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*The following answers were provided by the candidate in response to [a letter sent by the Toronto Society of Architects on September 20, 2022](#) outlining three questions related to issues of the built environment. Answers have been copied and pasted into this page for clarity and ease of access, but all answers are verbatim and no changes or edits have been made.*

**Q1: Housing is a fundamental human right, and yet an increasing number of residents across the Greater Toronto Area are struggling to pay rent or find an affordable place to live. What policies and actions do you believe need to be implemented to address this crisis?**

**A:** With respect to housing, as a lower tier municipality, subsidized housing is outside my mandate (when I am elected). Changing zoning to require a mix of housing sizes would help to provide some more “affordable” housing - I put affordable in quotes because what is affordable is a relative term based on one’s income. What is really needed is more subsidized housing, particularly in the Town of Georgina. I think of all the wartime housing that was built. Why can’t a similar program of building small housing be initiated. Surely even a small home is better than no home.

**Q2: The design, construction and operation of our built environment accounts for nearly 40% of energy related carbon emissions, contributing to the ongoing climate crisis affecting us today. What do you believe needs to be prioritised to reduce carbon emissions within the built environment?**

**Q3: In towns and cities, so much of life happens in the shared public spaces—in our parks, libraries and streets. How can we ensure these civic spaces achieve design excellence in their initial conception and construction, and that they are properly maintained so they may continue to serve future generations?**

**A:** One of the things that would help address the last two issues you mentioned would be for the Ontario Building Code to incorporate CSA A478, Durability in Buildings. Apparently, the Building Code Committee is reluctant to do so, which is bothersome.