



Labour Councils have a proud history of local community involvement and participation. We appreciate the important role that municipal governance plays in the daily lives of our members and their families. The following priorities were developed in consultations with local unions and community groups and will go a long way to make our communities a better place for everyone. **Municipalities Matter!**

INFRASTRUCTURE

Building vibrant, thriving communities means smart planning and development with special consideration for how we care for our citizens and preserve our heritage.

We want:

- Adequate, affordable, accessible housing and community centres, libraries, and public services that meet the needs of our citizens.
- Public water and waste water is key so everyone in our communities are assured fresh, safe water as a basic right.
- Public affordable transit is a must. We need to also increase bicycle lanes, walking trails, and green spaces.
- No to the Public-Private-Partnership (P3) model of service delivery, they have been proven not to work in cities across this country.

PROCUREMENT: A "MADE-IN-CANADA" PURCHASING POLICY

Our city councils spend a huge portion of our tax dollars purchasing goods and services to run our cities. Procurement is a powerful economic stimulus and should be used as such. **We want:**

- "Buy Local, Buy Canadian" procurement policies to support local businesses and jobs.
- Local Councils should pressure the federal and provincial government to "Buy Canadian".

MUNICIPAL REVENUES AND TAXATION

From every tax dollar collected in Canada, municipalities receive only 8¢! To maintain local public services, municipalities need long-term, predictable, stable funding.

- Municipal Councils should challenge the provincial and federal government to improve the funding regime for municipalities.
- Councils should lead ongoing public consultation and education about municipal taxes.

A LIVING WAGE: FAIR WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS

Wage inequality is the root cause of many social problems our communities confront on a daily basis.

City Councils should:

- Adopt a living wage policy.
- Maintain public services.
- Include fair wage/working conditions requirements within municipal procurement policy.

SUSTAINABILITY: THE GREEN AGENDA

Green jobs, green spaces, houses and buildings. City Council should implement a sustainability plan that includes:

- A serious public debate about urban density/urban sprawl.
- Balanced development with land use for agriculture, parks, etc.
- A local recycling program (organics and solids).

EDUCATION

Our children's education is the foundation of a productive society. As provincial governments head into another round of cuts the underfunding of our school boards will continue. **We need strong school trustees who will advocate for:**

- Publicly funded and delivered education.
- A new education funding formula.
- A limit on class sizes.



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FOR CANDIDATES WHO
SUPPORT WORKING FAMILIES

City of Hamilton

Mayor:

Fred Eisenberger

Councillors:

Ward 1 — Brian McHattie

Ward 3 — Bob Black

Ward 4 — Sam Merulla

Ward 5 — Jaswinder Bedi

Ward 7 — Scott Duvall

Ward 8 — Bruce Whitelaw

Ward 9 — Geraldine McMullen

Ward 11 — Brenda Johnson

Ward 13 — Ron Tammer

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board

School Trustees:

Ward 3 — Tim Simmons

Ward 6 — Jeannie Martel

Ward 7 — Marlon Picken

Ward 8 — Wes Hicks

Ward 9 & 10 — Robert Barlow

Ward 11 & 12 — Alex Johnstone

Ward 13 — Jessica Brennan

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LABOUR'S PLAN TO BUILD
**VIBRANT & SUSTAINABLE
COMMUNITIES**
ACROSS CANADA

PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

Creating jobs by building the
communities we need for the future

PROCUREMENT

A "Made in Canada" purchasing policy

MUNICIPAL REVENUES

Building a sustainable fiscal base for
our cities & communities

FAIR WAGES & WORKING CONDITIONS

SUSTAINABILITY

Labour's green agenda

EDUCATION

