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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: We could collaborate with residents to renovate and reinvent existing homes (such as allowing for in-law suites and rental units) and with property owners to restructure / rezone any under-utilized buildings and properties within existing settlement boundaries. Any new building, development and boundary expansion should not be a one size fits all approach (such as building thousands of single family homes) which means working with developers to accommodate the varying needs of a large aging population and the differing needs of various cultures, lifestyles and future generations.

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: Caledon is currently creating Green Development Standards (as are many other municipalities) with the help of a facilitator and input from various environmental groups. I would recommend that developers and associations such as TSA are also consulted on which changes to carbon emitting practises are most feasible and can be implemented immediately as green standards while working towards other more complex practises to be implemented in the future.

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: I feel that residents and persons using these spaces have terrific ideas on what they would need and how to maintain these spaces for future generations. Public consultation is first and then implementation would need professional consultation on how to best design and achieve these ideas.