



Questions for 2022 Municipal Council Candidates



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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?

I am planning to do a lot of work for my fellow residents. I plan to serve with all of us in mind.

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

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

Economic development has many sources from Federal, provincial, and municipal governments. Basically, through different funding injections they attempt to create growth and stimulate employment.

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?

That is a great question, I will work with all local business to promote them.

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 ?

I will have to look into this further to answer properly.

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?

Rural business is as much the foundation of the community and I would like to work with them to create more traffic.