

2SLGBTQIA+ Questionnaire for Waterloo Region Municipal Candidates

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Do you identify as a member of a 2SLGBTQIA+ community?

Prefer not to answer

What role are you running for?

Ward 5 city of Waterloo councillor

What do you believe are the most critical issues for the local 2SLGBTQIA+ community? If elected, how would you work with the local community to address these issues?

As I previously stated in my profile, everyone is of equal value. I sometimes feel discriminated for my differences, such as age etc. My hope to address our differences is to celebrate, rather than discriminate, so that all people are treated equally and no service is withheld from anyone who is in need.

Have you ever participated in 2SLGBTQIA+ Cultural Competency Training?

somewhat, yes, but it never hurts to have more training

Systemic homophobia, biphobia, and transphobia are still prevalent in our community, resulting in significant socioeconomic disparities within 2SLGBTQIA+ communities. If elected, how will you combat homophobia, biphobia, and transphobia?

As I said before, everyone is of equal value. How would I want to be treated if I was walking in their shoes?

If elected, how would you address the ongoing issues of homelessness and mental health, especially as they disproportionately affect members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community?

I am currently getting to know some people with no homes. Some people without homes (and/or mental health issues) have identified empty buildings within the city that might be suitable as permanent shelters. I believe where there is a will, there is a way to provide housing within months that will reduce or eliminate the useless shuffling around of our community members living without a home.

Do you agree with the statement that "trans rights are human rights, and must be protected as such?"

yes, as above

What is one motion would you bring to council that you think will improve the lives of specifically queer people, racialized individuals and/or marginalized residents and why?

Well, one of the people that fits this description has suggested eating a home cooked meal with someone like myself that appears to be a non-marginalized person. I like this suggestion and I plan on doing just that!

When thinking about our schools, do you agree that 2SLGBTQIA+ representation in books and lessons is critical at all grade levels? How would you support 2SLGBTQIA+ students in schools?

From my own personal experience, I was bullied as a kid for being or looking different. I'm age 87 and when I was a kid, we didn't even know about bullying or discrimination. And just being able to identify one's own negative attitude towards another person who looks or believes or thinks differently needs to be acknowledged and valued, not condemned. So yes, I support books and lessons for ALL differences that kids and people encounter.