



Ward 1 Candidate: Kelvin Galbraith

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. Complete, 15 minute communities will be very important in Burlington's future as we develop around our MTSA's. Providing parkland, green space, shopping and employment all within a short walk is how we need to build our future communities.
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. Our transit system will become more important and ridership will increase as we intensify moving forward. I am cautious on the investment in electrifying our bus system until we have some more dense communities and ridership has increased.
Question 2b	What specific actions will you take to make active transportation (cycling, walking, ...) an appealing and effective option in Burlington?

<p>Response:</p>	<p>In addition to the new safe bike lanes that are being installed in west Aldershot I will support more on the important transportation spines that cyclists frequent. Education to the public about the benefits of active transportation is also important. As a fitness enthusiast I would love to encourage everyone to get 10000 steps per day.</p>
<p>Question 2c</p>	<p>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?</p>
<p>Response:</p>	<p>Yes. We need to be leaders in public EV chargers within our city. Every city owned public building should be equipped with chargers. I believe EV vehicles are going to increase dramatically in the next few years so we need to be prepared.</p>
<p>Question 3</p>	<p>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?</p>
<p>Response:</p>	<p>Yes. I would certainly like to see this proposed and support biodiversity within our city. This would be a great compliment to the Climate Action Plan.</p>
<p>Question 4</p>	<p>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?</p>
<p>Response:</p>	<p>Yes. I would like to see a study completed on the demand and availability of gravel in existing pits before any new licences are given.</p>
<p>Question 5</p>	<p>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).</p> <p>If elected, will you champion the effective integration of measures such as vulnerability and equity impact assessments</p>

	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. I would like to see a vulnerability and equity impact assessment in Burlington to really understand what this means and how we can support it as councillors.
Question 6	Please share some of the actions you personally take to minimize your environmental footprint:
Response:	I use active transportation whenever possible. I am able to walk to work most days. We have just ordered our first family EV vehicle and we have invested in our home to make it as energy efficient as possible.