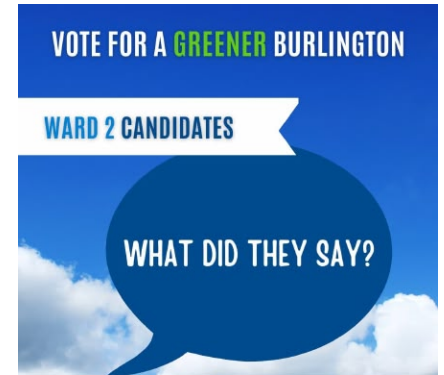


Ward 2 Candidate: Sean Campbell



Question 1		Flood Infrastructure & Stormwater: Burlington has faced repeated severe flooding, including the 2024 storm that impacted over <u>1,600</u> homes and businesses. Will you support accelerating the City's stormwater planning, flood-mapping and infrastructure investments needed to reduce the risk and impacts of future flooding?
Response:	Yes	Yes. Burlington needs to accelerate stormwater planning, flood mapping and targeted infrastructure investments. The 2024 flooding demonstrated how vulnerable our homes, businesses and infrastructure can be to extreme weather. The City is already developing a city wide stormwater master plan and investing in flood mitigation, but we need to maintain momentum and prioritize the areas at greatest risk. As a Ward 2 councillor, I would support evidence based investments, better flood risk mapping, regular infrastructure assessments and practical solutions that reduce flooding while protecting taxpayers. Prevention is far less costly than repeatedly responding to flood damage.
Question 2		Transit Investment & Emission Reductions: With vehicle emissions generating <u>over 40%</u> of Burlington's greenhouse gases, improving and expanding public transit is central to reaching the target to be a net carbon neutral community by 2050. Will you commit to supporting increased funding investments and service enhancements – such as fleet electrification, increased frequency, route reliability, and network connectivity – to make transit a competitive alternative to driving?
Response:	Yes	I would support targeted increases in transit investment where they deliver measurable improvements in reliability, frequency, connectivity and ridership. Burlington needs a transit system that residents can depend on as a practical alternative to driving, while recognizing that every investment must be balanced with affordability for taxpayers. I also support transitioning the transit fleet toward zero and low emission vehicles as technology and infrastructure allow. Burlington's 2026 Climate Plan identifies transit and transportation as key areas for reducing emissions, while the City is already investing in hybrid electric buses and service improvements
Question 3		Climate Equity & Vulnerable Communities: While every resident in the city of Burlington will be impacted by climate change, not every resident will be impacted equally. The most vulnerable residents who are facing financial,

		social, mental and physical barriers will experience compounding effects and bear disproportionate impacts of the climate crisis. (Burlington Climate Plan 2026-2031) Will you commit to supporting the budget investments required for the implementation of the City's climate mitigation, adaptation, and emergency response plans to protect these disproportionately impacted communities, and all residents?
Response:	Yes	I support investing in climate mitigation, adaptation and emergency response, with clear priorities. I would prioritize investments first where they protect life and safety, address the highest climate and flood risks, and support residents who face greater barriers to preparing for or recovering from extreme events. I would also prioritize projects that protect critical infrastructure, prevent significant future costs, and deliver measurable benefits for residents. As a Ward 2 councillor, I would expect clear risk assessments, timelines and outcomes for major investments, while ensuring climate spending remains financially responsible and transparent to taxpayers.
Question 4		Biodiversity Action Plan: Burlington currently has no municipal Action Plan to protect and care for local nature, and yet the implications of the biodiversity crisis (such as the acceleration of invasive species) continue to grow. Will you commit to directing staff to develop a Biodiversity Action Plan by 2028 with associated budget investments required for its implementation?
Response:	Yes	I would support by requesting staff to develop a Burlington Biodiversity Action Plan by 2028, with clear priorities, measurable outcomes and public reporting. Protecting natural areas, managing invasive species and maintaining healthy trees, wetlands and wildlife habitats are important investments in Burlington's long term resilience and quality of life. However, implementation should be evidence based and financially responsible. I would prioritize actions based on ecological risk, urgency, cost effectiveness and the potential to protect or restore significant natural assets. Any additional funding should be clearly identified in the budget, with residents able to see what is being invested and what (100 word limit reached).
Question 5		Aggregate Moratorium: To safeguard Burlington's groundwater, air quality, and the Escarpment ecosystem, will you commit to support the <u>Reform Gravel Mining Coalition's call for a provincial moratorium</u> (temporary pause) on new and expanding aggregate operations? (The purpose of a moratorium is to allow time to conduct a broad consultation process, with Indigenous Nations, affected communities, independent experts and scientists, to chart an improved path forward.)
Response:	Yes	I would support a temporary provincial moratorium on new and expanding aggregate operations to allow for a comprehensive, evidence based review of the sector. Burlington has a particular interest in protecting groundwater, air quality and the Niagara Escarpment, while recognizing that aggregate is an important resource for infrastructure and housing. The moratorium should provide time for meaningful consultation with Indigenous Nations, affected communities, municipalities, independent experts and scientists. I would support using that process to establish stronger, science based protections and a long term framework that

		balances environmental protection, community interests and Ontario's legitimate need for aggregate resources.
Question 6		Green Building & Development Standards: Provincial legislation <u>restricts municipalities' authority to mandate green building performance</u> beyond the Ontario Building Code. Consistent with the <u>City's Horizon 2050 net -zero commitments</u> , will you proactively advocate for stronger energy-efficiency and sustainability standards in Burlington's new developments, with associated incentives, planning processes, and legal tools available to the City?
Response:	Yes	I support Burlington using every legal tool available to encourage more energy efficient and sustainable development, while respecting provincial legislation and keeping housing affordability in mind. I would advocate for incentives that encourage developers to exceed minimum Ontario Building Code requirements, streamlined approvals for projects meeting higher environmental standards, and City policies that reduce energy use and long-term operating costs. Where municipal authority is limited, I would support working with the province to seek greater flexibility. My approach would be practical and evidence based...encourage better building performance without creating unnecessary costs that make housing less attainable for Burlington residents.
Question 7		Accountable Reporting: To ensure all Council members receive staff reports that are consistently accountable to the City's <u>Horizon 2050 Vision and 25-year Strategic Plan</u> guiding principles, will you direct staff to adopt an environmental, social, and economic lens to all reports, starting 2027? (example: <u>UN Sustainable Development Goals Framework</u>)
Response:	Yes	I support staff reports being clear, transparent and aligned with Burlington's long term priorities. I would support incorporating environmental, social and economic considerations into reports where relevant, beginning in 2027. However, this should be practical rather than creating another layer of bureaucracy. Reports should clearly identify the expected costs, benefits, risks, impacts on residents and alignment with Council's strategic priorities. This would give Council and the public better information when making decisions and help ensure accountability for outcomes. I would also support measurable indicators and regular reporting so residents can see whether major initiatives are delivering the intended results.
Question 8		Personal Commitment: What are some actions you personally take to minimize your environmental footprint?
Response:		I am very environmentally conscious, and I believe protecting our environment is a responsibility we all share. In my own life, my family and I make conscious efforts to reduce waste, recycle, conserve energy and water, and choose sustainable options wherever practical. I also believe that supporting organizations doing meaningful environmental work is important. Through Burlington Helping Burlington, the charitable foundation I lead, we are proud to support Burlington Green as one of our two charity partners this year through our fundraising efforts. For me, environmental stewardship is about both the everyday choices we make and investing our time and (100 word limit reached).