

## 2018 Municipal Elections Online Special Report

### Local Councillor – Ward 1



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

Engage in a dialogue, Partner with other organization to prioritize what is required to attract new business. In the IFP article September 7, 2018; **The 2 largest industrial investments in the region last quarter were in Halton Hills** states that “Development in Halton Hills’ industrial sector is taking the cake for the highest investments in the Region during the second quarter this year”. Halton Hills is not only promoted within our boundaries but internationally, the example being Town of Halton Hills Sister-City Wenjiang China. Halton Hills is open for Business.

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

Employment is employment, regardless of the type; Part time jobs help students. I see all employment as positive for Halton Hills. One should not aim for one type of industry, we must be open minded and provide a mix of industries. The involvement of Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce, Halton Hills Economic Development and Regional Staff is crucial to promote Halton Hills. Our Municipality is located near major highways and close to the U.S. Market, making Halton Hills a very attractive Community for new potential businesses.

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

Promoting what Halton Hills has to offer, Tourism, New growth, (Vision Georgetown) and Premier Gateway. The Town Halton Hills is Small Living at Its Best.

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

As a responsible Councillor I plan to maintain and improve on services not cut. This will be achieved by going over the budget, line by line and prioritizing budget requests. I want to encourage growth and spend wisely. The Town’s tax portion will not exceed 3.9% for the near future. This is the result of Council monitoring and adjusting the Municipal budget to reflect the community’s needs.

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?

Intensification is the way to go, it will provide affordable housing, reducing traffic congestions, as well as protecting Halton Hills Farm Land. Intensification is good if services are available and easily accessible. Consideration for Active Living and Green Space must be a priority.

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 Chamber of Commerce, Town Staff and other Stakeholders should partner together by Coordinating and arranging Job Fair; Tapping in the resources that are available at the many Educational Institutions in the GTA. In order to attract and retain employee’s, wages must be comparable with other markets around the GTA

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