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**Oakville-North 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	ALI HOSNY (Green Party of Ontario)	KANIZ MOULI (Ontario Liberal Party)	CALEB SMOLENAARS (Ontario NDP)	EFFIE TRIANTAFILOPOULOS (PC Party of Ontario)	CHARLES WROBLEWSKI (New Blue Party)
<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><b>RESPONSE: (Yes)</b> The Green Party of Ontario (GPO) has a history of advocating for a moratorium on new gravel mining operations. On March 22, 2022, Ontario Greens Leader and MPP for Guelph, Mike Schreiner, tabled a legislative motion calling for an immediate halt to all new gravel mining permits. Regarding the proposed Nelson quarry expansion in the Mount Nemo area, the GPO has expressed concerns about potential environmental degradation. In a statement on May 1, 2024, Mike Schreiner emphasized the importance of community consent, stating that projects like the Campbellville quarry should not proceed without local support. In the Green Party of <b>[100 WORD LIMIT]</b></p>	<p><b>RESPONSE: (No)</b> I understand that quarry operators are an environmental and community concern. 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><b>RESPONSE: [Yes]</b> We must protect our green space. An Ontario NDP government will ensure environmental assessments take place for all proposed developments. We must protect our existing urban boundaries and avoid bad development that would harm our ecosystems.</p>	<p><b>DID NOT RESPOND TO QUESTIONNAIRE</b></p>	<p><b>DID NOT RESPOND TO QUESTIONNAIRE</b></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><b>RESPONSE: (I OPPOSE the Highway 413 Project)</b> My wife and I do appreciate the beauty of Ontario's landscapes, from our farmlands to our forests. That's why I strongly oppose Highway 413—this project threatens our environment, increases carbon emissions, and paves the way for more urban sprawl at a time when we should be protecting our natural spaces. The Green Party of Ontario (GPO) firmly opposes this highway, and GPO Leader Mike Schreiner has consistently called for its cancellation, advocating instead for investments that truly serve our communities. If elected, I will fight to cancel Highway 413 and ensure that its \$10 billion budget is reinvested where <b>[100 WORD LIMIT]</b></p>	<p><b>RESPONSE: (I OPPOSE the Highway 413 Project)</b> The Ontario Liberal Party was opposed to Highway 413 in the last election and remains opposed.</p>	<p><b>RESPONSE: [I OPPOSE the Highway 413 Project]</b> Highway 413 is an unnecessary project that will line the pockets of Doug Ford's developer buddies while increasing carbon emissions, contributing to urban sprawl, and destroying ecosystems. Instead of building an unnecessary highway, an Ontario NDP government will invest in sustainable transportation infrastructure as a method to relieve congestion and get people moving faster, more reliably, and safely. We will also take back Highway 407 and make it toll-free, reducing congestion on Highway 401. At all times, we will ensure farmland and sensitive ecosystems are protected.</p>	<p><b>DID NOT RESPOND TO QUESTIONNAIRE</b></p>	<p><b>DID NOT RESPOND TO QUESTIONNAIRE</b></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: <a href="https://www.burlington.ca/en/council-and-city-administration/climate-action-plan.aspx">https://www.burlington.ca/en/council-and-city-administration/climate-action-plan.aspx</a>)</p>	<p><b>RESPONSE:</b> Burlington is a beautiful and vibrant city, but like many communities, it faces the urgent challenge of reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The greatest regional opportunity to mitigate climate change locally—and to support the City of Burlington's Climate Action Plan—lies in tackling emissions from buildings and transportation, the two biggest contributors to climate change. The Green Party of Ontario (GPO) recognizes this in its platform and is committed to cleaner, more efficient buildings and expanded sustainable transportation options as key climate solutions. If elected, I will work hard to accelerate deep energy retrofits for existing buildings, helping homeowners and <b>[100 WORD LIMIT]</b></p>	<p><b>RESPONSE:</b> I will advocate for policies and measures that make it easier for people to opt for green choices in their daily activities. At the local-level we can create programs that incentivize and support low-carbon buildings and retrofit programs.</p>	<p><b>RESPONSE:</b> As someone who organized climate strikes, I strongly advocate for measures to support municipal climate action. Burlington's Climate Action Plan includes an Integrated Mobility Plan focusing on building multi-use alternative transportation infrastructure and improving Burlington Transit to promote a shift away from personal vehicle travel. To make this possible, we need provincial leadership that will work with municipalities to prioritize sustainable mobility. An Ontario NDP government will restore 50% provincial funding for municipal transit operations, expand and electrify the GO bus and rail network, and remove restrictions on multi-use alternative transportation infrastructure.</p>	<p><b>DID NOT RESPOND TO QUESTIONNAIRE</b></p>	<p><b>DID NOT RESPOND TO QUESTIONNAIRE</b></p>

<p>4. If elected, will you commit to protecting the existing boundaries of Ontario's Greenbelt from further development?</p>	<p><b>RESPONSE: (Yes)</b> Ontario's Greenbelt is more than just land—it's a lifeline for our environment, our communities, and our future. If elected, I am fully committed to protecting its existing boundaries from further development. The Green Party of Ontario (GPO) has long fought to preserve and expand the Greenbelt, recognizing its essential role in safeguarding our farmland, forests, and wetlands from reckless sprawl. In response to previous attempts to carve into this protected land, GPO Leader Mike Schreiner introduced three private member's bills in May 2023 to ensure the Greenbelt remains off-limits to development. Our 2025 platform reinforces this commitment by emphasizing <b>[100 WORD LIMIT]</b></p>	<p><b>RESPONSE: (Yes)</b> Bonnie Crombie and the Ontario Liberal Party have been clear that we can build all the housing Ontario needs while protecting the existing Greenbelt boundaries.</p>	<p><b>RESPONSE: [Yes]</b> An Ontario NDP government will respect pre-2022 urban/rural boundaries in all communities. We must and will protect Ontario's Greenbelt, something that both Conservative and Liberal leaders have said they cannot commit to.</p>	<p><b>DID NOT RESPOND TO QUESTIONNAIRE</b></p>	<p><b>DID NOT RESPOND TO QUESTIONNAIRE</b></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><b>RESPONSE: (Yes)</b> I believe that everyone deserves a place to call home—a place that is affordable, connected, and built for people of all ages and backgrounds. If elected, I will advocate for provincial policies that prioritize affordable, complete communities within urban environments, ensuring that as our population grows, we build in a way that strengthens neighborhoods rather than pushes people further away. I've seen firsthand how difficult it can be to find affordable housing near work, school, or family. Too many people are forced into long commutes or priced out of their communities. That's why I support the Green Party of <b>[100 WORD LIMIT]</b></p>	<p><b>RESPONSE: (Yes)</b> The Ontario Liberal Party has a bold and ambitious housing plan.</p>	<p><b>RESPONSE: [Yes]</b> As a sustainable planning advocate, I will champion the mixed-use rezoning of cities to accommodate sustainable development initiatives that will build a province for future generations, while respecting and protecting the heritage and green space that define our communities. We must shift away from sprawling car-dependent suburbs and prioritize development around public transit. An Ontario NDP government will do this by legalizing fourplexes and investing in other affordable 'missing middle' housing options in all neighbourhoods, while working with municipalities to cut costs and red tape. The features of complete communities are all priorities for an Ontario NDP government.</p>	<p><b>DID NOT RESPOND TO QUESTIONNAIRE</b></p>	<p><b>DID NOT RESPOND TO QUESTIONNAIRE</b></p>
<p>6. If elected, will you commit to enabling municipalities to implement mandatory Green Development Standards to achieve their climate targets?</p>	<p><b>RESPONSE: (Yes)</b> Our communities deserve to be built for the future, not just for today. If elected, I will strongly advocate for provincial policies that give municipalities the power to implement mandatory Green Development Standards (GDS)—ensuring that new developments are sustainable, energy-efficient, and climate-friendly. Cities like Burlington already shown leadership by introducing voluntary Green Development Standards, but they need provincial support to make them mandatory. The Green Party of Ontario (GPO) recognizes that empowering municipalities is key to achieving low-carbon growth, healthier communities, and long-term affordability. Our platform focuses on practical solutions that tackle the climate crisis while making life more <b>[100 WORD LIMIT]</b></p>	<p><b>RESPONSE: (Yes)</b> I will advocate for this.</p>	<p><b>RESPONSE: [Yes]</b> An Ontario NDP government will work closely with municipalities to reduce red tape and enable the implementation of Green Development Standards to ensure all communities are acting in the best interest of the environment and the treaty lands we reside on.</p>	<p><b>DID NOT RESPOND TO QUESTIONNAIRE</b></p>	<p><b>DID NOT RESPOND TO QUESTIONNAIRE</b></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?

**RESPONSE: (Yes)** Buildings are where we live, work, and build our futures, and they should be designed to be safe, efficient, and sustainable. If elected, I will strongly support harmonizing the Ontario Building Code with the National Model Building Code to ensure that both new and existing buildings meet the highest standards for energy efficiency and carbon reduction. Right now, we have a huge opportunity to rethink the way we build—not just for today, but for future generations. The Green Party of Ontario (GPO) is committed to updating the Building Code so that all new commercial and residential buildings are constructed **[100 WORD LIMIT]**

**RESPONSE: (Yes)**

**RESPONSE: [Yes]** An Ontario NDP government will modernize the Ontario Building Code and the Ontario Traffic Manual to prioritize sustainability and reduce negative environmental impacts from new and existing developments.

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