



Ward 6 Candidate: Angelo Bentivegna

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 on record for voting against urban sprawl at the regional level. Myself and my colleagues committed to maintaining open spaces and established communities. Growth will be focused on MTSA areas to create those complete 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. Reducing emissions is a top priority for our city. This council has committed to neutralizing Carbon emissions by 2050. Unintended Conditions: The annual Budgets cycle must be a 'priority' for staff in their 'business cases'. Without their commitment we would be burning funds that could be used toward our goals.
Question 2b	What specific actions will you take to make active transportation (cycling, walking, ...) an appealing and effective option in Burlington?

Response:	Staff must create safe segregated connective routes for residents. Create complete communities around MTSA's with wide sidewalks, to include shops, employment and parks.
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. Burlington has the highest percentage of EV charging stations per capita in Ontario. We will continue to add more with upper level government assistance and working with the development community to include charging stations in all 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:	No. I will support a balanced Biodiversity Action Plan that our staff and Advisory Committee champions and presents to Council.
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. This Council and Region have discussed this issue and I am supportive of the initiative.
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 have been an advocate for over 20 years to improve the lives our vulnerable population.
Question 6	Please share some of the actions you personally take to minimize your environmental footprint:
Response:	I do not bag or use the loose leaf service, this service adds serious unnecessary emissions throughout our City. I encourage my neighbours to shovel their sidewalks to reduce. Sidewalk plows travel 750 km My wife and I both work in Burlington and share rides utilizing on vehicle. We walk to parks, shopping, local activities. Recycle wherever possible Reuse recycle clothing etc travel at speed limits

	<p>Carpool when available conserve energy with lighting, etc Growing vegetables in garden sealed all areas to limit furnace and air conditioner use, Don't leave water tap running unnecessarily, water grass for short periods of time</p>
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