

1. What cities do you look to as being environmental leaders? And from those cities, what specific tactics or strategies will you work to implement in Burlington to create a more sustainable city/future if elected?
2. If elected, will you support a 2019 implementation of a Climate Action Strategy (CAS) with measurable targets to dovetail the partnership with the [Centre for Climate Change Management at Mohawk](#)? If yes, will you vote to have staff representation from all City departments serve on the CAS team on an ongoing basis to ensure an integrated approach with cross-departmental compliance?
3. If elected, will you support the establishment of a comprehensive green space inventory and acquisition plan protecting natural areas and park lands in Burlington before they are threatened? Please see BurlingtonGreen's work on this issue by clicking [here](#). [2018 - All Candidates](#)
4. Even with congestion, increased commute times, residential parking challenges, and programs to promote active transportation, people still choose their vehicles for even the shortest trips. If elected:
  - A) Will you support the changes and increased funding necessary to boost ridership (e.g. purchase more (electric) buses, hire more drivers etc.) and make public transit an appealing and effective option in Burlington?
  - B) What steps will you take to make active transportation (cycling, walking, ...) an appealing and effective option in Burlington?
5. To support balanced growth and healthy communities, if elected, will you support the establishment of an incentive based "Smart Development" [checklist](#) and monitoring process as part of the development permit process in Burlington?
6. If elected, will you support a "smart development" project in Burlington such as has been [proposed at 901 Guelph Line](#) to provide a "real life" model of intensification done sustainably and well?
7. Given that the majority of Burlington's tree canopy is on private property, and that Burlington's tree coverage is [below](#) Environment Canada's 30% to 50% minimum [requirement](#) to support a sustainable environment, and that significantly more trees are being lost as a result of Emerald Ash Borer, if elected, will you support the implementation of a city-wide private property tree protection by-law?
8. If elected, will you support the review of the City's "Green Procurement" [policy guidelines](#) and make it a mandated policy across all City departments?
9. If elected, will you support the establishment of a fund to support environmental initiatives in Burlington, similar to the City's [Arts & Culture Fund](#)?
10. If elected, will you support the work required to prepare a master plan (and/or conduct a meaningful city-wide public consultation) for LaSalle Park before determining if the proposed marina expansion best serves the residents of Burlington while respecting the integrity of the environment, including the habitat of the over-wintering [Trumpeter Swan](#) population?
11. The elimination of wasteful convenience items that pollute our environment is everyone's responsibility and a 'doable' action beneficial to our shared community. If elected, will you work to ban the sale of plastic bags and straws ( unless required for accessibility) in Burlington as some other [cities](#) have done? If yes, what specific steps would you take to accomplish this?
12. If elected, will you demonstrate timely action to protect the estimated 9,000 trees that are to be cut down due to the planned Meridian Brick Aldershot Quarry [expansion](#)? If yes, what will your actions consist of