

> 1. What is your overall vision for the City of Peterborough?

Peterborough needs to recover from decades of multiple term lack of progress. We need to catch up in a hurry on housing, social services, transit, and industrial investments.

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> 2. What is your plan to build a strong local workforce?

Any plan has to be in cooperation with city council--we have to work together. A plan by one council member will surely fail. Peterborough needs to increase its industrial and commercial serviced land spaces to relieve the incredible municipal tax burden on residents. Currently 80% of municipal tax income is from people who live here. I will vote in favour of motions and plans that help address this inequality in appropriate development application areas. I will always vote in favour of protecting our limited green spaces.

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> 3. Housing has become less affordable and accessible, especially for
> first-time home buyers. What is your plan to address housing needs in
> our community?

Peterborough is decades behind in development due in no small part to a backlog and delay of approval by council. Where committee has approved a development plan against the Official Plan, council should not need to be involved. I will favour development projects that build upwards, instead of outwards. Of course it will be difficult if not impossible to overcome the last two decades of delay to development; we should feel behind for a long time still.

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> 4. A lack of serviced employment lands is an ongoing issue. The
> emphasis for a long time was on negotiating agreements with bordering
> townships, but the draft Official Plan calls for those lands to be
> found within current city boundaries. What is your plan to increase
> access to serviced employment lands?

Peterborough needs to act in good faith towards its own Official Plan; granting exceptions and trying to work around it are counterproductive.

Annexing townships where townships are not interested is not an option.

Increasing access to serviced employment lands means also needing employers to need them.

Increasing Peterborough's attractiveness to employers could mean having sufficient housing for employees, having access to key amenities (highway, airport, healthcare). Peterborough currently has a wealth of vacant commercial properties.

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> 5. The draft Official Plan calls for greater consultation and
> increased dialogue with neighbouring First Nations communities. What
> involvement and relationships do you plan to pursue with First Nations
> communities to move our region forward on our path to reconciliation?

Firstly, it is incumbent upon the colonial government to hear the truth of the 98 Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

To move forward in reconciliation is to take action on all of these, with haste, insofar as a municipal government can. Relationships with neighbours are invaluable, and delaying on enacting any is a disrespect to the truth that was shared. Nation-to-nation relationships can not be replaced with council-to-council relationships, but every good relationship is helpful on the path. I personally have marched in solidarity with Wet'suwet'en, I have broken bread with front line Defenders in Tyendenaga and Six Nations. Doing the work is so important when historically officials have offered lip service.

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> 6. Our community is dealing with an addictions crisis that is now more
> visible than ever. What is your plan to address this crisis?

Housing first. Build housing first for addictions, and the rest will fall into place. When I am sick, I go home. Give someone housing, and you give them the security of a home. Developers want to build homes, and we need homes. Someone experiencing "visible" addictions crisis can only service the most pressing present need, and if that is access to a substance, then they won't pursue work or housing or even their own healthcare. Give someone housing first so that as they heal and experience security they can begin working on the greater needs in their lives: community, healthcare.

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> 7. The efficient movement of people and goods is important to business
> competitiveness. What is your plan to address our transportation
> challenges?

Our public transit needs an immediate reversal to pre-change routes, with a revisit to the Consultant's report, so that we can follow expert advise. Our public transit needs an infusion of investment to purchase more buses, and hire more drivers, so that routes are dependable, more frequent, and can get people to work on time. Funding for transit and for road maintenance can come from new municipal tax income sources like serviced employment industrial/commercial lands.

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> 8. Crime is an increasing concern within the local business community,
> from vandalism to shoplifting to after-hours break-ins. What will you
> do as a member of council to ensure businesses feel protected and
> supported?

Housing first. Vandalism, shop lifting and after-hours breaks-ins are all poverty related crime. People can't afford to live, and so will take what they can to survive the night. If we relieve poverty, we will relieve these crimes, and give our businesses the breathing room they need to thrive. Developers want to build homes, and we need homes. Give someone housing first so that as they heal and experience security they can begin working on the greater needs in their lives: community, healthcare.

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> 9. How should the city engage local business to help meet climate
> change goals and move toward net-zero emissions?

City can lead by example, and work towards its own net-zero plan. By showcasing how possible it is, and even economically advantageous in savings (fuel, maintenance, etc), then others will follow. It's in our children's best interest that we all do what we can to prevent the worst case scenario.

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> 10. What three things would you like to see council implement that
> will make local businesses more competitive?

- Housing First; construction of many homes to address social issues, attract and stay local businesses to a healthy and vibrant downtown
- Functional public transit; funding for buses and road resurfacing that encourages the use of commercial spaces

- Continued use of extended patio space; local businesses should benefit from the use of sidewalk and road space where applicable, and more businesses should be made eligible for such extensions. Such extensions should be ratified into normal operating practice.