

Question posed to all Municipal candidates

The impact of human-induced climate change is now being felt locally with more frequent and more severe storms, crop pattern changes, and disruption in wildlife. Peterborough city council has approved the Greater Peterborough Sustainability Plan that addresses this issue in many ways.

If elected, what will you do to implement the measures contained in this Plan?

Mayor

Young, Tom

Thank you for your E-mail. I will promote energy efficiency and sustainability at all city run facilities. I have always been in favour of giving public transit funding a higher priority and have taken a firm stand against extending the Parkway. We need to encourage, not discourage, the use of public transit. I will shift distribution of information towards electronic means and away from the use of paper. I run my own life in a sustainable manner by recycling and composting. Thanks again!

Daryl Bennett

I was an early proponent of the City's Sustainability Plan and its Climate Change Plan, and voted in favour of both. I said in Council that climate change was the most important issue of our time. The premise I bring to the issue of climate change is that we are well past any undermining of the reality of human-induced climate change; our need now is to focus on action and remedy.

Implementation relies on a multi-sector approach which should be focused on a cultural change that uses climate change as a lens through which we see, monitor and judge our individual and collective actions:

- The City should continue to review and assess all development proposals in relation to climate change, and our staff reporting should make this criteria plain.
- The City must continue to lead. Our solar roof policy for City buildings is a good example.
- Our schools must educate a new generation. The City can play a similar role in terms of overall public awareness.
- We need at all levels a single day/event/occasion on which to focus the interest of the entire community.
- We need to advance the idea that every individual can make a difference on a daily basis.

Alan Wilson

Thank you for your email. I will study the plan but can assure you that environmental sustainability has been a focus of mine since I had the privilege of working for Jon Grant OC at Quaker Oats. He and his successor championed environmental awareness and sustainability throughout this very successful manufacturing operation. I had the privilege of being their Manager of Corporate Engineering and Environmental Affairs. Also whilst Director of Engineering for Quaker Europe my Manager of Environmental Affairs, a PhD lead that important file there. His job under my direction was to educate, empower and audit environmental conscious and compliance at our 14 plants throughout Europe from Scotland to Spain.

I know the environmental importance and frankly the economic benefit of environmental sustainability on our planet and the health our people and the creatures we share our lands and waters with.

Thank you for your important work on environmental sustainability.

LeBlanc, George "Terry"

Maryam Monsef

Patti S. Peeters

Ward 1

Morgan, Stephen

I wish to continue to start to incorporate bike lanes for use of E-Bikes for the safety of riders and drivers.

I wish to help offer compost boxes for new residents in Peterborough.

I wish to help re-cycle STYROFOAM, to assist with our landfills.

Parnell, Lesley

Zippel, Kim

McWilliams, Dan

Parent, Camille (email bounced)

Ward 2

Boone, Jocasta

I fully support the Greater Peterborough Sustainability plan and the efforts of For Our Grandchildren. The science around climate change is irrefutable. There is no debate about its existence, so our focus must now be on how we mitigate and manage its effects. The first step in this process is the realization that we all have a stake in its outcome -- that this is an economic issue as well as an environmental challenge.

In particular, one aspect of sustainability that should have immediate resonance is the emphasis on local agricultural producers. Such initiatives not only help focus development into smart growth solutions, but it provides long-term health and economic benefits to the region. It is a perfect example of how a little bit of forward thinking can really pay off in the long term. I look forward to working with you on these and other issues as a Councillor for Monaghan Ward, and I wish you great success this weekend.

Westlake, Jeff

Edgerton, David R.

Vassiliadis, Don

Clarke, Henry

Ward 3

Therrien, Diane

If elected, I will advocate implementation of the measures contained in this plan by:

- Prioritizing cycling and pedestrian infrastructure;
- Protecting parks and green space so that my step-daughter's grandchildren can enjoy them as I have;
- Ensure that new development conforms to the Central Area Master Plan;
 - Increased densification downtown by investing in mid-height (3-4 story) buildings when redevelopment occurs.
 - Funding the Residential Conversion and Intensification Grant to help small and mid-sized business renovate.
- Doubling development fees for those seeking to build on greenfield sites at the edge of our city (there is precedent for this in other municipalities, including Mississauga, the home of suburban sprawl);
- Reinstate the organics program.

It is a priority that elected officials think long-term about the impacts of their decisions. I care about Peterborough now, but I also care about the Peterborough that my grandchildren's grandchildren will inherit. I appreciate the vision of 2037 put forward in the Sustainable Peterborough plan, and I also consider 2057, and 2087. I consider all aspects of a decision and weigh the costs of the long-term impact before making decisions. This is part of the reason why I try to live my life as simply and locally as possible. My bicycle is my primary mode of transportation; I purchase second-hand clothing and other items whenever possible, and I support our local food systems. Peterborough must make planning decisions based on progressive, forward-looking policies to ensure we build a strong, healthy community for the future.

Stabler, Jason

The Sustainable Peterborough plan is a well-researched and written plan that correctly identifies the breadth of what sustainability means and why it is imperative to keep the future in mind when taking actions today.

As a municipal councilor I would work towards implementing the goals of the Sustainable Peterborough plan in several ways including:

- Working to improve public transportation service and ridership within the City and work with the County to explore the possibility of rural public transit
- Building a linear park with walking/cycling trails along the Bethune street corridor in order to connect the three trails that meet Bethune Street and encourage walking and cycling in the city.
- Work towards implementing curbside green waste collection
- Work towards improving the efficiency of city owned buildings and vehicles
- Encouraging the increased consumption of locally produced food by citizens and use by of locally produced foods by local restaurants.
- Improving the city's existing tree bylaw to protect our urban tree canopy
- Ensuring that an arborist consults on developments in the planning stages of a development so that unnecessary tree removal can be avoided.
- Facilitating economic growth through focusing on existing local businesses and helping them to grow.
- Supporting the creation of more public art
- Investing in our cultural community
- Developing and improving market and affordable housing in our downtown.
- Investing in downtown infrastructure, including public spaces and streetscape redevelopment

Pappas, Dean

Juby, William (Bill)

Hendry, Jim

Ward 4

Teleki, Paul

Thanks for the email. I'm very excited to release my position on how I would address climate change as a municipal representative in Peterborough. Does Peterborough have a chapter or do you live in Peterborough?

Can I rely on your guidance when drafting my position?

Talk to you soon

Baldwin, Gary

Thank you for taking the time to get involved in the upcoming municipal election. Clearly, we have all witnessed the changes to our environment and the severity of storms and the damage they cause to both humans and the habitat for organisms. I am pleased that Peterborough City Council has approved the Greater Peterborough Sustainability Plan. Many of the recommendations in the report and list of actions are thoughtful and make a good deal of sense.

I am supportive of city initiatives that address the need to reduce human-generated greenhouse gas emissions. For example, promoting efficiency and improvements to our existing public transportation system, initiatives to promote efficient use of energy, programmes that protect our natural environment and ensuring that we have a safe and available water supply. I am also in support of initiatives that divert waste from landfill and the concept of reducing, reusing and recycling programmes.

With respect to our community I am in support of initiatives that promote recreational enhancements and healthy living including walking and cycling, the trail system and the local water system to promote tourism and economic development for the region. My word count is running short, but the concept of the complete community and its component parts makes a good deal of sense and is one that I could support in principle. This speaks to best practices when it comes to planning for increased growth in the city. What the sustainability plan promotes is working together and a collaborative approach to

make Peterborough more sustainable and an excellent place to work, live and raise a family. Initiatives that foster these ideals I can support. Public input and collaboration is needed and ongoing dialogue with the public is required. The sustainability plan is comprehensive and one cannot comment on all elements in such a short space.

Fraser, Donald

Riel, Keith

Vass, Len

Ward 5

Templeman, Bill

Selected Measures to Implement Peterborough's Sustainability Plan

Air Quality -- Driving

- Implement "rolling stops" in place of stop signs at selected intersections. At "Rolling stops" vehicles would slow to 5 km an hour instead of coming to a full stop.
- Lower the in-city speed limit to 40 km/h. Vehicles more efficient at lower speeds
- Do not build the Parkway. Peterborough needs to transition to a post-car transportation system
- Enforce idling ban
- Replace the city's fleet of fossil-fuel vehicles with electric
- Implement fully computerized smart traffic management

Air Quality – Transportation

- Improve the frequency and routing of public transit. Use smaller mini-buses (electric) during non-peak hours
- Implement more bike lanes & bike trails

Urban Planning

- Encourage development of walkable neighbourhoods
- Urban intensification instead of car-dependent suburban sprawl
- Develop neighbourhood recreation facilities such as outdoor artificial rinks to cut down on car-travel to central facilities (Memorial Centre, Wellness Centre)
- Conserve & protect local green spaces (Lily Lake, Parkway Trail, Jackson Creek Trail, etc.)
- Stop the Lily Lake Development as currently proposed

Infrastructure

- Implement all outstanding flood control recommendations following the 2004 flood

Eyre, Kathryn

Haacke, Dave

Beamer, Andrew

Wright, Stephen