

# Complete Streets Policy for Hamilton: 2014 Municipal Candidates' Responses

Candidates for election to Hamilton's City Council were sent an online survey about their support for a robust Complete Streets policy, which would ensure that streets are designed and built to improve the safety and convenience for all users including pedestrians, cyclists, transit users and motor vehicles.

Out of 96 candidates who listed an email address on their registration form, 38 candidates answered the survey, for an overall 40% response rate.

Full candidate responses are included in this document. For more information and to view summaries of responses, please visit:

[sprc.hamilton.on.ca/equity-inclusion/complete-streets](http://sprc.hamilton.on.ca/equity-inclusion/complete-streets)

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**Q1**

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City Council has been asked to adopt a robust “Complete Streets” policy, which would ensure that streets are designed and built to improve the safety and convenience for all users including pedestrians, cyclists, transit users and motor vehicles.

**How important is it that Council adopt a robust Complete Streets policy for Hamilton?**

- Very Important     
  Important     
  Of Little Importance     
  Unimportant

Running for	Candidate Name	Response	Comment (optional)
Mayor	Michael Baldasaro	Very Important	
Mayor	Brian McHattie	Very Important	
Mayor	Michael Pattison	Very Important	Complete streets are the beginning point of having healthy citizens. Walking, cycling, skateboarding - in a safe environment – and all promoted though traffic calming. What does not get talked about enough is the importance of getting the ratio between the width of our sidewalks and the height of our buildings right. Simply put, the higher the building, the wider the sidewalk. - an overlooked concept that adds in a very real way to people’s sense of safety.
Mayor	Ricky Tavares		Bonjour and hello to all city of Hamilton members, citizens, residences and visitors. My name is Ricky Tavares and I will be your mayor of Hamilton Ontario Canada in the near future. I was born here in city of Hamilton at St.Josephs hospital. I am here to announce now and to make this statement very public now that I will be the first mayor in Canada willing and proud to work for a minimum wage salary. I love Hamilton and I must protect our city. My colleagues, financial advisors and I have a 5 year plan to implement and generate 1 trillion dollars into the Hamilton city hall building within the next 5 years. I am sorry to announce now that I will only be your mayor for 1 term because this city is too small for me to lead and guide into a productive population. I will be moving to Ottawa to be your Prime Minister of Canada after 1 term here in the city of Hamilton as your mayor. Thank you for voting me Ricky Tavares as mayor of Hamilton on Oct 27. The reason why I am avoiding verbal physical communication with you and the other media outlets is because I do not want to give away my secret "5 year plan" on how I will and am very capable of generating 1 trillion dollars into Hamilton cityhall building. If I am not elected this year then all the idiots, unproductive, dumbasses that did not vote for me will have to wait another 4 years for next election before I start turning Hamilton into NEW YORK city. I want to make Hamilton the richest city in the world but these stupid, selfish, whitehaired, dinosaur, cavemen mayor candidates and the media are trying to stop me and getting in my way. Why will you wait until next election to vote me as mayor of Hamilton when you can vote me as mayor of Hamilton NOW so that Hamilton gives me the platform and exposure to be able to spread my wings and aggressively generate 1 trillion dollars of foreign currency into cityhall as fast as I can before other cities start to notice and copy my 5 year business plan. Right now my hands are tied because I am not mayor of Hamilton. I am not

			able to make Hamilton the richest city in the world and if I am not mayor then I will not share my secret plan with you or my competitors. Nicole, can you please ask all my mayoral candidate competitors to pullout of this election so that I am guaranteed to win ? If so, then I will appoint and hire some of my current mayoral competitors to work in my office right beside me because I can use their experience and their protection. I am serious. This is an emergency for city of Hamilton. You must vote Ricky Tavares for mayor of Hamilton because I will "put Hamilton on the world map" and "run with the big boys". I do not smoke marijuana and I do not drink alcohol. I hate lazy welfare bums who smoke marijuana but I love their money when they buy my seeds because it helps support our local Hamilton jobs at my retail store vendors listed on <a href="http://www.rickyseeds.com">www.rickyseeds.com</a> site. The trillion dollars will not involve weed, drugs or marijuana. BTW, I do not smoke cigarettes, I do not drink alcohol and I do not smoke marijuana. Nicole, are you single ?
Ward 1	Jason Allen	Very Important	
Ward 1	Aidan Johnson	Very Important	In my door knocking this has been one of the most critical issues raised by residents in the Ward. The key is to advance a solution that can encompass all viewpoints versus an approach which advantages one group or viewpoint over all others. Complete streets really need to be complete as you describe. This is consistent with the overall vision of my campaign, which is "Ward One For Everyone"; an inclusive ward with an approach to politics that unites us.
Ward 1	Brian Lewis	Very Important	Complete Streets is a complex policy which must be developed strategically, and communicated effectively. With Hamilton being made of various villages each with its own characteristics, there are many inter-dependent factors to consider.
Ward 1	Ira Rosen	Very Important	As a strong advocate for active transportation and enhanced walkability through out the ward, the ideology behind "Complete Streets" will dovetail nicely into my vision of the future of ward 1 as well as the city.
Ward 1	Sandy Shaw	Very Important	As Hamilton continues to grow we need to include an urban methodology that will strengthen neighbourhoods and increase the sense of community for all Hamiltonians. The complete streets policy will do this. We need to ensure that our development and redevelopment supports mixed realestate types, in order to support alternate forms of transportation, walking, biking, and transit, etc.
Ward 2	Jason Farr	Very Important	I fully support ongoing efforts to ensure public safety, healthy multi-modal options and increased viability/livability
Ward 2	Kristina Heaton	Important	With winter coming, the priority is snow removal and dealing with emergencies in case of storms. Pipes bursting with an old infrastructure, and

			other unforeseeable events, is very important for the next 6 months.
Ward 2	Terri Wallis	Very Important	As someone who uses a mobility device I think it is extremely important To have a safe environment.
Ward 3	Ralph Agostino	Very Important	
Ward 3	Victor Mejia	Important	
Ward 3	Drina Omazic	Important	
Ward 3	Tim Simmons	Very Important	
Ward 4	Lorna Moreau	Very Important	For Hamilton to become a truly vibrant city, accessibility is one of the most important plan we must not only plan but put into action immediately. We've had enough talk! The plan is there, it's not rocket science. But action is required, now. This something I intend to proceed with the moment I'm sworn in.
Ward 5	Larry Storm	Very Important	It should be included in discussions with infrastructure upgrades/improvements.
Ward 6	Dan Rodrigues	Very Important	The City not only needs to adopt a robust "Complete Streets" Policy, they need to ensure that this policy is applied throughout the entire City, and initiated on any new or redevelopment of roadway projects.
Ward 7	Keith Beck	Important	
Ward 7	Greg Burghall	Very Important	
Ward 8	Joshua Peter Czerniga	Very Important	
Ward 9	Cam Galindo	Very Important	
Ward 9	tone marrone	Very Important	
Ward 9	Geraldine McMullen	Very Important	I absolutely agreed with the principals of Complete Streets. I would like to see these principals applied in sidewalk, road and land use projects whether its be in new surveys or when retro fitting older neighbourhoods. Thought should be given to the demographic of the neighbourhood and adjusted to suit the needs. IE: mid block crossing in areas where there are seniors buildings.
Ward 9	Marie Robbins	Very Important	
Ward 9	Christopher Rosser	Important	
Ward 9	Frank Rukavina	Important	
Ward 10	Teresa DiFalco	Very Important	As a President of an association for safe and healthy neighbourhoods for the past two decades, I have always supported and advocated for safe and healthy neighbourhoods. Complete streets in a critical component to achieving safe and healthy neighbourhoods.
Ward 10	Maria Pearson	Very Important	
Ward 12	K. Grace Bryson	Important	
Ward 12	Anthony Nicholl	Very Important	We do need to make the streets safer for all users.

Ward 13	Marc Risdale	Very Important	I am proud to have been the first municipal candidate in Hamilton to have taken the Active Communities pledge which includes a commitment to Complete Streets among many other great livability initiatives.
Ward 13	Danya Scime	Very Important	Within these discussions, I believe more dialogue is needed on how to IMPROVE our curbs to have them become a gradual slope to road grade(similar to how the road to driveway is formed) instead of the current formation.
Ward 13	Arlene VanderBeek	Very Important	
Ward 13	Toby Yull	Very Important	
Ward 14	Steven Knowles	Very Important	I am a believer in doing things once. Thinking proactively at the development stage will save the city, time and money, moving forward.
Ward 15	Neil Bos	Very Important	

**Q2**

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Objective 5.a of the Draft Complete Streets policy submitted to Council says:  
 “The implementation of Complete Streets shall contribute to reducing the social, health and economic impacts of disparities between Hamilton’s neighbourhoods. Making streets safe and convenient for walking, riding a bike or taking transit helps families save money on transportation and relieve strained budgets. The implementation of Complete Streets shall be used as a key strategy to reduce health inequities by contributing to reducing air pollution, motor-vehicle accidents, and rates of chronic diseases in Hamilton’s lowest income neighbourhoods.”

**How important is that equity between neighbourhoods be improved by a Complete Streets policy?**

- Very Important     
  Important     
  Of Little Importance     
  Unimportant

Running for	Candidate Name	Response	Comment (optional)
Mayor	Michael Baldasaro	Very Important	Remember that people need to move about in automobiles. Without the Auto Industry (Ford Plant hires 1,000), there would be no economy. We all want a CAREer. We all must not congest traffic so as to grid lock our downtown as the bus lane on King St. is doing.
Mayor	Brian McHattie	Very Important	
Mayor	Michael Pattison	Important	Complete streets belong in every urban neighbourhood. The benefits are self evident.
Mayor	Ricky Tavares		
Ward 1	Jason Allen	Very Important	
Ward 1	Aidan Johnson	Very Important	Our Ward, Ward One, is an advantaged ward to some degree, but we also have concentration of economically disadvantaged or other marginalized populations. It is critical that our approach to complete streets does not reinforce existing disadvantages or cause new ones.
Ward 1	Brian Lewis	Important	I believe we have to take a practical approach to ensure that we are strategically aligned throughout such a diverse community, both short term and long term; will the implementation of bike lanes for example, actually increase problems related to pollution thru traffic congestion in the short term, and how is that communicated to the public in order to accept the planned longer term benefits; is this cost worth the benefit, as we move to a community that moves in a greater variety of methods. And importantly, how are we sharing this projection with our residents in order to move to the next level of "complete streets".

Ward 1	Ira Rosen	Very Important	The fundamental values of “Complete Streets” should be implemented citywide.
Ward 1	Sandy Shaw	Important	If a Complete Streets policy has the effect of reducing the inequity between neighbourhoods, I fully endorse it.
Ward 2	Jason Farr	Very Important	
Ward 2	Kristina Heaton	Very Important	
Ward 2	Terri Wallis	Very Important	
Ward 3	Ralph Agostino	Very Important	
Ward 3	Victor Mejia	Important	
Ward 3	Drina Omazic	Important	
Ward 3	Tim Simmons	Very Important	Reducing air pollution is a key component for complete streets. Therefore, we need to make sure that we don't create grid-lock for cars with the complete streets. When car traffic is backup drivers try and bypass using residential roads. This also becomes dangerous for children and others who live and play in residential neighbourhoods.
Ward 4	Lorna Moreau	Very Important	Again, without the implementation of smart plan that looks forward not 10 years, but 50 years. Without this, Hamilton will not survive.
Ward 5	Larry Storm	Important	
Ward 6	Dan Rodrigues	Very Important	At no time should the City create transit routes without including a complete pedestrian accessible access pathway for transit users (Rymal Road, Stone Church routes as an example)
Ward 7	Keith Beck	Important	
Ward 7	Greg Burghall	Very Important	
Ward 8	Joshua Peter Czerniga	Very Important	
Ward 9	Cam Galindo	Very Important	
Ward 9	tone marrone	Very Important	
Ward 9	Geraldine McMullen	Very Important	In addition to the benefits mentioned above, it should be noted that women are more frequent users of transit, and make up 70% of affordable transit pass users. And since women are most often the parent that takes children to day care etc. making streets safe and convenient for walking with a carriage, or riding bikes with child carriers could be a huge costing saving for low income families. Again considering the demographics of the neighbourhood when retro fitting older established neighbourhoods to ensure accessibility of the residents should be a priority.
Ward 9	Marie Robbins	Important	
Ward 9	Christopher Rosser	Important	
Ward 9	Frank Rukavina	Important	
Ward 10	Teresa DiFalco	Very Important	As a responsible city we need to take every measure to ensure all of our citizens are able to thrive living in Hamilton.
Ward 10	Maria Pearson	Very Important	
Ward 12	K. Grace Bryson	Important	

Ward 12	Anthony Nicholl	Important	
Ward 13	Marc Risdale	Very Important	
Ward 13	Danya Scime	Very Important	This should be mandatory across the City, all Hamilton Residents benefit by having safer sidewalks for independent walking plus assisted walking devices (walkers, canes), and accessible paths for bicycles away from motor vehicles.
Ward 13	Arlene VanderBeek	Very Important	
Ward 13	Toby Yull	Important	
Ward 14	Steven Knowles	Important	It should be noted, that this is one small step into fixing broader issues. While i believe we should promote healthier living and reduced costs, this policy can't do it alone. We also need to be committed to education in order to "break the cycle".
Ward 15	Neil Bos	Very Important	



**Q3**

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The draft Complete Streets policy submitted to the City of Hamilton includes in section 6.a that:

"Allocation of public resources for the design, construction, redevelopment and maintenance of streets shall balance the following objectives:

- a. Cost effective mobility
- b. User convenience and comfort
- c. Overall accessibility
- d. Safety and security
- e. Fairness for non-drivers
- f. Local economic development"

(These objectives were developed by the Victoria Transportation Policy Institute)

**Do you agree that these are the most important objectives to balance when making budget decisions about Hamilton’s streets?**

I strongly agree    I somewhat agree    I somewhat disagree    I strongly disagree

Running for	Candidate Name	Response	Comment (optional)
Mayor	Michael Baldasaro	I strongly agree	Fairness for Drivers also in imperative. i.e. Bicycles should be licensed as they once were in Hamilton. Bicycle riders should also have a license, to ride on the main streets. Children and non-licensed riders can use bike lanes, alleys and side streets as long as they walk their bikes across main streets, not ride.
Mayor	Brian McHattie	I strongly agree	
Mayor	Michael Pattison	I somewhat agree	What is missing from this valid list is business. As a budgetary interest, the general public should not be overburdened by the cost of implementing open streets. When you are dealing with low rise developments you are dealing with smaller businesses. When you are dealing with larger entities, and often higher rise developments, it is worth considering getting additional revenue from them.
Mayor	Ricky Tavares		
Ward 1	Jason Allen	I strongly agree	
Ward 1	Aidan Johnson	I somewhat agree	I believe this list is a good start, but remark that community engagement is lacking in this criteria. We need to really pull intelligence from the bright people who make up our communities, and get creative about bridging alternate points of view. People that have concerns about our complete streets approach need to have their concerns heard, validate, and incorporated

			into planning. Our consultation won't always create consensus, but we should strive for that.
Ward 1	Brian Lewis	I strongly agree	
Ward 1	Ira Rosen	I strongly agree	I agree, however people who want to drive should not be looked down upon it is a personal choice.
Ward 1	Sandy Shaw	I strongly agree	As noted in another Organization called 8 to 80, all perspectives have to be considered. It is also recognized that development that takes all forms of mobility into consideration will spur even greater economic growth in the City. It is easier to consider what the current needs are, but it is also equally important to consider what the future needs will be if we support all forms of mobility.
Ward 2	Jason Farr	I strongly agree	
Ward 2	Kristina Heaton	I strongly agree	
Ward 2	Terri Wallis	I strongly agree	
Ward 3	Ralph Agostino	I strongly agree	
Ward 3	Victor Mejia	I somewhat disagree	There just to much damage to roads, pipes, we need to be aggressive or we will pay down the road.
Ward 3	Drina Omazic	I strongly agree	
Ward 3	Tim Simmons	I strongly agree	
Ward 4	Lorna Moreau	I strongly agree	For local economic development, points A through E are not only vital, but the only avenue to make it reality. Public funds are scarce and spending must be wise, but the funds need to be made available in order to make it a reality.
Ward 5	Larry Storm	I strongly agree	
Ward 6	Dan Rodrigues	I strongly agree	I would include a component which involves inclusion from the effected community.
Ward 7	Keith Beck	I somewhat agree	
Ward 7	Greg Burghall	I strongly agree	
Ward 8	Joshua Peter Czerniga	I strongly agree	
Ward 9	Cam Galindo	I strongly agree	
Ward 9	tone marrone	I strongly agree	
Ward 9	Geraldine McMullen	I strongly agree	I have read the research and agree.
Ward 9	Marie Robbins		
Ward 9	Christopher Rosser	I somewhat agree	
Ward 9	Frank Rukavina	I somewhat agree	
Ward 10	Teresa DiFalco	I somewhat agree	I would also like to see a fairness for all including drivers and non drivers so that we keep this realistic and grounded. We need to recognize that we are city that includes farmlands and areas that do not have complete streets that are services for alternatives means of transportation.
Ward 10	Maria Pearson	I strongly agree	These are the pillars that should be used in every review and budget decision process.
Ward 12	K. Grace Bryson	I somewhat agree	I strongly agree

Ward 12	Anthony Nicholl	I strongly agree	
Ward 13	Marc Risdale	I strongly agree	
Ward 13	Danya Scime	I strongly agree	
Ward 13	Arlene VanderBeek	I strongly agree	
Ward 13	Toby Yull	I somewhat agree	I would add logical connections that streamline travel for all
Ward 14	Steven Knowles	I somewhat agree	Balance is key. I struggle with how the policy can inclusively be fair. I will do my best, if elected, to ensure balanced treatment. While i understand the need for better access i also understand the marriage to the automobile. To summerize, yes i agree with a balanced approach.
Ward 15	Neil Bos	I strongly agree	

**Q4**

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Although the Complete Streets policy draft policy is related to Hamilton’s transportation network, implementation of Complete Streets can be improved with a compatible land-use policy.

**When it comes to land use, how important is it for Hamilton’s neighbourhoods to have more destinations within walking distance, such as stores, restaurants, and schools, even if it means building homes closer together?**

- Very Important       Important       Of Little Importance       Unimportant

Running for	Candidate Name	Response	Comment (optional)
Mayor	Michael Baldasaro	Very Important	James St., is our Condo Corridor. We need LRT LOOP from Go Bus to GO Train Stations and to the Bay Front Parks in our historic North End. We must beef up the BRT routes and shorten wait times. Reduced fares for seniors, students and the disadvantaged. The LRT LOOP, the heart of the system to come, will be free as it services recreation and Go Transit.
Mayor	Brian McHattie	Very Important	
Mayor	Michael Pattison	Very Important	
Mayor	Ricky Tavares		
Ward 1	Jason Allen	Very Important	
Ward 1	Aidan Johnson	Very Important	This is an important issue. I am opposed to urban sprawl and think that many of our issues can be addressed by creating density and building up instead of out. The most vibrant neighbourhoods are mixed, with truly complete streets.
Ward 1	Brian Lewis	Important	"More destinations" as outlined within walking distance is essential to the completion of a complete streets strategy; each of the villages in Hamilton are also different and this must be considered; the ability to ensure local business is supported and that local schools are well populated, ensures a healthy community environment - and communication policies and initiatives are vital for the city to invest in, regardless of the demographic.
Ward 1	Ira Rosen	Very Important	
Ward 1	Sandy Shaw	Important	Land use is a large determinate on how our City is organized. We need to promote in-field developments, reduce farmland sprawl, and support infrastructure, such as the LRT and the BRT that will have the effect of supporting accessible and enhanced neighbourhoods.
Ward 2	Jason Farr	Very Important	
Ward 2	Kristina Heaton	Very Important	

Ward 2	Terri Wallis	Very Important	This is particularly important for seniors and person's with disabilities as well as everyone else.
Ward 3	Ralph Agostino	Very Important	
Ward 3	Victor Mejia	Very Important	
Ward 3	Drina Omazic	Important	
Ward 3	Tim Simmons	Very Important	
Ward 4	Lorna Moreau	Very Important	To redevelop lower Hamilton, urban sprawl must be reigned in and put on hold for the foreseeable future. We are destroying the Greenbelt, which is unacceptable and foolhardy over the long-term. Council today is looking for fast 'profit' and leaving a very bad mess for the coming generations.
Ward 5	Larry Storm	Very Important	
Ward 6	Dan Rodrigues	Important	Land use should also include green space and park use amenities such as community-purpose parks for full inclusion of area residents.
Ward 7	Keith Beck	Very Important	
Ward 7	Greg Burghall	Very Important	I firmly believe that this is way too often overlooked when designing new communities.
Ward 8	Joshua Peter Czerniga	Very Important	
Ward 9	Cam Galindo	Important	
Ward 9	tone marrone	Very Important	
Ward 9	Geraldine McMullen	Very Important	Growing up in downtown Hamilton we were also close to the schools, stores/restaurants, church, entertainment, and recreation that made up our community. We supported local businesses as a natural part of our lives. Getting people back to being supportive member of the neighbourhood will make Hamilton a better place to live and raise a family. It will keep and create local jobs and have a positive affect on the economy of the city.
Ward 9	Marie Robbins		
Ward 9	Christopher Rosser	Important	
Ward 9	Frank Rukavina	Important	
Ward 10	Teresa DiFalco	Important	I support the princple but I believe that we can achieve it without crowding. I support responsible development that fits within a community, and is well recieved.
Ward 10	Maria Pearson	Very Important	I moved into my home over 30 years ago for that very reason. Everything was within walking distance. The library, schools for my children, grocery/variety stores, restaurants, automotive supplies, banks,etc. Even though I had a car available, I enjoyed walking everywhere with the little ones.
Ward 12	K. Grace Bryson	Important	
Ward 12	Anthony Nicholl	Important	However building homes closer together reduces green space.

Ward 13	Marc Risdale	Very Important	Additionally, we need to implement inclusionary zoning as part of our plan to ensure that our neighbourhoods are adequately diverse.
Ward 13	Danya Scime		Instead of building homes closer together, I would prefer to see more pathways between homes to allow shorter walking, cycling distances to schools, stores, restaurants etc.
Ward 13	Arlene VanderBeek	Very Important	
Ward 13	Toby Yull	Very Important	Neighbourhoods should not be 'food deserts', and ideally, would include residential space AND places for the people in those residences to go to work, shop, meet and enjoy community.
Ward 14	Steven Knowles	Important	As with the previous question, we need balanced neighbourhoods.
Ward 15	Neil Bos	Very Important	

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Share the Road Cycling Coalition is asking Ontario's municipal elections candidates to sign the "Active Communities Pledge" to commit to making their community a safer, healthier and better connected place.

The pledge can be taken here: <http://www.activecommunitiespledge.ca/pledge-candidate.php>

**Will you be signing the Active Communities Pledge?**

Yes                       No                       Not certain

Running for	Candidate Name	Response	Comment (optional)
Mayor	Michael Baldasaro	Yes	Lets put security staff on the HSR BRT and LRT. Rotating them if necessary.
Mayor	Brian McHattie	Yes	
Mayor	Michael Pattison		Absolutely.
Mayor	Ricky Tavares		
Ward 1	Jason Allen	Yes	
Ward 1	Aidan Johnson	Yes	I have signed the pledge. We need to make sure our complete streets are safe streets, designed to protect all including cyclists, and with designs that will also enable drivers to avoid collision as our traffic becomes more mixed.
Ward 1	Brian Lewis	Yes	
Ward 1	Ira Rosen	Yes	I already have taken the Active Communities Pledge.
Ward 1	Sandy Shaw	Not certain yet	
Ward 2	Jason Farr	Yes	
Ward 2	Kristina Heaton	Not certain yet	
Ward 2	Terri Wallis	Yes	
Ward 3	Ralph Agostino	Yes	
Ward 3	Victor Mejia	Not certain yet	
Ward 3	Drina Omazic	Not certain yet	In principle, I agree with the Active Communities Pledge, however budgetary commitments are best made in the context of the established planning and budgetary process.
Ward 3	Tim Simmons	Yes	
Ward 4	Lorna Moreau	Yes	Done and in agreement!
Ward 5	Larry Storm	Yes	Everyone needs to be understanding and share the road.
Ward 6	Dan Rodrigues	Yes	
Ward 7	Keith Beck	Not certain yet	
Ward 7	Greg Burghall	Yes	
Ward 8	Joshua Peter Czerniga	Yes	
Ward 9	Cam Galindo	Not certain yet	

Ward 9	tone marrone	Yes	
Ward 9	Geraldine McMullen	Yes	
Ward 9	Marie Robbins		
Ward 9	Christopher Rosser	Not certain yet	
Ward 9	Frank Rukavina	Yes	
Ward 10	Teresa DiFalco	Not certain yet	As President of a community association for safe and healthy neighbourhoods I have been comitted for the past two decades to making our community safer, healthier and connected. I support the concept of a pledge but I have made my position clear by my actions.
Ward 10	Maria Pearson	Yes	
Ward 12	K. Grace Bryson	Not certain yet	
Ward 12	Anthony Nicholl	Yes	
Ward 13	Marc Risdale	Yes	
Ward 13	Danya Scime	Yes	
Ward 13	Arlene VanderBeek	Yes	Already signed.
Ward 13	Toby Yull	Yes	Done
Ward 14	Steven Knowles	Yes	
Ward 15	Neil Bos	Yes	



Questions about candidates' personal travel around Hamilton

**Q6**

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**In the last 6 months, how often did you use transit (including bus or train)?**

- Never     
  Once a month or less     
  A few times per month     
  A few times per week     
  Daily or almost daily

Running for	Candidate Name	Response
Mayor	Michael Baldasaro	Once a month or less
Mayor	Brian McHattie	A few times per month
Mayor	Michael Pattison	Daily or almost daily
Mayor	Ricky Tavares	
Ward 1	Jason Allen	Daily or almost daily
Ward 1	Aidan Johnson	Daily or almost daily
Ward 1	Brian Lewis	A few times per month
Ward 1	Ira Rosen	A few times per month
Ward 1	Sandy Shaw	A few times per month
Ward 2	Jason Farr	Once a month or less
Ward 2	Kristina Heaton	A few times per month
Ward 2	Terri Wallis	Daily or almost daily
Ward 3	Ralph Agostino	A few times per month
Ward 3	Victor Mejia	Once a month or less
Ward 3	Drina Omazic	Daily or almost daily
Ward 3	Tim Simmons	Once a month or less
Ward 4	Lorna Moreau	Once a month or less
Ward 5	Larry Storm	Never
Ward 6	Dan Rodrigues	A few times per week
Ward 7	Keith Beck	A few times per month
Ward 7	Greg Burghall	Once a month or less
Ward 8	Joshua Peter Czerniga	A few times per month
Ward 9	Cam Galindo	A few times per month
Ward 9	tone marrone	A few times per month
Ward 9	Geraldine McMullen	A few times per month
Ward 9	Marie Robbins	A few times per week
Ward 9	Christopher Rosser	A few times per month
Ward 9	Frank Rukavina	Once a month or less
Ward 10	Teresa DiFalco	Never
Ward 10	Maria Pearson	Once a month or less
Ward 12	K. Grace Bryson	Never
Ward 12	Anthony Nicholl	A few times per month
Ward 13	Marc Risdale	Never
Ward 13	Danya Scime	Never
Ward 13	Arlene VanderBeek	Once a month or less
Ward 13	Toby Yull	Never
Ward 14	Steven Knowles	Never
Ward 15	Neil Bos	A few times per month

**Q7**

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**In the last six months, how often did you choose to walk to nearby destinations instead of driving?**

- Never     
  Once a month or less     
  A few times per month     
  A few times per week     
  Daily or almost daily

Running for	Candidate Name	Response
Mayor	Michael Baldasaro	A few times per week
Mayor	Brian McHattie	Daily or almost daily
Mayor	Michael Pattison	Daily or almost daily
Mayor	Ricky Tavares	
Ward 1	Jason Allen	Daily or almost daily
Ward 1	Aidan Johnson	Daily or almost daily
Ward 1	Brian Lewis	Daily or almost daily
Ward 1	Ira Rosen	Daily or almost daily
Ward 1	Sandy Shaw	Daily or almost daily
Ward 2	Jason Farr	A few times per week
Ward 2	Kristina Heaton	A few times per week
Ward 2	Terri Wallis	Daily or almost daily
Ward 3	Ralph Agostino	A few times per month
Ward 3	Victor Mejia	Never
Ward 3	Drina Omazic	Daily or almost daily
Ward 3	Tim Simmons	Daily or almost daily
Ward 4	Lorna Moreau	A few times per week
Ward 5	Larry Storm	A few times per week
Ward 6	Dan Rodrigues	A few times per week
Ward 7	Keith Beck	Daily or almost daily
Ward 7	Greg Burghall	A few times per month
Ward 8	Joshua Peter Czerniga	A few times per week
Ward 9	Cam Galindo	A few times per month
Ward 9	tone marrone	Daily or almost daily
Ward 9	Geraldine McMullen	A few times per month
Ward 9	Marie Robbins	A few times per week
Ward 9	Christopher Rosser	A few times per week
Ward 9	Frank Rukavina	A few times per week
Ward 10	Teresa DiFalco	A few times per week
Ward 10	Maria Pearson	A few times per week
Ward 12	K. Grace Bryson	
Ward 12	Anthony Nicholl	A few times per month
Ward 13	Marc Risdale	Daily or almost daily
Ward 13	Danya Scime	Never
Ward 13	Arlene VanderBeek	A few times per month
Ward 13	Toby Yull	A few times per week
Ward 14	Steven Knowles	Daily or almost daily
Ward 15	Neil Bos	Daily or almost daily

**Q8**

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**In the last six months, how often did you ride a bicycle in your neighbourhood?**

- Never     
  Once a month or less     
  A few times per month     
  A few times per week     
  Daily or almost daily

Running for	Candidate Name	Response
Mayor	Michael Baldasaro	Never
Mayor	Brian McHattie	A few times per month
Mayor	Michael Pattison	Never
Mayor	Ricky Tavares	
Ward 1	Jason Allen	A few times per month
Ward 1	Aidan Johnson	Once a month or less
Ward 1	Brian Lewis	Daily or almost daily
Ward 1	Ira Rosen	A few times per month
Ward 1	Sandy Shaw	A few times per month
Ward 2	Jason Farr	A few times per month
Ward 2	Kristina Heaton	A few times per month
Ward 2	Terri Wallis	Never
Ward 3	Ralph Agostino	A few times per month
Ward 3	Victor Mejia	Never
Ward 3	Drina Omazic	Once a month or less
Ward 3	Tim Simmons	Never
Ward 4	Lorna Moreau	Never
Ward 5	Larry Storm	A few times per week
Ward 6	Dan Rodrigues	Never
Ward 7	Keith Beck	Once a month or less
Ward 7	Greg Burghall	A few times per month
Ward 8	Joshua Peter Czerniga	Never
Ward 9	Cam Galindo	A few times per month
Ward 9	tone marrone	Daily or almost daily
Ward 9	Geraldine McMullen	A few times per week
Ward 9	Marie Robbins	Once a month or less
Ward 9	Christopher Rosser	Never
Ward 9	Frank Rukavina	A few times per week
Ward 10	Teresa DiFalco	A few times per week
Ward 10	Maria Pearson	Never
Ward 12	K. Grace Bryson	
Ward 12	Anthony Nicholl	Never
Ward 13	Marc Risdale	A few times per week
Ward 13	Danya Scime	Never
Ward 13	Arlene VanderBeek	Never
Ward 13	Toby Yull	A few times per month
Ward 14	Steven Knowles	A few times per month
Ward 15	Neil Bos	A few times per month

**Q9**

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**Comments about your answers to questions 6-8 (optional):**

Running for	Candidate Name	Comment (optional)
Mayor	Michael Baldasaro	I walk every day in my neighborhood. I rode a bike a lot as a child and as a young adult, throughout the G.H.A.
Mayor	Brian McHattie	
Mayor	Michael Pattison	Flat tire and no time. Can you help a brother out?
Mayor	Ricky Tavares	
Ward 1	Jason Allen	See my article in RTH 'Confession of a nervous cyclist' as to why I don't ride a bike that often. Lack of infrastructure makes me feel unsafe.
Ward 1	Aidan Johnson	I am truly grateful to the Social Planning and Research Council for undertaking this important work. Safe and complete streets are required to enable Hamilton to take another great leap forward.
Ward 1	Brian Lewis	Because of my long time use of transit and traveling by both foot and bike, I have intrinsic knowledge throughout Hamilton of the practical and regular use of a complete streets strategy.
Ward 1	Ira Rosen	
Ward 1	Sandy Shaw	
Ward 2	Jason Farr	While I am a strong supporter of active transportation, I admit that I need to improve my own habits as it relates to getting around. It is indeed getting better and better.
Ward 2	Kristina Heaton	The current amount of heavy industrial traffic running through our streets, I avoid inhaling all those toxic emissions. Routing traffic needs to be established by people living in the area, who know what times of the day, what types of traffic conditions exist.
Ward 2	Terri Wallis	Question 11 is not relevant to some of those with disabilities.
Ward 3	Ralph Agostino	
Ward 3	Victor Mejia	Businesses need to stay open later also buses need to run especially
Ward 3	Drina Omazic	
Ward 3	Tim Simmons	
Ward 4	Lorna Moreau	Unfortunately, public transport for me is can be difficult if not impossible to use. Hamilton has had a 'car' mentality for far too long. Public transit must also be revamped in light of people forced to work low-paying jobs with often ridiculous hours. Walking can be difficult for many reasons. One is pollution for people with respiratory disease. Another is the flagrant violation of bylaws regarding people riding bicycles and skateboarding on sidewalks. And of course the condition of the sidewalks themselves is a major issue, not only for people that use Aristide devices, but for everyday walking and jogging as well. But to answer the question, yes, I do enjoy walking whenever I can.
Ward 5	Larry Storm	My daily routine, working in Burlington, living in Stoney Creek and joint custody of my daughter in Niagara Falls half the week makes transit a less than desirable mode of commuting. I can bike to work and try to do it whenever my schedule permits. I walk or bike to locations near me and I do ride my bike to pick my 18 month son up from day care. About 5km each way and he loves it!
Ward 6	Dan Rodrigues	

Ward 7	Keith Beck	
Ward 7	Greg Burghall	
Ward 8	Joshua Peter Czerniga	
Ward 9	Cam Galindo	
Ward 9	tone marrone	
Ward 9	Geraldine McMullen	I was recently doing some contract work in the downtown core and found parking expensive so I tried transit but found it challenging and therefore one of the reason why I support LRT if and only if the connectivity to bus transit can be improved. Walking to the grocery store, hair salon, pharmacy in my area is convenient but not necessarily safe when crossing four lanes of traffic. A traffic calming system needs to be implemented to ensure safety. My partner and I have been cycling in our area all summer for exercise but tend to keep off the main streets due to heavy traffic.
Ward 9	Marie Robbins	
Ward 9	Christopher Rosser	
Ward 9	Frank Rukavina	
Ward 10	Teresa DiFalco	Ward 10 is severally lacking is trasit and alternatives for those that live in remote areas. I would like to see Ward 10 improve in th respect so that people have a better opportunity to bike, use tranist etc...
Ward 10	Maria Pearson	I fully support public transit and use it when I can. Unfortunately, urgent resident issues and the need for me to drive to sites has made it difficult for me to use transit in the last while. In the past I have taken transit for over two years and rode my bike to residents in the ward. I hope to do that again after the election.
Ward 12	K. Grace Bryson	I live in a rural area. I used to walk my dog daily but the traffic has made that impossible. Drivers do not give room to pedestrians and they don't slow down even on hills where they cannot see what is coming.
Ward 12	Anthony Nicholl	I do not own a bicycle as I have had many injuries and taken 3 times to the hospital after riding a bicycle. After the third time, I gave up and haven't rode since. However, I do support bicyclists' initiatives for a greener community.
Ward 13	Marc Risdale	I currently work from home so my transit needs are minimal. Walking is my primary mode of transportation around Dundas.
Ward 13	Danya Scime	9) Unfortunately, I have motion sickness and can barely tolerate being a passanger in a vehicle ~ I would literally be sick on a bus. 10) I have had back surgery which has limited the amount of walking I can do...When I am able, I drive my car to a parking lot and then walk the blocks to do my shopping. 11) Due to my back injury, I am not able to ride a bicycle.
Ward 13	Arlene VanderBeek	
Ward 13	Toby Yull	
Ward 14	Steven Knowles	
Ward 15	Neil Bos	It is important to know your neighbourhood and the best way for you to do so is by walking and biking, which also gives you an oppportunity to know your neighbours.