



Mayoral Candidate: Jim Kerr

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. I'm all for the protection of greenspace and farmland. I would want a little more info regarding the Hwy 413 construction. Is it helping reduce congestion, better structure for EV's (ie charge stations) will it led to urban sprawl (opposed to) etc.
Question 2a	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: 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?
Response:	Yes. Will also look into the current city vehicle fleet to see if enhancements can be there as well.
Question 2b	What specific actions will you take to make active transportation (cycling, walking, ...) an appealing and effective option in Burlington?
Response:	Expansion of the current bike path system, improved bike lanes, enhanced traffic measures, traffic calming areas, pedestrian zones (perhaps for weekends or long weekends).
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 look into analysis to develop Public Private Partnerships (P3) to expand the system more quickly across the city
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.
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. I'm ok supporting a moratorium on new gravel mining but as someone with mining experience, I'd like to see the technical reports, plans, Asset Retirement Obligation (ARO) and other information that is supporting an expansion permit.
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:	Planting trees on property, reduced personal car usage to less than 10K km per year, installed energy monitoring system in home to identify high consumption devices, reduced energy vampires and minimized usage during peak hours, assessed home efficiency with the purchase of a thermal camera system to locate and resolve leaks, walking and cycling for local errands, LED lightbulbs and energy efficient appliances.