

Hello,

Thank you for the opportunity to answer these questions.

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?

Answer: All future development must have an allotment for affordable housing.

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?

Answer: We need to ensure that existing buildings are inspected, maintained and refurbished. Refurbishment should include utilizing green products and technologies. We need to ensure all buildings are in good order and remain that way, even if vacant, to avoid demolishing and rebuilding. New builds and renovations must be utilizing the most current green materials.

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?

Answer: We must insist that the design utilizes LID in every aspect of the project. Once built and functional, there must be budget allotted to ensure the space is maintained and retrofit any repairs to include new LID practices.