land. We also need to understand and respect the environment we live in and the impact future developments will have. So much of our local culture is tied to the outdoors. We need a council that is responsive to our changing climate and is open to innovative ideas to help limit our impact on the land.
Henry Clarke	We need to support the vibrancy of our community cultural plan, interacting with our neighbours to share experiences and use the synergies to strengthen the cultural aura that attracts many to our community. We have strong artistic groups in the city and area that add vibrancy to committees, community groups, public art and so much more. I support ensuring that our city is well known as a centre for the arts through our public art projects, our love and respect for our heritage both built and natural, and through our advocacy on behalf of those who express the diverse nature and vibrancy of our culture in all its shapes and sizes.
Charmaine Magumbe	I would adopt any policies that support programmes like, Sacred Water Circle, Indigenous centers such as Nogojiwanong Friendship Centre , the New Canadian Center, any cultural informal organizations that are in Peterborough.
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Jeff Westlake	

Candidate	Please tell us what policies you would support that address the goal of Ensuring Sustainable Social Policies.
Dave McGowan	Peterborough is in need of more housing options, especially for low income residents. We need to ensure future developments are built in appropriate areas of the city and they need to be built with an increased density. Our new developments need to support the needs of residents while ensuring we are not damaging our environment.



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Henry Clarke	A former mayor once said, "is Peterborough just a city, or are we a JUST city". I've worked hard to ensure that every person has a safe, decent affordable place to call home. For those who need it, there should be culturally appropriate and respectfully delivered supports that allow people to live here and be true members of our society. I believe in the concept of a guaranteed income that takes so much stress from families and allows them to be able to cope realistically with life, and not just survive it.
Charmaine Magumbe	I would support any organizations, such as the Pathway to Stewardship which is The Pathway to Stewardship and Kinship is an emerging community-based initiative in the Peterborough region that aims to work with families, schools and community groups to provide activities for children and youth that promote physical, mental, and environmental health, and stewardship of natural and human communities. Transition Town, and any such organizations.
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Candidate	Please tell us what policies you would support that address the goal of Ensuring Sustainable Environmental Policies.
Dave McGowan	I believe we need a council that is willing to accept the impact we have on our environment and be open to new and innovative solutions. We need to work with local groups and agencies to ensure we are growing our city in a responsible way. I believe we need to enhance our recycling programs and create a city wide composting program to reduce the amount of trash ending up in our landfill.
Henry Clarke	I embrace the movement to a denser community that makes better use of infrastructure while reducing the stress on the environment. We must continue to protect the natural habitat through full application of all safeguards, environmental regulations and so forth. What was a swamp when I was much younger is now a treasured wetland. The ten metre buffer that was ok when I joined council is now 50 and often more. We need to fully protect our water resources, wildlife habitat and air quality. I support active transportation where we are doing many things to reduce dependence of cars, increase walking biking and other forms of non-motorized transportation. These all reduce the stress on the natural environment which means more will be preserved for future generations to enjoy.



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Charmaine Magumbe	I would support any policies that wants to create a Sustainable Environment i.e., Save our Wildlife Sanctuary, Friends of Jackson and Harper Park, Camp Kawartha, Vision Zero policies implemented with the support of Peterborough Bike Advisory committee, last but not least working with our local transit bus system to create a better transit system for Peterborough. I would also encourage policies that implement Peterborough Pollinators.
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Jeff Westlake	

Candidate	Please tell us what policies you would support that would increase transparency of government, democratic decision making, and citizen engagement.
Dave McGowan	<p>I believe council needs to interact and listen to our residents. Residents need to be confident that their voices were heard and considered before decisions are made.</p> <p>We need process that can gather community input and a council that is willing to listen.</p> <p>Council should be constantly engaged with its residents, especially those who are opposed to a particular issue. Listening to opposing views challenges one's own thinking and open up new ways of thinking about the issues. Strong public engagement will bring more confidence in the decisions of council how it makes decisions.</p>
Henry Clarke	<p>I want to see us really get behind participatory budgeting. I think we can get people thinking and doing more in the community through its vibrancy. One shot was not enough. I am pleased that we have our reports out to the public sooner, allow more time for feedback and questions, and have greatly reduced the number and duration of closed door meetings. I support broadcasting the meetings to all who wish to view them, and even better welcome their attendance and questions. I don't have much experience in it, but would like to explore pop ups within the ward and city to give people a chance to just talk to their representatives. I've talked to hundreds in the past several months and find them far better informed and more engaged than given credit for. There are some really savvy people in our city and we need their ideas.</p>



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Charmaine Magumbe	<p>To have policies that are transparent we need to work with grassroots organizations, to create a more inclusive community, i.e. CRRC, CMHA, One roof community center, indigenous groups, NCC. The council should adopt the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act. Also create Accountability and Transparency Special Committee and have Citizen Engagement Committee, where citizens from each of the wards would have an opportunity to discuss concerns, interests of the city at least once a month at council meetings.</p>
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