

1. 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?

- Council has been reviewing and searching for a proper way to alleviate this issue in Orangeville in this recent term. A plan of action for a facility or shelter that can support the homeless members of our community, is something that should be considered being developed soon. Whether this is an existing property or is something that needs to be built from scratch, council has an integral role in resolving this issue quickly, without any lengthy delay or procrastination.

2. 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?

- Proper review of pre-construction plans are essential in this process. Weighing out whether utilizing solar power at newly built facilities or finding other energy efficient solutions available, such as geo-thermal heating and cooling would also potentially help alleviate this alarming carbon emissions rate. The environment is a top priority, very relevant, and a high-priority issue for me, personally. The same sentiment needs to be considered and conveyed by Town council. Giving priority to developers that use energy efficient processes should be a part of the assessment and planning of future business, industrial, and residential development.

3. 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?

- Design of these public facilities and spaces should be scrutinized, with the potential to have plans reviewed by reliable third-parties or experts on construction standards and technology. We have seen some recent examples of past failure to assess planning of facilities properly, with our Town and previous negligence or running with a potentially low-cost development plan on this issue, is costing the Town valuable money and time in the present, for a major unexpected project at Alder recreation facility. We should also consider dedicating increased funding and additional employees to these common shared spaces, so that the needs of the community are met accordingly, with increasing demand.