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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?

I have read them. Thank you for the links.

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?

This is a question and topic I will have to spend more time researching.

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?

I will work with Mayor Dilkens and City Council as a team. My biggest priority is making sure the new Mega Hospital is built as soon as a possible.

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

I am not too familiar with what the concept truly means.

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?

I dislike the negative tone about Ontario's urban sprawl, and I dislike the negative tone towards the Oil Sands. Both are very important to Canada.

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?

This is a difficult question. First, I have to see what Mayor Dilkens and City Council have been working at. After studying the idea(s) I will be able to give a far better answer.

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

Climate action is important, yes. Is it the most important issue for Ward 7? No, it is not. Getting people employed is the #1 issue in Ward 7 and in Windsor. I am 30, educated, dedicated, and I do things differently. My methods work (while aggressive, they yield support and understanding). Young voters should support me at the ballot box because I don't sugarcoat anything. That is far more important than some may realize. I am currently studying for my 2nd degree at the University of Windsor. My platform is sound and it is open. Working with our federal and provincial governments, as well as with private industry, is the key to tackling climate change one step at a time.