

# Jonathan Scott

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Simcoe Region

*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:** Since being elected in by-election in 2020, I have helped pursue a variety of development applications in Ward 2, which represents the older end of the rapidly growing Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury. The majority of these projects have been in-fill within existing residential neighbourhoods, as well as condo applications in our downtown core and soon near our GO Transit hub. Further, I have also supported a pilot project for a church to house residential trailers for those on social assistance. I am open to an array of policies that ensures housing for everyone and also helps to revitalize my ward.

**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 prioritized to reduce carbon emissions within the built environment?**

**A:** I have initiated a town-wide Master Climate Mitigation Strategy process in our town. I have also pursued a variety of environmental initiatives to help mitigate the development in our region, including the landmark fed-prov agreement to fund a Lake Simcoe phosphorous recycling facility. On a more granular level, as vice-chair of our library board I have championed conversion of all lighting in the library to LED. I moved a motion to slash our bus transit fees to \$1. As chair of our Downtown Revitalization Committee, I have also spearheaded a complete-streets transformation of our Main Street. I've also pursued park revitalization, conversation area expansion and other nature solutions. I am committed to addressing climate change impacts.

**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:** This term, I helped shepherd urban design guidelines through approval. I am committed to a beautiful, vibrant revitalization of my ward that focuses on preserving heritage and our unique country/urban mix.