Ward 5 Candidate: Andrew Hall

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	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.**
Question 2b	What specific actions will you take to make active transportation (cycling, walking, …) an appealing and effective option in Burlington?
Response:	**- Decrease vehicular traffic by making the use of transit, cycling, and walking more accessible, convenient, and attractive** **- Expand network of bike lanes (on roads) and paths (through parks and city land) and public repair stations** **- Advocate for maintaining and wherever possible increasing distance between roads and sidewalks** **- Explore pedestrianization of streets where feasible and appropriate**

	- Encourage community feedback on transit routes to find ways to improve service coverage and increase ridership - Advocate for free student bus passes through graduation to encourage transit use adoption, eliminate mobility limitations for students who do not qualify for school bussing services
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. I'm very adamant that EV preparedness needs to be taken seriously with every new high-density residential development, especially in condominiums because it's extremely difficult to do after construction.
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 grave 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:	- Reduced to one household vehicle and work from home where possible, eliminating commute, and GO Transit when travelling downtown - Alternative household products such as reusable containers, beeswax wraps, reusable market /mesh produce bags for groceries, reusable water bottles & tumblers - Smart thermostat, LED bulbs, econ-mode in vehicle, invested in H/E appliances & toilets (laundry cold wash and

	hang dry) - Thrift shopping and donations - Reusable bins during moves and storage - Campaign signs will be either saved for reuse or donated for upcycling - Locally sourced food and organic when possible