



September 30, 2020

Windsor Law Action Forum

Thank you for your email of September 28, 2020. Please find below my responses to your questions.

**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 read the Acceleration of [Climate Change Actions in response to the Climate Change Emergency](#) last week. And since your request, I have perused the other documents. The content is foreign to me, but it is indeed a fascinating topic. I would need some consideration of time to understand each report to the fullest.

**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?**

As a councillor, I would ensure that this topic remains at the forefront, and funding remains in place to ensure its priority. Just like the City has produced countless information flyers, public meetings, and established programs for flooding mitigation, I would support the same type of promotion for educating the public to reduce emissions.

**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?**

Personally, it is of high importance to me. As a councillor, I would review existing reports, confer with experts in the field, ascertain the need, and then, along with Council, decide the priority, being mindful of budgetary restraints.

**4. What do you think about the idea of a carbon budget for the City of Windsor?**

I agree and support that a carbon budget for the City of Windsor is an action plan for reaching its greenhouse gas reduction target.

**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?**

As the largest single source of pollution is gasoline and diesel, as councillor, I would put forward recommendations/incentives to promote carpooling and public transportation. Also, I would support more bike trails throughout the City to accommodate cyclists. Lastly, I ensure the community receives education (pamphlets, websites, etc.) concerning the importance of this issue.

**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?**

As a councillor, I would create/support committees and focus groups that would generate communication between Essex County, surrounding municipalities, and the City of Detroit concerning climate mitigation. I would encourage a "symposium" to address this matter with all interested parties to achieve a common goal for the betterment of our community and our world.

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

The youth bring many talents and abilities to the table and are a vital part of this community. I embrace their diversity, philosophies, and respect their opinion. I worked for Toronto Police for many decades and included youth participation on many committees and specialized projects. As councillor, I will ensure they have a voice; they are welcomed and encouraged to participate fully in discussions surrounding this fundamental issue.

Yours truly,



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