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Candidates presented in alphabetical order by last name. Responses are presented exactly as received by those who responded to the questionnaire. Responses presented reflect a 150 word limit that all candidates were advised of.

QUESTION 1: What do you believe to be the greatest regional opportunity to mitigate climate change locally and if elected, what specific actions will you take to advance this opportunity?

BURLINGTON CANDIDATES:

MICHAEL BEAUCHEMIN (New Democratic Party)	RESPONSE: Implementing a federal cap and trade program is high on my list of priorities. I will push to make big polluters pay into a common fund that we can use to fund green initiatives from the municipal all the way to the federal level. People are doing good work, but they need money to make it happen.
MICHAEL BATOR (People's Party of Canada)	RESPONSE: There is immense pressure on governments to immediately address housing affordability, causing many most political parties and some governments to advocate for, and implement, programs that put the environment last. The Federal Accelerator Fund increases conversion of public land to residential developments, side-lines local government zoning, promotes ending public review of housing developments and pursues population density increases irrespective of the carrying load of the local infrastructure and environment. The PPC's solution to housing affordability is friendlier to the environment. The PPC will respect local jurisdictions so they can protect their quality of life. The PPC will leave Canadians with more discretionary income, which will make green building more affordable. The PPC will pause immigration for a few years before resuming it at a lower level, reducing the load put on our environment. Third, we will work to lift inter-provincial trade barriers on construction, so building is more efficient.
EMILY BROWN (Conservative Party of Canada)	RESPONSE: If elected, I will work to secure federal support for conservation and restoration projects in partnership with local communities, farmers, and Indigenous groups. I will also advocate for policies that recognize the carbon sequestration potential of natural landscapes, as outlined in the Conservative Party's environmental platform. This includes incentivizing stewardship on private lands and promoting sustainable agricultural practices. My background in wildlife conservation and education equips me to collaborate across sectors to achieve real, measurable climate progress while supporting economic resilience and job creation in our region.
KARINA GOULD (Liberal Party of Canada)	RESPONSE: The single biggest thing we can do is work with industry to reduce their greenhouse gases. The Liberal government has invested, alongside ArcelorMittal, to green steel production at Dofasco. This will take the equivalent of 1 million cars off the road in our region each year by moving towards the electrification of the steel making process. I will continue to support this project and others like it to massively reduce emissions in our region both improving air quality in the short term and fighting climate change in the long term.
PAUL HARPER (Parti Rhinocéros Party)	RESPONSE: not received from this candidate
KYLE HUTTON (Green Party of Canada)	RESPONSE: I believe the Region and municipalities like Burlington need a reliable, focused partner at the federal level to see our climate plans be successful - particularly as we don't have one at the provincial level. This includes funding for initiatives like an expanded regional transit service, fair funding for density-focused housing plans which won't promote sprawl, and greater protection of our waterways and farmlands, including putting through an environmental impact assessment of the Highway 413 project that the Liberal government refused to follow through on. When our MP is focused on what's best for the environment instead what's best for maintaining their cabinet role, we can get more real work done. As Burlington's MP, I will be a tireless advocate in the fight against climate change in Ottawa.
OCEAN MARSHALL (Libertarian Party of Canada)	RESPONSE: not received from this candidate

BURLINGTON NORTH - MILTON WEST CANDIDATES:

NAVEED AHMED (New Democratic Party)	RESPONSE: One of the greatest regional opportunities in Burlington and Milton to mitigate climate change locally lies in leveraging our rapid suburban growth and proximity to the Greenbelt and Niagara Escarpment to lead in sustainable community building and clean transportation innovation. As the region continues to grow, we can shape it into a model for climate-resilient, transit-connected, and energy-efficient communities. This includes smarter land use, electrified transit, and local clean energy solutions. If elected, here's what I would push for: Advocate for federal funding and incentives for net-zero residential and commercial developments. Partner with local governments and developers to pilot green building retrofit programs in older neighbourhoods. Push for federal investment in electric buses and regional transit links, connecting Milton, Burlington, and Oakville. Support federal grants for bike lanes, pedestrian pathways, and safe school routes. 3. To protect Greenbelt and Urban Boundaries, I will oppose any federal policies or developments that (150 word limit reached)
NADEEM AKBAR (Conservative Party of Canada)	RESPONSE: not received from this candidate
ADAM VAN KOEVRDEN (Liberal Party of Canada)	RESPONSE: not received from this candidate
CHARLES ZACH (People's Party of Canada)	RESPONSE: not received from this candidate

QUESTION 2: If elected, specifically how will you and your government help to protect nature and strengthen biodiversity in Canada and here in Burlington?

BURLINGTON CANDIDATES:

MICHAEL BEAUCHEMIN (New Democratic Party)	RESPONSE: Eliminate handouts to big oil, make the big polluters pay for their pollution, invest in climate adaptation and disaster preparedness, invest in clean energy, energy efficient affordable homes, electric transit, and zero emission vehicles and related infrastructure.
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MICHAEL BATOR (People's Party of Canada)	RESPONSE: The People's Party of Canada emphasizes practical solutions to make Canada's air, water and soil cleaner, including bringing clean drinking water to remote First Nations. We will also invest in protecting Canadians against natural disasters such as floods and forest fires. I will support Burlington's flood management efforts, emphasizing methods that preserve or restore the natural environment. Protection of wetlands, rewilding of degraded land, and tree planting can help manage floods while simultaneously providing habitat for native plant and animal species. We can also pursue cooperative opportunities with our local farms to control the amount and cleanliness of run-off from agricultural areas. Our affordable housing plan includes reducing the demand for housing by pausing immigration for a few years, before resuming it at a lower rate. This will ease the load placed on our environment and reduce the conversion of Burlington's farms and natural spaces to residential developments.
EMILY BROWN (Conservative Party of Canada)	RESPONSE: As someone who serves on the board of the Canadian Wildlife Federation, I have seen firsthand how vital it is to protect our ecosystems and strengthen biodiversity. If elected, I will champion the Conservative Party's plan to conserve Canada's natural heritage through practical, science-based conservation efforts. In Burlington, I will work to expand support for local conservation initiatives, such as habitat restoration along our waterfront and green space preservation. I will also advocate for federal funding to protect local wetlands and migratory corridors, which are crucial to species survival. Nationally, our party is committed to working with provinces, territories, Indigenous communities, and conservation organizations to preserve important habitats and species at risk. By building collaborative partnerships and supporting stewardship programs, we can ensure that Canada's biodiversity thrives for future generations—while balancing responsible land use, recreation, and economic development.
KARINA GOULD (Liberal Party of Canada)	RESPONSE: I have been a long time advocate of conservation and protecting nature. Locally I have worked to secure funding for the Bruce Trail Conservancy as well as the Total Botanical Gardens and Conservation Halton. I worked with the Minister of the Environment on a near urban nature conservation strategy and urban national park strategy. The Liberal Party is committed to protecting 30% of our land and 30% of our water by 2030 and we are well on our way to reaching these targets. As Minister of International Development I double Canada's International Climate Financing and included conservation as one of the pillars for funding.
PAUL HARPER (Parti Rhinocéros Party)	RESPONSE: not received from this candidate
KYLE HUTTON (Green Party of Canada)	RESPONSE: I'm committed to the Green Party's plan which will see 30% of our land and waters nationally protected, expanding to 50% by 2050, with a focus on habitat restoration and rewilding, and maintaining carbon-rich ecosystems like peatlands and boreal forests, and launching a National Water Strategy to protect drinking water. I would particularly note our plan to increase funding for urban biodiversity initiatives, such as expanding neighbourhood tree canopies and pollinator-friendly green spaces. We would commit to this and more through partnership with Indigenous nations, respecting their autonomy and experience in maintaining Canada's wealth of sensitive nature. We will not treat them as obstacles to making profit for large corporations, as we see continually under Conservative and Liberal governments.
OCEAN MARSHALL (Libertarian Party of Canada)	RESPONSE: not received from this candidate

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NAVEED AHMED (New Democratic Party)	RESPONSE: If elected, here's what I am going to do: Advocate for full implementation of Canada's 30x30 biodiversity pledge. Push for permanent funding to expand parks protect endangered ecosystems. Enforce the Species at Risk Act. Push for science based decision making over corporate interests. Hold industries accountable using federal environmental assessment laws. End subsidies to projects that threaten ecosystems. I will fight all attempts to open Greenbelt lands to development. I will push for and support green infrastructure.
NADEEM AKBAR (Conservative Party of Canada)	RESPONSE: not received from this candidate
ADAM VAN KOEVERDEN (Liberal Party of Canada)	RESPONSE: not received from this candidate
CHARLES ZACH (People's Party of Canada)	RESPONSE: not received from this candidate

QUESTION 3: What is your view of a just transition of the economy away from fossil fuels and what changes towards a green recovery would you champion as an MP?

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MICHAEL BEAUCHEMIN (NDP - New Democratic Party)	RESPONSE: We must build a green/clean energy economy to ensure workers and communities aren't left behind in the shift from fossil fuels. Invest in clean technology and sustainable jobs, with workers at the table to ensure retraining and retention of Canadian jobs.
MICHAEL BATOR (People's Party of Canada)	RESPONSE: Federal involvement in the just evolution of our economy must take into account the legal authority of the federal government, the morality of actions considered, the practicality of the approach, and the trade-offs such involvement would impose on other aspects of Canadian life. Just as economic activity without consideration of the environment is disastrous, insisting that economic activity have no impact on the environment is futile and counter-productive. As an MP I will work to clarify and respect the jurisdictions of the provincial and federal governments. Respecting the authority of the provincial governments will allow them the flexibility and funding to evolve their economies in ways that make sense for their situations and have the support of their people. The federal government can then concentrate on enabling the adoption of methods and solutions increase efficiency and reliability rather than mandating and subsidizing one technology over another.
EMILY BROWN (Conservative Party of Canada)	RESPONSE: A just transition must be about opportunity—not loss. As a passionate advocate for conservation and sustainable growth, I believe we can transition toward a low-carbon economy while protecting jobs, ensuring energy security, and supporting innovation. The Conservative Party supports a practical, technology-driven approach to emissions reduction, focusing on clean tech, carbon capture, and energy efficiency—not punishing taxes. As MP, I would champion investment in green innovation and support for skilled trades and local industries pivoting toward cleaner practices. I'll advocate for federal support in re-skilling workers for emerging sectors, especially in clean energy and conservation. Here in Burlington, that could mean incentives for retrofitting homes and businesses, expanding clean transit, and promoting environmentally responsible manufacturing. A balanced approach that respects workers, grows our economy, and meaningfully lowers emissions is both achievable and necessary—and I will be a strong voice for that future.
KARINA GOULD (Liberal Party of Canada)	RESPONSE: A just transition means making sure workers and communities aren't left behind as we move to cleaner energy and technology. In Burlington, we have a strong manufacturing base—and that puts us in a great position to lead in areas like clean tech and electric vehicle production. I want to make sure we're supporting local businesses to innovate and helping workers get the training they need for the jobs of the future.

PAUL HARPER (Parti Rhinocéros Party)	RESPONSE: not received from this candidate
KYLE HUTTON (Green Party of Canada)	RESPONSE: My view on a just transition is based on a simple fact - we cannot continue as we are without facing consequences. Already we're seeing the effects of runaway heat-trapping gases on our climate, damaging billions in property and, more severely, ending thousands of lives. We're seeing mass migrations due to severe drought and the political fallout from failure to act. Unfortunately the best time to start fixing this was twenty years ago - but, the next best time is now. As MP I will stand alongside my fellow Greens and anyone else who will challenge the status quo of polluters. That means ending subsidies for dirty, dying, and primarily American-owned oil & gas, introduce a Polluter Pays Act, modernize our grid to get off fossil fuels and onto cheaper, more reliable renewables, and invest in training for the jobs of the future we're going to need.
OCEAN MARSHALL (Libertarian Party of Canada)	RESPONSE: not received from this candidate
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NAVEED AHMED (NDP-New Democratic Party)	RESPONSE: I believe that no one should lose their livelihood because Canada is fighting climate change. We need guaranteed income supports, retraining programs, and job placement services for workers moving from oil and gas into clean energy, construction, transit, manufacturing, and environmental restoration. I will push for investments in low-carbon industries. I will also push for indigenous leadership and self-determination.
NADEEM AKBAR (Conservative Party of Canada)	RESPONSE: not received from this candidate
ADAM VAN KOEYERDEN (Liberal Party of Canada)	RESPONSE: not received from this candidate
CHARLES ZACH (People's Party of Canada)	RESPONSE: not received from this candidate
QUESTION 4: Given the environmental concerns associated with LNG, including methane leakage and GHG emissions, how would you approach designing a sustainable energy strategy for Canada that minimizes its environmental impact and achieves our climate action goals?	
BURLINGTON CANDIDATES:	
MICHAEL BEAUCHEMIN (New Democratic Party)	RESPONSE: 'Renewable' LNG can be a key part of a clean energy revolution, but we need to impose strict standards for its transportation, storage, and use. We need to fund research and we need engineers who can assess and design appropriate and safe systems for methane/LNG use. We also need to fund training and systems changes to encourage a shift away from LNG and fossil fuels.
MICHAEL BATOR (People's Party of Canada)	RESPONSE: An energy strategy for Canada needs to incorporate multiple sources and forms of energy to achieve efficiency and reliability. This includes hydro-electric, nuclear, solar, wind, and fossil fuels such as natural gas. Exports of natural gas can reduce the environmental impact of meeting the world's energy needs by displacing dirtier fuels. To facilitate that improvement, as an MP, I'd repeal Bill C-69, assert federal authority for LNG projects, and enable sound pipeline construction. As the safest method of moving oil, gas, and similar substances, pipelines will reduce the risks associated with moving these essential goods.
EMILY BROWN (Conservative Party of Canada)	RESPONSE: Canada needs a balanced, realistic energy strategy—one that ensures environmental stewardship while supporting our economy and global energy security. While LNG presents environmental challenges, including methane leakage, it can also play a role in reducing global emissions by displacing coal in developing countries. The key is strict environmental regulation and investment in cleaner technologies. As an MP I would advocate for a sustainable strategy that includes accelerating research into alternative fuels like hydrogen. Our Conservative plan emphasizes leveraging Canadian innovation to reduce emissions without sacrificing prosperity. I would also support Indigenous-led conservation, and meaningful community consultation on energy projects. Canada can lead with cleaner energy and smarter infrastructure—while protecting our environment and meeting our climate commitments responsibly.
KARINA GOULD (Liberal Party of Canada)	RESPONSE: Canada's energy future must align with our climate commitments. A sustainable energy strategy should focus on accelerating the deployment of renewables, investing in energy efficiency, and supporting innovations in storage and grid modernization. I will continue to push for policies that prioritize long-term sustainability and emissions reduction, while ensuring energy security and economic resilience.
PAUL HARPER (Parti Rhinocéros Party)	RESPONSE: not received from this candidate
KYLE HUTTON (Green Party of Canada)	RESPONSE: The Green Party and I have made a strict commitment in our platform: no new fossil fuel infrastructure. We don't need LNG to power our communities and keep our homes warm, it's simply more profitable for the status quo corporations and the governments they've bought to keep us addicted to it. We instead would invest in the green energy revolution, one we're seeing bloom worldwide regardless of what new climate horror the Trump administration is bumbling with day to day. The only way we achieve our sustainability goals is if we actually invest in sustainable industry. For when LNG and fossil fuels use are unavoidable, we would mandate that corporations be the ones primarily responsible for building and maintaining the infrastructure, and culpable for any failures. Too often these industries allow for substandard practices because they know the government will pick up the tab - that can't go on any longer.
OCEAN MARSHALL (Libertarian Party of Canada)	RESPONSE: not received from this candidate
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NAVEED AHMED (New Democratic Party)	RESPONSE: Designing a sustainable energy strategy for Canada requires bold vision, deep collaboration, and a commitment to equity and science. If elected, here's how I would approach creating a strategy that minimizes environmental impact and achieves our climate goals: Set Clear, Legally-Binding Climate Targets. Rapidly Scale Up Renewable Energy Invest heavily in solar, wind, hydro, geothermal, and tidal energy—especially in regions where the grid still relies on fossil fuels. Support community-owned and Indigenous-led clean energy projects with dedicated federal funding. Modernize and Decentralize the Grid. Phase Out Fossil Fuels. Power transportation, heating, and industry with clean electricity: Expand EV charging infrastructure and offer generous rebates. Support heat pump installations in homes and buildings. Prioritize Equity and Indigenous Rights All energy decisions must align with UNDRIP and the right to Free, Prior, and Informed Consent. Fund R&D in green hydrogen, energy storage, carbon-free steel, and nature-based solutions. Expand green skills training (150 word limit count reached)
NADEEM AKBAR (Conservative Party of Canada)	RESPONSE: not received from this candidate
ADAM VAN KOEVERDEN (Liberal Party of Canada)	RESPONSE: not received from this candidate
CHARLES ZACH (People's Party of Canada)	RESPONSE: not received from this candidate