

2018 Municipal Elections Online Special Report

Local Councillor – Ward 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?
 - a) Discuss expansion options as well as tax incentives to existing businesses
 - b) Solicit and entertain expansionary roles to major blockbuster stores such as Costco, Amazon
 - c) Allocate land resources that is easily accessible to Milton, West Mississauga so as to attract the most return on investment
2. How can we attract employers that offer full-time, non-retail jobs to our community?
 - a) Offer attractive tax incentive & utility rates for large warehousing stores
 - b) Solicit Federal & Provincial offices for re-location into the Halton Hills area
 - c) Strongly promote businesses to HH residents and discourage them from shopping outside the area.
3. Please name the most important step the next Town Council can take to support economic growth in Halton Hills.

Provide important incentives by lowering the cost of doing business in Halton Hills such as wage supplements or tax rebates to all new businesses that remain open for 6 months or more.

4. What would you do to control the municipal budget and if you plan any cuts where would they be?
 - a) Track expenditures on Capital projects and avoid any and all cost overruns
 - b) Strategic Planning - Set the Direction & Goals based on Halton Hills
 - c) Prudential review of revenues to maintain services at current levels

Areas to be cut would be difficult to ascertain, however the best possible avenues would be those that can be easily transitioned or covered by Halton Hills volunteers.

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?

While the existing Towns of Georgetown and Acton have limited options for expansion, land is available for sale in between these towns as well as those around the Steeles Ave corridor that can service the Milton and Mississauga communities.

Another important corridor is Hwy 25 north of the 401. This area remains under-developed and must be included in the strategic growth plan from 2020-2030.

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?

Halton Hills lacks the vibrant workforce due to the limited options for affordable housing as well as limited mass transit systems. Tapping into the existing labour force is the more effective solution and that can be achieved by providing wage supplements for a limited time to hire more local labour. Additionally, Council can look into expanding the taxi-script service to offer employees the transportation that they need.
