



Ward 2 Candidate: Keith Demoe

Question 1	If elected, will you commit to the protection of Burlington greenspace and Halton farmland, including opposing the construction of Highway 413, and prioritizing the establishment of complete, 15-minute communities in your ward/throughout the city?
Response:	Yes.
Question 2a	<p>Transportation is the largest source of carbon emissions in Burlington, and currently accounts for over 40% of total emissions. Reducing emissions from this sector is an essential step to reach Burlington's goal of community carbon neutrality by 2050. If elected:</p> <p>A) Will you support the changes and funding investments required to boost public transit ridership (e.g. purchase more (electric) buses; enhance frequency, range, reliability, density & directness) to make public transit an appealing and effective option in Burlington?</p>
Response:	Yes. I'm big on creating a transit system that appeals to everyone. Transit should be frequent with established direct routes so people can get to their location in timely manner. This could also mean extended hours, especially on the weekend. Also, move in direction that will see all new buses purchased with the environment in mind (electric).
Question 2b	What specific actions will you take to make active transportation (cycling, walking, ...) an appealing and effective option in Burlington?

Response:	Secure bike parking infrastructure and widened sidewalks. Also look at pedestrianized certain streets if makes sense.
Question 2c	Will you support opportunities to increase and prioritize public EV chargers to ensure equitable distribution on City property across the community and with consideration of accessible design standards?
Response:	Yes. Also considerations to all new buildings that will require these charging units for parking in garages. This will become a big deal in the next 10 years and we have to be prepared, That means working with builders and hydro so the infrastructure surrounding this will be available to meet the demands.
Question 3	We are facing a sixth mass extinction event. Biodiversity is critical for climate mitigation/adaptation and local accessible nature is vital for mental and physical well-being, but Burlington does not have a biodiversity action plan. If elected, will you champion the creation of a biodiversity action plan within the next 4 years and advocate for the resources/budget to initiate its implementation?
Response:	Yes. I will champion environmental changes and support a biodiversity action plan.
Question 4	If elected, will you actively demonstrate your support for the Reform Gravel Mining Coalition push for a temporary moratorium on new gravel mining applications in Ontario, by supporting a pause on all new and expanded quarry permits in Burlington?
Response:	Yes.
Question 5	Climate Change is worsening existing inequities and putting marginalized community members at increased risk of harm if mitigation and adaptation efforts are not carefully planned (see Health in a Changing Climate report). If elected, will you champion the effective integration of measures such as vulnerability and equity impact assessments into city plans and processes to prevent avoidable harm to marginalized Burlington residents, and encourage other members of council to support this as a top priority?
Response:	Yes.
Question 6	Please share some of the actions you personally take to minimize your environmental footprint:

Response:

I was an ISO auditor several years ago. I'm big believer in an international standardization called ISO 14001, which establishes a real plan on pursuing environmental goals and reducing environmental footprint. I would move towards getting other councilors onboard with this standard. Once in place, the city can then push it down to suppliers so they as well will need to reduce their environmental footprint.