



Ward 6 Candidate: Rick Greenspoon

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. Input from the landowners is crucial.
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. Burlington Transit has an excellent plan.
Question 2b	What specific actions will you take to make active transportation (cycling, walking, ...) an appealing and effective option in Burlington?
Response:	Make our bike lanes more evident, and increase the amount of lanes we currently have. Maintain and expand our walking paths.

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.
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. After consultation with the proper professionals.
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.
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. Burlington should be accessible to all.
Question 6	Please share some of the actions you personally take to minimize your environmental footprint:
Response:	I reduce, reuse and recycle. I walk more some weeks than I drive and have reduced my annual mileage in my vehicle in half. I have switched all my lighting to more efficient bulbs and all my appliances are energy *.