

## 2018 Municipal Elections Online Special Report

### Local Councillor – Ward 2



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I would encourage all affected by such questions and answers (namely Town and Chamber of Commerce) to work together and contain the costs to both entities; not placing the bulk of funding on the Town of Halton Hills Taxpayers or a significant increase of the work of current Town and Chamber Staff.

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

The current forms of the Town of Halton Hills governance of issues such as this question raises is very transparent and as the Town already states in print "The Town is Open for Business."

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

A Chamber of Commerce lead initiative may assist the Town to bring in the manufacturing sector. The Town has held many meetings with manufacturers and due to current policies (local and Provincial) are limited to incentives that can be offered. Competition for Manufacturers is severe and within close proximity, other similar Communities are seeking the same Companies. Jointly, the C of C could reduce costs to join and encourage other business to join when they move into Town. This has been presented as to why some companies do not join the C of C.

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

Ensure a good/sufficient supply of Industrial lands are available.

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

Any budget increase should not exceed the Cost of Living! Increases are not that easy to justify and implement as a majority of the public do not want a cut in services that are currently provided. (This would be a good Town wide survey of what would be encouraged to be cut)

This is more evident at Budget time and must be established as a Need or Want.

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?

Places to Grow - by example a well-planned community is being worked on now, with public & private (as well as Institutions) known as Vision Georgetown property between 15th Side Road and 10th Side Road - from Eighth Line to Trafalgar Road. This will be a well-planned out expansion area of Halton Hills / Georgetown. The Greenbelt has hampered any significant expansion in the Acton area.

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?

Perhaps an advertisement in the right media outlet, offering competitive pay for services; benefits offered within Halton Hills that are competitive with neighbouring and close communities.

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