



## Questions for 2022 Municipal Council Candidates



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Mayor

The Port Hope and District Chamber of Commerce is the recognized voice of business in the Municipality of Port Hope. We support all businesses, not just our close to 200 members, and play a key role in advocating on their behalf regarding decisions made by levels of government that may impact them.

These questions are being asked as background research to form individual question(s) for our meet the candidate events and to keep the business community informed of your outlooks with regard to the future of the Municipality of Port Hope. Please be advised that your responses will be shared in full or in part with the community through our membership, community publications and Social Media networks.

### **1. What is your plan for the Municipality over the next 4 years?**

The Municipality Is Not Perfect But It Needs Improvements ,, Such A Zero To Low Tax Increase Yearly, Fix Roads In Both Urban And Rural Areas ,, Rural Area Needs Better Internet Service And Protect Farms And Farmland From Sprawling Bad Planned Development ,, Urban Needs To Speed Up The LLRW Cleanup And Must Be More Efficient ,, Also There Is a Couple Departments That Need To Be Re Organized .

### **2. What do you believe is the biggest issue facing the business sector in the Municipality and how do you plan to address it?**

Businesses Need Help with Rebounding After Covid, Better Help with Events and Advertising to Attract More People to Buy Local.

### **3. Explain your understanding of economic development and describe the significance to our community.**

Economic Development to The Community Is Essential to Port Hope, We Have to Change Our Attitude to People and Businesses That We Are Open for Business.

- 4. The downtown core is an integral part of the business community, however there are businesses throughout the municipality including, but not limited to, home based and agri-businesses. What do you believe the municipality can do to support the businesses throughout the entire community and not just in the downtown core?**

Other Businesses Outside the Downtown Core Need to Be Advertised Better and More Events That Will Attract People to These Places.

- 5. The municipality has been restructuring and reconsidering their approach to economic development, building and planning. What do you think the best thing the municipality can do in the short, mid and long term to better support growth and development in a fair, timely and financially sound way?**

We Need to Have a New and Better Econ Plan That Reflects New Things for Port Hope and The Residents.

- 6. Agriculture and rural businesses are a key piece of the economic viability of this community. What do you think the Municipality should be doing to better support this sector?**

We Are So Lucky to Have Great Rural Business and Fresh from Farm to Table Products, Again We Need to Include These Places in All Our Advertising from The Chamber and The Municipality, Also Maybe Have Events to Tour These Great Spots??