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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:** There is no doubt that there is an increasing need for sustainable and affordable housing solutions. The Town of Caledon is in the process of designing green development standards that will guide future development in our community. I strongly believe that, at minimum, 10% of new housing should be affordable, low-income or purpose built rental housing - helping to encourage a range of housing options in any new development.

**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?**

**A:** We need to be bold and innovative and we need to act quickly if we want to escape the worst impacts of Climate Change. Our focus should be on creating sustainable communities through gentle density and mixed-use communities that are Greenbelt friendly, farmer friendly, wildlife friendly and builds climate resilience amongst residents. Furthermore, we must do our best to protect greenspaces and prime agricultural land - both valuable carbon sinks, sequestering more carbon than they release.

**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:** In order to achieve design excellence in the conception and construction of our civic spaces in the Town of Caledon two critical steps need to be taken - we need to explore examples of successful civic spaces in similar size municipalities and, we need to engage the community in meaningful ways throughout the design process. Meaningful community engagement creates a space for the community to come together to share knowledge and build a common vision. When spaces are designed around the needs and values of community members we also foster a feeling of pride and ownership - ensuring that these spaces will be cared for for years to come.