

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?

Township Council

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?

Inclusivity and access to facilities. Addressing issues of discrimination and bigotry.

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 not stand for any behaviour that doesn't treat a person as a person. I will not stand for any form of hate or 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?

This is an issue that needs to be addressed in general. I will work with regional partners and township staff to come up with solutions that will address access to shelters, affordable housing, and mental health services in our Township. I believe we have some great facilities and services now but we can continue to improve.

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

Yes. A person is a person and are free to be who they are.

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 will be working to bring our community together and help build bridges across communities. We are too divided and not working together to find solutions that are beneficial for our entire community. I want to continue to enhance our services and support as much as we can within our township's jurisdiction.

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?

This is for the school board and trustees to decide and outside my potential mandate.