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BURLINGTON CANDIDATES presented in alphabetical order by last name. Responses are presented exactly as received by those who responded to the questionnaire. Note: responses presented reflect a 100 word limit that all candidates were advised of.

7 QUESTIONS BELOW	MEGAN BEAUCHEMIN (Ontario NDP)	JAMES CHILLI CHILLINGWORTH (New Blue Party)	DAVID CROMBIE (None of the Above Direct Democracy Party)	ANDREA GREBENC (Ontario Liberal Party - Burlington)	KYLE HUTTON (Green Party of Ontario)	NATALIE PIERRE (PC Party of Ontario)
<p>1. Given that Halton already has 20+ quarry operations, and the aggregate industry has negative impacts on people, air, water, wetlands, woodlands and wildlife, if you are elected, will you champion an immediate moratorium on all new gravel mining approvals, (including the proposed Nelson quarry expansion at Mount Nemo area), until an independent panel can chart a new path forward?</p>	<p>RESPONSE: (Yes) An Ontario NDP government will protect the Niagara Escarpment and restore the power of Conservation Authorities to review such projects that threaten our farmland, groundwater, and wetland systems. We will prevent new aggregate pits or quarries, including the proposed new quarries near Mt. Nemo and in Campbellville, and the proposed dumpsite in Dresden.</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND TO QUESTIONNAIRE</p>	<p>RESPONSE: (Yes) my concern is actually having a truly independent panel, but that would be the preferred course of action</p>	<p>RESPONSE: Did not select "YES" or "NO" Comment: I recognize the significant environmental and community concerns surrounding new quarry operations in Halton. While I may not be the lead champion on this issue, I fully support the need for an independent panel to assess the broader impacts and explore a sustainable path forward. I would gladly support an identified champion advocating for responsible decision-making that prioritizes our environment, public health, and long-term community well-being.</p>	<p>RESPONSE: (Yes) I have been a strong supporter of a moratorium on all new gravel pits and expansions since my first campaign in 2022. I fully support the recommendations from CORE Burlington regarding the Nelson quarry and the Reform Gravel Mining Coalition's view that the industry is currently focused on greed over need, a focus enabled by a broken permitting system. As MPP I will work to protect our farmlands, our escarpment, our water and our homes from an out-of-control industry.</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND TO QUESTIONNAIRE</p>
<p>2. Highway 413 will increase carbon emissions, encourage urban sprawl, and disrupt farmland and sensitive ecosystems. Do you support or oppose this project, and if elected, how would you balance transportation needs with environmental protection?</p>	<p>RESPONSE: I OPPOSE the Highway 413 Project I support increased funding for local public transit, expansion of inter-city transit options, and reasonable increases in housing density, especially along transit corridors. The environment must always be a factor for consideration when the government considers policy to address transportation needs.</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND TO QUESTIONNAIRE</p>	<p>RESPONSE: I OPPOSE the Highway 413 Project. more focus should be on public transit and correcting past errors such as privatizing the 407, if toll charges weren't prohibitive a lot of the traffic could be using that</p>	<p>RESPONSE: I do not support the 413 project</p>	<p>RESPONSE: I OPPOSE the Highway 413 Project. I oppose the Highway 413 project on many grounds, ranging from the destruction we know it will cause, the sprawl it will enable, the pollution it will put into our air - but also because it simply makes no sense, particularly for Burlingtonians. I support investing the billions of tax dollars earmarked for the project into our local and regional transit systems, improving road infrastructure, and taking off tolls for tractor-trailers on Highway 407 to alleviate congestion on the QEW/403 and 401.</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND TO QUESTIONNAIRE</p>
<p>3. What do you believe to be the greatest regional opportunity to mitigate climate change locally to support the City of Burlington's Climate Action Plan? And if elected, what specific actions will you take to support residents and the municipality in advancing this opportunity? (City of Burlington Climate Action Plan available at: https://www.burlington.ca/en/council-and-city-administration/climate-action-plan.aspx)</p>	<p>RESPONSE: Transit and building energy retrofits are two key opportunities to mitigate climate change locally. An Ontario NDP government will restore 50% provincial funding for municipal transit net operational costs, allowing municipalities like Burlington to make transit a more convenient option. We will also provide free or discounted electric heat pumps to enable residents to heat and cool their homes more efficiently. Personally, I think that improving industrial energy efficiency poses a significant challenge and opportunity. I would advocate for initiatives such as regulations targeting big polluters, which would generate funds to invest in climate change resilience and adaptation strategies.</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND TO QUESTIONNAIRE</p>	<p>RESPONSE: I believe burlington doesnt exist in isolation and as we are on a major transit corridor the most effective opportunity to mitigate climate change is to address transit/public transit and increasing efficiency. this would have the most direct impact on residents and quality of life.</p>	<p>RESPONSE: One of the best ways Burlington can tackle climate change locally is by improving sustainable transportation. Cars are one of the biggest sources of emissions in our city, so making it easier and more convenient for people to walk, bike, take transit, or switch to electric vehicles would have a huge impact. As a member of the City's Integrated Transportation Advisory committee, I know that opportunities for sustainable transportation are being assessed.</p> <p>While cities manage local transit and transportation planning, the province controls transit funding, major infrastructure projects, EV incentives, and urban development policies.</p> <p>Personally, I would advocate in the [100 WORD LIMIT]</p>	<p>RESPONSE: As MPP, I'll back the Ontario Greens' plan to empower municipalities with the tools to fund local infrastructure and services as they see fit without threat of interference. Combined with province-led initiatives like free heat pumps for households under \$100k, zero-interest loans for retrofits, and 0% loans for municipal renewable energy projects, we'll work in partnership to hit our Climate Action Plan goals. And as a strong advocate for more transit options, I'll champion the integrated mobility plan to ensure Burlington once again has a reliable partner at Queen's Park for building critical infrastructure.</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND TO QUESTIONNAIRE</p>
<p>4. If elected, will you commit to protecting the existing boundaries of Ontario's Greenbelt from further development?</p>	<p>RESPONSE: Yes</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND TO QUESTIONNAIRE</p>	<p>RESPONSE: (Yes) This has always been a priority for anyone in the GTA and surrounding areas and it is offensive that any politician would go against this.</p>	<p>RESPONSE: Yes</p>	<p>RESPONSE: (Yes) I am in full support of maintaining our existing urban boundaries and keeping the Greenbelt intact. Following 2022, I was part of the successful protests against Doug Ford's reckless and greedy landgrabs, and have maintained since we never needed to expand into the Greenbelt to hit our housing targets. Ontario Greens have a plan to build 2-million new homes across the province, focusing on infills and density where it makes sense, without ever having to touch any part of our farmlands.</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND TO QUESTIONNAIRE</p>
<p>5. If elected, will you advocate for Provincial policies that prioritize affordable, complete communities in urban environments to accommodate population growth? (Complete communities provide a diversity of housing to meet identified community needs and accommodate people at all stages of life, and provide a wider range of employment opportunities, amenities, and services within a 15-20 minute walk.)</p>	<p>RESPONSE: Yes</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND TO QUESTIONNAIRE</p>	<p>RESPONSE: (Yes) this is ideal where the opportunities arise, especially focusing on the affordable component of this given the fact we are in both an affordability crisis and housing crisis this needs immediate support</p>	<p>RESPONSE: Yes</p>	<p>RESPONSE: (Yes) I fully believe in moving away from our car-centric planning towards more integrated, affordable, and complete communities. In addition to our plans for infill density and sustainable planning, the Ontario Greens plan includes amending zoning rules to allow for small businesses in residential neighbourhoods, increasing funding for community centres and providing low-cost community hubs in schools, and providing start-up funding for community-owned food markets and gardens.</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND TO QUESTIONNAIRE</p>

<p>6. If elected, will you commit to enabling municipalities to implement mandatory Green Development Standards to achieve their climate targets?</p>	<p>RESPONSE: Yes</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND TO QUESTIONNAIRE</p>	<p>RESPONSE: (Yes) to me the question is somewhat vague, if it is refering to building standards, this should be the case, but it should be nation wide as it concerns also the safety and security of all residents not only climate targets</p>	<p>RESPONSE: Yes</p>	<p>RESPONSE: (Yes)Ontario Greens are in full support of empowering municipalities to find the best ways to reach their climate goals. As part of our own plan, and as Burlington's MPP, I will ensure our standards are matched by the province.</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND TO QUESTIONNAIRE</p>
<p>7. If elected, will you support harmonizing the Ontario Building Code with the National Model Building Code on energy and carbon emissions for both new and existing buildings?</p>	<p>RESPONSE: Yes</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND TO QUESTIONNAIRE</p>	<p>RESPONSE: (Yes) i think i answered this above</p>	<p>RESPONSE: Yes</p>	<p>RESPONSE: (Yes) I am in general support of harmonization, and as MPP will work with municipalities, developers, builders, and all other stakeholders to ensure our building code is focused on sustainability and lower environmental impact.</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND TO QUESTIONNAIRE</p>