

Ward 3 Candidate: Mark Carr



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	Greenspace that provides Burlington residents with effective stormwater management must be protected against excessive development. We must be aware of the affects of the Ontario Land Tribunal on the Mount Nemo Plateau, against the City and Region's expansion of Nelson Aggregates quarrying that risks downstream lands and may result in flooding.
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:	Partially / Other	I would want to see the economic case for this. I do not believe that transit will ever be a competitive alternative to driving but that doesn't mean we should stop trying to improve the transit system in Burlington and integrate it into neighbouring towns and cities.
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:	Partially / Other	I would need more information and statistics to support these budget investmenys.

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:	Partially / Other	Economics is a major thrust and with the economy and therefore residents, having difficulty, I would have to see the tradeoffs we would make to rush a Biodiversity Action Plan by 2028.
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	The Nelson Aggregate approval by the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) against the City and Region's refusal shows a provincial moratorium is demanded.
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:	Partially /Other	I would advocate for stronger energy efficient standards but would not support financial incentives for the development industry.
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	However, I would want to see the cumulative effect rather than individual reports by themselves. It is the cumulative effects that would lead my decision making process.
Question 8		Personal Commitment: What are some actions you personally take to minimize your environmental footprint?
Response:		No Comment Submitted.