

2SLGBTQIA+ Questionnaire for Waterloo Region Municipal Candidates



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

No

What role are you running for?

City of Cambridge Ward Councilor 5

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?

I believe that the biggest issue is the lack of understanding within the community. I will recommend all the necessary measures to educate people for better understanding and their acceptance in society. I would aim to host an annual event with all local organizations, stakeholders, community members and government officials where the goal would be to raise awareness and celebrate the identity of 2SLGBTQIA + Community .

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

I haven't formally participated in 2SLGBTQIA+ Cultural Competency Training but would love to if given the opportunity.

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?

The main thing I would do to combat homophobia, biphobia and transphobia is to create more awareness within our communities. As well as make sure to create an open conversation on these topics which have become taboo for no legitimate reason and hopefully this would allow for the bridging of the gap.

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

Both homelessness and mental health are the result of social, economic and educational disparities. If we analyze the 2SLGBTQIA + Community under the same circumstances of homelessness and mental health then these problems become more serious and worst due to the lack of understanding and awareness among the decision makers, society and academia. I will enforce the current by-laws to protect their rights and speak for them fearlessly and suggest changes in accordance to the changing world.

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

Yes, every one has equal rights and deserves equal rights.

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?

I strongly believe on diversity and inclusiveness in ideas and concepts. I will enforce the existing by-laws and introduce new laws to empower them economically and socially for their sustainable growth based on their skill set and competency.

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?

I believe the representation of 2SLGBTQIA+ is valuable in books and school lessons as it familiarizes kids and students about the diverse and inclusive community in the world. It is important that kids learn to value and respect all human beings and our schools can be a starting point. The main thing I would do to show my support for 2SLGBTQIA+ students is make more accessible resources available for them.