

2018 Municipal Elections Online Special Report

Local Councillor – Ward 3



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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 feel that we need to change the current response to anything that is different from 'NO' to let's look at it. Staff and council seem to have taken the position of 'No' to anything they have not encountered before.

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

We must have a work live attitude to an overall approach to this issue. Housing and transportation are key to making this happen. People in entry level & service positions need to have the ability to live and work in the same community, this will create a balanced and prosperous workforce by encouraging companies to grow within our town.

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

Ensure that Halton Hills builds a reputation as a place that open to development and investment in a timely, but responsible manner. The current belief is that it takes too long, it's quite difficult, and is very expensive.

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

We need to become a location of choice for business, investment and development. The fees and increased tax base generated through development will allow us to stem the rise in taxation. As for cuts, responsible expenditures enable the municipality to manage the need for cuts if any.

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?

Growth has been mandated by the Province and allotted by the Region. To an extent it is inevitable. Through my work on the committee for growth and intensification I have learned that measured, responsible, growth is the key and is absolutely attainable. The other major component that we must take into consideration is the character and landscape of our mature neighborhoods. We should ensure growth in these areas respects the features that entice people to our town and create a community that is open and accessible.

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?

This comes back to the transportation and affordable housing requirements.

For access to employment lands we must think beyond the car. Transportation can include many variables but ultimately, a reliable connection both in and out of town are paramount.

Like transit, Housing means more than just a classic single-family house, looking at higher density affordable housing that can be built to be inclusive and respectful of the landscapes and communities that they are placed in. This requires working with developers so that the cost of doing business in Halton Hills allows for lower cost development and thus lower rents.