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| Why are you running for Council? | Why ? To serve the people of Burlington and to ensure that our future is as bright as our memories. I've been involved since 1995 and wish to do more to repay all the benefits I have had living here since I was born | My Vision: People Planet Prosperity Intelligent intensification that solves problems Attract and keep jobs Reward good corporate citizenship Eliminate vacancy rebates, lowering rental costs Right to know about local sources of pollution Polluters pay for pollution solutions Affordable Smart Grid electricity Green Belt Urban River Valley designations to manage Burlington's ravines as ecological systems that clean our air and purify our water Stop Aldershot Quarry expansion to protect resident health and safety and pristine forest with endangered species. Increase operator reserves elsewhere with MZO https://vince4ward1.ca/ | I have spent my lifetime living, working, playing and volunteering in Aldershot. Most of my immediate and extended family all live in Ward 1 as well. The future success of Ward 1 affects me in every way. As Chair of the Aldershot BIA board for the past 11 years, I have gained a keen interest in municipal politics. I would love the opportunity to serve the citizens of Ward 1 for the next 4 years and help to create some positive change within the city of Burlington. | This is where I live, work and have raised my family. As an experienced elected official for the past 11 years, I am aware of the challenges in our area. I believe I have the accumulated skills and knowledge to make the tough decisions that we will be facing in our ward. Being equipped with solid experience in good governance, communication with stakeholders, strategic planning along with in-depth knowledge of land processes, I know I can make the kind of difference people want to see. | I will bring an excellent set of critical thinking skills to help solve problems and seek solutions as Ward 1 Councillor. A skills set developed through over 25 years of teaching, and 6 1/2 years of private sector business planning, together with educational degrees in Mathematics, Economics and Education. And I would welcome an opportunity to give back to the City of Burlington by contributing these skills in support of City Council and the residents of Burlington. | I want to make changes at city hall. I will push for term limits for council members, and stronger conflict of interest rules. With all of the new development, I am concerned about losing our heritage. I want to ensure we do not lose the heart and soul of our community. We need to do more for seniors. We need to build a seniors centre satellite location in Aldershot, since this is where the largest seniors population is in Burlington. | To combat incompetence in City Hall, and to be proactive when misinformation is used by others | I have always wanted to serve, and voice the opinion of, the people of Aldershot and Tyandaga. | No response received | It is not difficult for anyone in Burlington to read the pulse of the entire community. Too many people are not happy with the changes happening in Burlington. I'm running because I can make a difference for the City and for Ward 1. My experience has provided me with the tools to be an effective advocate for Ward 1 and a forceful negotiator at City Council. | I have lived in Ward 1 for 36 years with my husband John. I have been fortunate to live, work, volunteer and raise my family here and I have had the privilege of working with my neighbours to build a strong, inclusive community. My passion is Ward 1! |
| What is the most important issue that you will deal with in the next four years and how will you deal with it? | The Future. We need to ensure that the people who live here give direction on how we go forward. I'll create neighbourhood councils to help me represent their needs at Council / Committee. | Most important issue for ward 1 constituents relates to intensification/development. We must increase our affordable accessible housing stock. Cannot expand outwards or lose Green Belt lands. Consensus (2/3 support) based decision making involving affected residents and businesses will determine my vote. Intensification projects must improve quality of life, decrease taxes, incorporate public transit, accommodate buses, trucks, fire engines, emergency vehicles, create Green space, retail opportunities, public spaces... I will say NO! to zoning and Official Planning changes until affected residents and businesses say YES! https://vince4ward1.ca/people/ | Growth surrounding the Aldershot mobility hub will be one of many important issues in the next 4 years. I would like to help shape the infill developments to something that fits with the character of Aldershot. Mixed uses with a variety of desired businesses would certainly help the community accept the new developments into our neighbourhoods. | Intensification and all its related issues is unquestionably the biggest concern of not just our ward, but throughout the City. The mobility hubs, where the highest intensification is projected, require very detailed overseeing to ensure we get it right for decades to come. I will work with all stakeholders – from City staff, constituents, business and developers, to ensure that the proper mix of a sustainable community, along with affordable housing and amenities, is created, while facilitating positive action for transit options. | My campaign platform includes: 1. Support Growth 2. Control Taxes 3. Invest in Infrastructure 4. More Affordable Housing 5. Protect Our Environment With these priorities in place, dealing with the growing pressures of traffic congestion, affordability of living, dealing with change, and attracting business investment and remaining competitive with neighbouring municipalities will be the most important issues in the next term of city council. | A lot of new housing has been built, but without sufficient infrastructure investment. The most obvious sign of this is the growing traffic congestion. Traffic congestion negatively impacts everyone, regardless of age or income. Timing of the traffic lights needs to be improved. The South Service Road needs to be extended from the Aldershot GO station to King Road. The King Road bridge needs to be widened to add a northbound right turn lane at the North Service Road | Actually I have 3 compelling issues. Eliminate the issue related to the DRAINAGE ACT. 2100 Brant Street must not proceed as proposed Provide facts regarding Quarry expansion | The upcoming LaSalle Park contract renegotiation, before 2022. While flexible on the actual logistics, I would work with Burlington and Hamilton City councils to create a mutually appealing solution. | No response received | The issues challenging Ward 1 are many. Intensification, transportation, transit, taxation, green space, the Quarry and the Marina are examples. However, the most important issue for me will be my ability to give the constituents of Ward 1 a voice. I've listened to too many people that are concerned the needs and wants of Ward 1 have been silenced. My #1 priority will be to make my community heard so that they have a say in the future of Ward 1. | Growth and change. Intensification in Ward 1 will bring new opportunities, but we must make sure that the development projects fit with our vision of Aldershot. We need a Community Improvement Plan that takes in all of Aldershot, not just the Mobility Hub. This Plan will create a vision for the future based on the work of the Plains Road Vision. This will give us a powerful tool for developers and community planners to shape Aldershot for the future. Growth in the downtown core must |
| The Places to Grow document has put pressures on municipalities to grow and intensify causing a decrease in affordability. What measures would you introduce to address this problem? | I'm not sure the two are 100% intertwined. Decreasing affordability exists in older neighbourhoods as well as new. Both are issues we need to have a hand in as a City/Region. A larger inventory of affordable housing units needs to be created through both public and private efforts. | That intensification will cause "a decrease in affordability" is a false premise. How we intensify determines that outcome. I support intensification projects that increase supply of affordable accessible housing stock. I support intensification that integrates public transit solutions to reduce traffic congestion, increases active transportation choices and Green Space while creating retail and entertainment opportunities. As per my consensus based decision making values, I will say NO! to Official Plan and Zoning changes until affected residents and businesses say YES! https://vince4ward1.ca/planet/ | In Aldershot specifically we have experienced a number of new condo developments and the units have been much more affordable than the large inventory of expensive bungalows that we have so I am not sure that I agree with that statement. Ward 1 needs more inventory of townhouses and condos and I will work with developers to ensure that all projects are respectful of surrounding neighbourhoods. | Places to Grow compounds existing land and construction costs of our area, as land options are shrinking. Affordability generally comes by way of higher buildings and smaller spaces. Stacked townhouses, creation of granny suites or accessory dwellings and replacing single family with aesthetically similar 2 - 8 unit residences are options that should be encouraged more aggressively. Pressure on both provincial and federal governments to increase subsidies and enticements for developers to acquire land and/or accommodate subsidized or seniors' units are all options to pursue. | My campaign platform supports housing affordability in Burlington, specifically by: 1. Support Growth - support the new City of Burlington Official Plan which directs housing starts to the four mobility hubs and increases supply and types of housing starts which should provide more affordable housing and entry level housing to existing and new residents of Burlington. 2. Control Taxes - Bring an emphasis on city and regional spending, i.e. zero-based budgeting going forward, to remain competitive in municipal and regional taxes and in turn, attract.// We could also encourage secondary suites and duplexes. Many seniors are over-housed, and can be matched with boarders that could also help with property maintenance. | Inclusionary Zoning is a new tool from the Province. City Council can require new development with 10 units or more, to include some affordable units for low and middle income families. Section 37 of the Planning Act allows for community benefits to be provided in exchange for additional density beyond the zoning—this can be affordable units. We could also encourage secondary suites and duplexes. Many seniors are over-housed, and can be matched with boarders that could also help with property maintenance. | Affordability is a location issue. Prime locations should not be constrained by affordability, any more than industrial and residential should be mixed. | Increase the supply of affordable housing, so that generation after generation does not need to simply leave Burlington to find a place to affordably live. | No response received | The issue of affordable housing in Burlington is challenging but there are solutions. Government sponsored and subsidized housing like Westwood II and Queensway H for H is an excellent option. Remove unjustified restriction/costs for urban infill like coach houses, granny flats and duplexes, sometimes referred to as the "missing middle". Create affordable housing mandates that put the onus on developers to provide a percentage of units at an affordable price. Also, remind ourselves that affordable doesn't always mean higher. | Even though Housing is a regional responsibility, Burlington must work with developers to include affordable units within their plans. We need diverse affordable housing for seniors and millennials. |
| If elected, what measures would you propose or support to improve the operations of Burlington Transit? | Free to all over the age of 80, continue the movement to smaller more flexible fleet that can respond to the specific routes at peak and off-peak times. Any improvement without reducing service is worth looking at. Modelling after other communities would be a good idea too. | Burlington Transit must work closely with BFAST as important stakeholder. Approve increased short term capital/operational public transit funding. No further intensification along Brant Street, until Official Plan/Budget includes mass transit solution from the Burlington GO to Spencer Smith Park. Developers along or near Brant Street to help fund Brant Street mass transit solution, based on anticipated resulting asset value increase. Dedicated bus route from Plains Road to the Seniors Center. Near future disruptive technological change may render public transit obsolete. More information https://vince4ward1.ca/people/ | I would support any measures to improve the Burlington Transit system. Revitalizing the downtown transit hub, adding increased connections to our Co Station hubs with the goal to increasing our ridership are a few examples of how to improve the Transit system. | Burlington Transit is currently exploring options and will be bringing a report once they have finished their research. Depending upon their report and the recommended efficiencies (anticipating the re-allocation of funds, timing of stoplights, shuttle options, etc.) I would make an assessment at that time. The facilitating of local transit from neighbourhoods to arteries and to access mobility hubs along with related parking are issues. If further study or resident/independent input is warranted at that time, I will be willing to do so | My campaign platform supports transit in Burlington and includes: 1. Support Growth 2. Control Taxes 3. Invest in Infrastructure 4. More Affordable Housing 5. Protect Our Environment With these priorities in place, and more specifically - investing in infrastructure will support transit operations in Burlington and Region of Halton. I would support investing in transit operations to increase transit users, but would also review spending to ensure efficient use of transit funding. Specifically, would encourage staff to examine best practices from neighbouring municipalities, including combining // | Traditional bus service should operate on higher demand arterial and collector roads. We should use an on-demand, flexible service in low density areas to feed passengers onto the main lines. We could partner with a ride-sharing company. I would make Handi-Van a regional service, so that disabled passengers do not need to transfer buses at municipal boundaries--in the middle of winter. In the longer term, we should operate all transit at the regional level, offering seamless service between Burlington, Oakville, Milton, and Halton Hills. | Clearly, with higher densities being added, more transit should follow, but UTILIZATION always will be number . Decrease walking time to bus stops. | No response received | When the users of Burlington Transit were asked to rate our transit system Convenience/Scheduling received an "E" rating. A pretty good sign where the problem is. Our transit system is in trouble. I would propose to increase funding for transit and streamline the scheduling to include better connections with GO transit and more frequent service. Also, be smart and give our seniors free transit during off peak hours. | Burlington is a mid-sized city and cities must provide clean, effective, reliable transit to their citizens. If we want to affect our traffic congestion, we must get more people on public transit. | |
| In the previous two years, tax increases averaged 3-4%, much higher than the rate of inflation. What would you do to control the municipal budget? | I think the solution is multifaceted. Overages need to be reviewed on line by line basis and holding those responsible accountable is number one. If a group or project is going to come in over-budget the answer is not yes its why ? | Oppose increasing net taxes faster than inflation. Cut budgetary excess and waste Increase vacant urban land tax including lands inaccurately zoned as agricultural, while eliminating land speculator requirement to pretend to farm urban lands Eliminate vacant commercial/industrial building rebates encouraging occupancy. Automated systems to – impose tolls on non-residents using residential streets to commute through Burlington – fine noise by-law violators – fine speeders in traffic calming areas (eliminating speed bump requirement) – fine parking by-law violators. Automations warn first to change behavior before generating revenue Cannabis surtaxes https://vince4ward1.ca/prosperity/ | With the projected growth and current developments on-going, we should not have tax increases that are higher than inflation. I would work hard to find ways to have zero to minimal tax increases. Promoting commercial growth can also help provide both retail options for residents and increased tax base for the city. | In order to maintain taxes at the rate of inflation we will have to continue to find efficiencies of operation within the context of long term goals and expenses. The long term plan along with capital expenditures like renewal/infrastructure and Joseph Brant Hospital were contributing factors to the tax increases we recently experienced. Established priorities should be adhered to, as per City and Regional Strategic Plans in order to maintain fiscal restraint and responsibility. Constituent input will be sought to seek out ideas and options. | My campaign platform supports controlling tax increases, more specifically includes: 1. Support Growth 2. Control Taxes 3. Invest in Infrastructure 4. More Affordable Housing 5. Protect Our Environment With these priorities in place: 1. Supporting growth will help to increase tax base and revenue for City of Burlington and Region of Halton assessments - helping to moderate tax increases and ensure careful management of taxes. 2. Control Taxes - will help moderate taxes through continual review of municipal budget priorities and emphasis on spending, i.e. // | I would review all spending and eliminate waste. We need to concentrate spending on things that provide clear community benefits. We need to stop spending money on things like the pier, expensive public art, bike lanes in inappropriate places, etc. We need to stop planting city trees under hydro wires. As the trees mature, they require a lot of maintenance and falling branches bring down hydro wires. We should only hire outside contractors and consultants when needed. I would consider salary freezes, including council members. | Since the responsibilities are for streets, water, sewage collection and treatment etc. the expenditures may not always fit the averages | Find efficiencies in the current budget, instead of simply cutting programs. | No response received | Commercial development is a key component to keeping our residential taxes in check. The commercial development in Ward 1 falls far short of meeting our future needs and it is completely without a plan. We have BEDC but what have they done to bring the right kind of development to Burlington. As Councillor I would hold BEDC accountable and demand results along with a commercial development plan. | We have ignored our infrastructure for too long. We need to reinvest in hydro, sewers, bridges and roads. We are also facing dramatic weather changes that challenge our ability to react to extreme storms. Taxes will need to keep pace with the changes but we also need to keep the tax rates reasonable. |
| If elected, what measures would you propose or support to improve the supply of Burlington's skilled workforce? | Having a larger and better skilled workforce can be supported and created by providing more opportunities to learn in our community. Can we look at more opportunities to help organizations to locate or expand in Burlington that provide that training ? What can we do to encourage Mac, Mohawk, Sheridan, private college or career college programs to grow in Burlington ? | Tax breaks for businesses sharing workspaces to encourage networking, cooperation and collaboration. Community bond program for local innovators and start up businesses that are RRSP and TFSA eligible, linking investors to local innovators and entrepreneurs. Eliminate Burlington's vacant commercial and industrial building rebates to lower rental rates. Build Smart Grid Electricity Infrastructure to attract low cost solar power microproducers and energy brokers that buy low and sell high. Affordable Smart Grid electricity will attract automated manufacturing, laser cutting, 3D printing and other businesses requiring electricity. | I would like to explore a higher education addition to the downtown as once proposed. We already have the McMaster presence on the QEW but a second option downtown could have many more positive benefits for the city. Working with the Burlington Economic Development Corporation to attract high-tech firms to Burlington would assist in keeping and attracting skilled workforce. | I have been supportive of, and would like to see, heightened participation of programs like Halton Industry Education Council (HIEC). The recent opening of TechPlace cultivates growth and partnerships that will foster skills through new business. Continuing the pursuit of establishing a larger post-secondary school option would create tangible benefits and economic spin-off. My recent conversation with the Dean of Business at DeGroote highlighted the investment they made for transportation from main campus, so enticing integrated businesses adjacent to the university should be among priorities. | My campaign platform supports improving the supply of Burlington's skilled workforce, more specifically by: 1. Support Growth - support the new City of Burlington Official Plan supports increasing employment lands and attracting business investment and job creation - supporting and increasing the supply of Burlington's skilled workforce. 2. Control Taxes - to be competitive with neighbouring municipal and regional taxes and attract business investment and job creation leading to increasing supply of skilled workers. 3. Invest in Infrastructure - increasing infrastructure investments to increase stock.// | We need to work to ensure that Burlington remains a great place to live to attract and retain talent. High quality of life comes from good schools and health care, greenspaces, low crime rate, convenient transportation, amenities, etc. We need to work with senior levels of government to ensure we have appropriate retraining programs for workers from declining industries. Relevant apprenticeship, co-op, and internship programs are needed to give people valuable experience. | Since the work force today is effected by the spouses employment prospects too, we should recognize this and act accordingly | Improving the operations of Burlington Transit. Finding more affordable housing solutions. Continue to provide Burlingtonians with the world class municipal services they've come to anticipate from the City and Region. | No response received | The answer to this question is closely tied to the issue of intensification. Firstly, stick to the Official Plan and the associated building requirements so that we create welcoming communities, not high rise tunnels, that a highly skilled work force will choose to live. Next, and I've spoken of this in the past, if this is done right, businesses will follow and instead of a transient community we will have families that work where they live. | Companies looking for skilled workers are also looking for diverse housing, access to amenities, bike paths, nature and park reserve and a good regional and local transit systems for their employees. |

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