



Ward 3 Candidate: Rory Nisan

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 brought a successful motion against the 413 to Burlington City Council.
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. We need to continue to invest in public transit. I also want to make it free for high school students so they get used to taking public transit rather than buying cars when they get their licences.
Question 2b	What specific actions will you take to make active transportation (cycling, walking, ...) an appealing and effective option in Burlington?
Response:	I want a pedestrian and cycling bridge over the QEW to connect north and south Burlington. More bike lanes that encourage people to ride. Not just on-road lines that provide no protection.

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. We're #1 in the GTA. I'm looking forward to the installation of our first level 3 station.
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. Sounds like a great idea. I'd support that. Looking forward to hearing more from BG on this. We can start with our hydro lines.
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. Maybe. I will not do anything that undermines the city's interests with respect to live applications as they are absolutely critical to be successfully dealt with.
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. I will need more detail before committing to this but it sounds very good.
Question 6	Please share some of the actions you personally take to minimize your environmental footprint:
Response:	I drive a hybrid and we went down from two cars to one so I take the bus semi-frequently. We live in a small residence. We eat a lot of beans!