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Questions for all Ward 7 candidates of the upcoming by-election:

1. In 2017 the City of Windsor passed its [Community Energy Plan](#) committing to a 40% reduction in 2014 emission levels by 2041. In November 2019 it passed unanimously the [Climate Change Emergency Declaration](#) and in May 2020 the report on [Acceleration of Climate Change Actions in response to the Climate Change Emergency](#) (see page 503 at link), was passed unanimously by Windsor City Council. Which, if any, of these documents have you read?

We need to look at all issues that come before council through a more environmentally conscious lens. I have read portions of all three documents as I am working to become more knowledgeable about Climate Change and how to better adapt and mitigate as we move forward. The science and recent weather events demonstrate that Climate Change is a global issue that can no longer be ignored. It needs to be at the forefront of every decision we make. With 2014 being the baseline numbers, it will be imperative to compare Windsor's reductions each year, leading to the 40% reductions commitment by 2041.

The Environmental Master plan has 9 main objectives. Again, there needs to be continuous oversight that these commitments are met. Air and water quality are basic human rights.

2. How do you intend to ensure the City's effort remains on climate mitigation in addition to climate change adaptation? For example, although continuing to address the flooding in Ward 7 would be a beneficial climate change adaptation response, how will you work to ensure the City also takes sufficient measures to reduce emissions, and in a way that benefits all residents?

Reducing emissions is critical to human health and reducing the impacts of Climate Change. There are several ways that residents and businesses can reduce their carbon footprint in a way that benefits us all. Improved recycling/composting programs, enhanced public transit incorporating more electric powered vehicles along with the infrastructure to support it. We need to conserve and protect our waterways by doing environmental clean ups with local schools. We can promote more seasonal and local foods rather than importing foods. Homes and new developments can incorporate more sustainable products, low impact development and renewable energy sources.

3. If you are elected as Councillor for Ward 7, where will the necessity for climate mitigation action rank in your priorities when it comes to the City's budget decisions? What is your position on allocating funds in the 2021 and future budgets to address climate mitigation (i.e. reduction of emissions) in Windsor-Essex?

As mentioned in the prior questions, the environment needs to be put at the forefront of our City's decisions moving forward. We have already seen the devastating consequences as a result of climate change and poor, aging infrastructure. We need to be environmental stewards when looking at the City's budget. Funds are critical in future planning and allocating funds in 2021 and beyond.

4. What do you think about the idea of a [carbon budget](#) for the City of Windsor?

A carbon budget helps us to look at low-carbon policies and technologies as we plan for the future of Windsor. We must establish a baseline and starting point and there needs to be accountability and incentives to reduce carbon emissions for residents and businesses alike.

5. Urban sprawl has been called "[Ontario's oil sands](#)". If elected, how would you ensure that the City of Windsor makes climate-friendly urban planning decisions?

Firstly, whenever there is a large development, the city as a whole should have a voice and be a part of the democratic process before any planning at a particular location moves ahead. When you bring everyone to the table, with several experts in the field as well as public opinion, this can help make climate-friendly urban planning more seamless and ideal. Repurposing old buildings and developing brownfield will be a key objective of policies.

6. What are your ideas on how the City of Windsor can work with the County of Essex, surrounding municipalities and the City of Detroit in order to actualize climate mitigation action?

Improved transportation incorporating electric/hybrid buses with safe routes being able to make your way from one part of the county to anywhere in the city an efficient manner is one example of how we can work together. Once the border reopens, we can start moving ahead with the City of Detroit. Climate change is a global crisis and

countries working together on joint plans to mitigate the problem is the only way we can win this battle.

The mega hospital is a perfect example of how the City of Windsor can work with the County of Essex and surrounding municipalities to assist in actualizing climate mitigation.

7. Climate action is a priority for many youth voters. Why should young voters come out and vote for you?

Young voters should vote for me because I respect the voice of youth and want to ensure they are heard. I am currently raising my own children in Ward 7 and see the damages of the climate crisis and why we need to act now. I had an amazing opportunity to live in Tokyo Japan for 7 years and see how a world-class city operates. Their public transportation system was so effective that I did not ever need to own a car. Windsor needs to have a keener eye on urban planning and improved bike paths throughout the city.