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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: Firstly I believe that zoning regulations could be slightly altered in my rural municipality and that may entice some development. Muskoka has deemed the mid 600K the attainable cost of a house. Working with Habitat for Humanity I can confirm that. Development must have restrictions on it to add smaller 4 unit buildings in neighbourhoods on sewer and water and this would help house people as well. Interest rates will come down and seniors will change residences over the next decade and that will also add units to the mix.

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: I believe that the Ontario Government could look at the building code and make changes. Lower emissions construction materials are available however developers have many hurdles to be allowed to use them. This government could then spend some money on education to get the developers on side. Finally the customers need to learn more about what can be done and this should be made a priority.

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: The public spaces in rural towns need better design to be more energy efficient and allow further mixed use. As small rural towns develop multi purpose hubs the Province should assist again with education and if it is available it should be more accessible. Small interest groups need to be better informed as to what could be offered in these spaces because the knowledge is out there but it is difficult to find.