
Ecology Action Centre – Candidate Survey 2020

1. Will you prioritize spending to achieve HalifACT 2050 action plan to reduce HRM's GHG emissions by 75% by 2030 in order to do our fair share and remain below 1.5 degrees of warming? Explain why or why not (optional) **Yes or No required**
2. As a councillor, what are two motions you would bring forward to advance a just and green recovery in HRM?
3. African Nova Scotian, Mi'kmaw and newcomer communities have historically been left out of city planning processes. How will you make sure that the voices and concerns of these communities are heard and prioritized in council decisions?
4. The full implementation of the Halifax Green Network Plan (HGPN) requires zoning-based tools to protect important greenspace and wildlife corridors and using the HGPN to guide the region's growth. Will you support the full implementation of the HGPN to protect the Green Network? Explain why or why not (optional) **Yes or No required**
5. Halifax's vacancy rate is at an all-time low, 1%, and the average rents have increased by 3.8% from the previous year. Many have declared this a housing crisis that all levels of government must act on. A number of actions are needed to tackle this crisis. As a first step, are you committed to introducing municipal regulations to limit short-term rentals and collaborating with the federal government to increase affordable housing stock? What else would you do? (optional) **Yes or No required**
6. Do you support increased spending that supports safer spaces to walk, bike and roll in HRM? Explain why or why not (optional) **Yes or No required**
7. Are you committed to completing the proposed Bus Rapid Transit network and electrifying 50% of Halifax Transit's fleet to electric by 2028? Explain why or why not (optional) **Yes or No required**
8. What will you do to ensure collaboration with communities and underrepresented groups in sustainable and active transportation infrastructure development?
9. What would you do to improve the safety of HRM's roads, and ensure the implementation of the Strategic Road Safety Plan? <https://www.halifax.ca/sites/default/files/documents/city-hall/regional-council/180717rc1422.pdf>

10. Will you advocate to use municipal funds to buy land for parks at the three key wild spaces identified in the Halifax Green Network Plan: Blue Mountain – Birch Cove Lakes, the Purcells Cove Backlands, and Sandy Lake – Sackville River? Explain why or why not (optional)
Yes or No required

11. HRM, with the Halifax Food Policy Alliance, is developing JustFOOD, the Halifax food action plan. Will you commit resources to its implementation, working with partners to increase access to good food and strengthen our local food system? Link: <https://www.halifax.ca/about-halifax/regional-community-planning/halifax-food-action>
Explain why or why not (optional) **Yes or No required**

12. Will you ensure that city funds are used to expand PACE programming relating to renewable energy and energy efficiency in HRM so that all municipal residents can avoid energy poverty? Explain why or why not (optional) **Yes or No required**

13. Will you ensure that as a municipality, HRM will make funds available for non-profit organizations such as housing cooperatives and shelters to retrofit their existing buildings so that they are net-zero energy ready? Explain why or why not (optional) **Yes or No required**

14. Will you ensure that all staff in the Public Works and Planning Departments have basic training of energy efficiency and renewable energy concepts and practices? Explain why or why not (optional) **Yes or No required**