

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?

I believe that the Town and Region are demonstrating an open for business mindset through significant infrastructure investment in areas where business can invest; namely, the Premier Gateway, Armstrong Avenue and Acton Industrial Area. Further, businesses have welcomed the additional staff in the Economic Development department who support local investment activity. In addition, Council has and is supporting major residential construction projects which represent many millions of dollars of business investment in Halton Hills.

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

Please refer to the response to #1.

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

The construction activity that will occur on the Vision Georgetown lands will elevate economic growth in Halton Hills to a whole new level. The planning and development of this new neighbourhood has been a significant focus of the current Town Council and it will continue to be important to the next Council.

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

It has been the practice of the current Town Council to control the budget so that property tax increases do not significantly exceed the level of inflation. That guideline means that each year, non-essential items or those that do not support the strategic plan are eliminated from the town budget.

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 legislation is resulting in the development of the Vision Georgetown lands and this will stimulate significant and lasting economic growth and business activity. It also defines the areas where urban growth will not occur, and this has ensured that the characteristic urban/rural mix of Halton Hills has been retained.

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 is currently a very desirable community to workers as demonstrated by its top ranking by MoneySense Magazine and others. Statistically, the population exhibits very high income levels and education. It is a family friendly community with high quality recreation amenities and schools. Council plans to enhance public transportation will improve travel options to workplaces. New, varied housing stock to be built will assist both entry level and skilled workers to secure homes closer to their workplaces.
