

2018 Municipal Elections Online Special Report

Regional Councillor – Ward 3 & 4



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1. What new measures would you bring forth to insure that Halton Hills is an open for business minded community?

I believe we are open for business, we just haven't let others know. I touch on this in answer 2 some more. An introduction to a concierge service should be explored. If someone wants to do business with us we should assign them someone who can hold their hand and guide them from A-Z with any start up needs. Let the business do business, let us do the red tape. The stairs at Town Hall are nice, but I shouldn't have to get my Fitbit steps in going from clerk to clerk. True story!

2. How can we attract employers that offer full-time, non-retail jobs to our community?

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3. Please name the most important step the next Town Council can take to support economic growth in Halton Hills.

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4. What would you do to control the municipal budget and if you plan any cuts where would they be?

I'm neither naive or arrogant enough to touch this one without first being in office and examining our operations. What I can tell you is I drove a 17% increase in productivity without a single increase in FTE when I took over a division at RBC. Running a proper LSS initiative at Town Hall would be a start. And I believe my experience as a procurement and vendor management specialist; who reviewed \$10mm of spend per month (the cheques hit my desk), will come in handy. Private sector knowledge is sorely lacking at present.

5. What are your views on "Places to grow" give us your opinion on what issues good and bad may arise with this type of growth and how would you approach these issues?

The core goals of the Growth Plan, "achieving *complete communities*, **which support opportunities for people of all ages and abilities by offering a diverse range of housing and access to jobs, services and transportation choices**". It seems clear to me our current council lacks any real vision that takes these into account and has failed. The Growth Plan is a good one if you just look to actually execute on it. Our Vision 2021 is a fail and does not address any of the core goals properly.

6. Some of our members are struggling to get both entry level and skilled workers. How would you attract and retain a strong and vibrant workforce in Halton Hills?

We can't at present. Anyone who has made decisions for the past 20 years has failed to address our future needs and thus the members here today. We need lower income housing for starters, but this is a long tail initiative. Short term, brace yourselves, **TRANSIT**. But smart management can do this **NOW**. Look for partnerships with: Milton, Mississauga, Brampton as well as GO. You are all smart enough to see where I am going here. Can't do this one in 85 words.
