

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?

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?

Acceptance by the general public. I will continue to promote education and understanding in my community. I will ensure that Council will continue to advocate on behalf of all residents and that every person is included.

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

No

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?

I will promote education. I will speak out against discrimination

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

These are important issues that affect our society. I will continue to vote in favour of grants and support for organizations that work with homelessness and mental health issues

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

Yes

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?

A motion to affirm the intrinsic human rights of all members of our society. This motion would be all inclusive. I believe this would help to educate the public by opening up a discussion.

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?

Yes. Information and support needs to be available to any person at any time.