



## Ward 4 Candidate: Tony Brecknock

Question 1	If elected, will you commit to the protection of Burlington greenspace and Halton farmland, including opposing the construction of Highway 413, and prioritizing the establishment of <b>complete, 15-minute communities</b> in your ward/throughout the city?
Response:	<b>Yes. If we can establish communities where most if not all of our interaction is within a 15 minute distance it would support a low carbon economy.</b>
Question 2a	<p>Transportation is the largest source of carbon emissions in Burlington, and currently accounts for over 40% of total emissions. Reducing emissions from this sector is an essential step to reach Burlington's goal of community carbon neutrality by 2050. If elected:</p> <p>A) Will you support the changes and funding investments required to boost public transit ridership (e.g. purchase more (electric) buses; enhance frequency, range, reliability, density &amp; directness) to make public transit an appealing and effective option in Burlington?</p>
Response:	<b>Yes. This question echo's my entire platform.</b>
Question 2b	What specific actions will you take to make active transportation (cycling, walking, ...) an appealing and effective option in Burlington?
Response:	<b>I will promote information on the benefits of active transportation, look into loosening legislation on bike sharing. Pass by-laws that promote proper maintenance of our city sidewalks and pathways. Encourage the council to work with city employees to find sustainable, easy and convenient ways to get to work and home. Things like</b>

	<b>snow removal and gutter maintenance would be paramount.</b>
Question 2c	Will you support opportunities to increase and prioritize public EV chargers to ensure equitable distribution on City property across the community and with consideration of accessible design standards?
Response:	<b>Yes. The convenience of mobile charging needs to be front of mind so that acceptance of a carbon neutral propulsion system gets used universally.</b>
Question 3	We are facing a sixth mass extinction event. Biodiversity is critical for climate mitigation/adaptation and local accessible nature is vital for mental and physical well-being, but Burlington does not have a biodiversity action plan. If elected, will you champion the creation of a <a href="#">biodiversity action plan</a> within the next 4 years and advocate for the resources/budget to initiate its implementation?
Response:	<b>Yes, this is an often missed concept that is integral to mitigating climate change. If we have biodiversity collapse then everything we rely on will fall apart. The strength of bio-diversity is equal to our adaptation.</b>
Question 4	If elected, will you actively demonstrate your support for the <a href="#">Reform Gravel Mining Coalition</a> push for a temporary moratorium on new gravel mining applications in Ontario, by supporting a pause on all new and expanded quarry permits in Burlington?
Response:	<b>Yes. Questions on regulation needs to be answered. We need to take the time to talk about in order to fix it.</b>
Question 5	Climate Change is worsening existing inequities and putting marginalized community members at increased risk of harm if mitigation and adaptation efforts are not carefully planned (see <a href="#">Health in a Changing Climate report</a> ).  If elected, will you champion the effective integration of measures such as vulnerability and equity impact assessments into city plans and processes to prevent avoidable harm to marginalized Burlington residents, and encourage other members of council to support this as a top priority?
Response:	<b>Yes. My top priority would be the health and well being of Burlington residents.</b>
Question 6	Please share some of the actions you personally take to minimize your environmental footprint:
Response:	<b>In our backyard we have replaced some of our lawn with clover and pollinating plants. We maintain a vegetable garden and eat locally at every opportunity.</b>