



Ward 5 Candidate: Guy D'Alesio

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 am very interested in developing complete 15 minute communities that are connected to one another to form an integrated fabric of an accessible, environmentally friendly, and vibrant City of Burlington.
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. Investing in zero emission public transit and vehicular traffic is very high on my list. We will also need to increase the reliability, accessibility and convenience of public transit to increase ridership.
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>I will seek to form partnerships between public and private entities to establish a bike share program that creates a grid of bikeshare stations in a grid throughout the city. I will also ensure that EV options are available to ensure equitable accessibility. This endeavor would also require year round maintenance, including plowing and de-icing in winter.</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. I full support opportunities to increase public EV charging stations throughout the city. I support a combination of public and private property initiatives. As well, it is essential that the city explores opportunity for green power generation in order to meet the increased demand of electricity that will come with increased EV vehicles.</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. It is crucial that the city and residents of Burlington play their part in mitigating climate change and protecting the biodiversity that we need to sustain life in the ecology in which we live. I would champion the creation of a panel, committee or task force to bring forward recommendations that would lead to an action plan within the next 4 years.</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. As population density increases, we must take every measure to protect the soil, air, water, and biodiversity that would be threatened by creating or expanding mining activities. I would support a pause on new permits.</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 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?</p>
<p>Response:</p>	<p>Yes. It is incumbent on all levels of government to ensure equity, and to pay particular attention to vulnerable and marginalized residents.</p>

Question 6	Please share some of the actions you personally take to minimize your environmental footprint:
Response:	In addition to recycling and re-using, I seek opportunities to re-purpose wherever possible. I use a smart thermostat to ensure green energy usage. My family carpools whenever possible. I have also donated financially to offset my carbon footprint on several occasions.