

CAMERON
KROETSCH
City Councillor



WARD 2



Ward 2 Neighbourhood Town Hall - Central

Bridgeworks
May 30, 2023 - 7:00pm

Agenda for the Ward 2 Town Hall

- Introduction to the Ward 2 Team
- Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
 - Role and responsibilities
 - Ward 2
 - Central
- Questions and answers

Town Hall Code of Conduct

- Questions at end of each section and at **the end**
- Raise your hand - we'll keep a speakers list
- Kindness and generosity first - no yelling, name calling, or rudeness - we'll adjourn the meeting
- Interrupt if you need clarity or help

Introductions to the Ward 2 Team

- The Ward 2 Team is -
 - Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
 - Constituency Coordinators -
 - Hasnain Khan
 - Liesl Thomas

Harm reduction principles

- Everything we do in the Ward 2 office is centred around the principles of harm reduction -
 - **Reducing harm** for those most impacted
 - Avoiding practices that could **increase harm**
 - Building systems focused on **support and care**

My role as Ward 2 City Councillor

- Citywide **budget** deliberations
- **Strategic** decision-making
- 1/16 of the **vote** around the Council table
- **Consulted** on operational matters in Ward 2
- Responsible for stewarding **Ward 2 funding**

My role as Ward 2 City Councillor

- **Committee participation** - 45 Standing Committees, Sub-Committees, and Boards
- 19 are **mandatory** - not including Ward 2 staples like the Hamilton Waterfront Trust, Art Gallery of Hamilton, and Hamilton Farmers' Market

My role as Ward 2 City Councillor

- **Most mandatory committees** of any member of City Council, including the Mayor
- Hamilton Police Services Board - I have an **additional obligation** to ensure that I am neither interfering in police operations or directing officers

My role as Ward 2 City Councillor

- Currently the Chair of 2 Boards and 1 Standing Committee -
 - Audit, Finance and Administration Committee
 - Hamilton Waterfront Trust Board of Trustees
 - Hamilton Farmers' Market Board of Directors

My role as Ward 2 City Councillor

- Currently the Vice Chair of 2 Sub-Committees -
 - Governance Review Sub-Committee
 - Grants Sub-Committee

Some of my responsibilities

- I represent Ward 2 but I also represent every Hamiltonian across the city as a member of Council
- I have to balance my responsibilities to individuals and communities
- I can't represent everyone on every issue

Some of my responsibilities

- I intend on doing my job ethically, which means -
 - Not interfering in the City's operations
 - Intervening as a policy maker
 - Governing with clarity and thoroughness
 - Centring equity in decision making

Questions about
my role or
responsibilities?

City Hall and the Ward 2 office

- Ward 2 by comparison
- How the Ward 2 Team works
- Selection for ABSs and HPSB
- 2023 priority setting sessions
- Website at **ward2hamilton.ca**

Questions about
City Hall or the
Ward 2 office?

Motions at Council and Committee

- Funding for affordable housing - HSIR, CHH
- New encampment protocol - August 2023
- Restructuring Board of Health governance
- Meeting breaks and end times
- Increase to Councillors' office budget - \$29k

Motions at Council and Committee

- Waiving of street festival fees
- Adequate temperature bylaw
- Renovictions bylaw
- Increased service levels for litter collection
- Continuation of the ERASE grant

Motions at Council and Committee

- Park, alleyway, and railway corridor cleanups
- Fair Wage Policy review
- Money spent on the Commonwealth Games
- Consolidation of planning application with COA
- Dissolution of the Hamilton Waterfront Trust

Motions at Council and Committee

- Pride crosswalks in the International Village
- Funding for the YWCA
- Indigenous-led Discovery Centre process
- Pedestrian safety at monthly art crawls
- Vacant unit tax program

Questions about
what I've moved
or seconded?

Ward 2 issues and highlights

- Street safety - sidewalks, traffic calming
- Encampments and houselessness
- Affordable housing - Jamesville, Pier 8
- Expansion of greenspaces and parks
- Protection of the urban tree canopy

Ward 2 issues and highlights

- Area Rating Reserve + other funds -
 - \$10,289,262.41 total > **\$9,772,497.41** available
 - Community grants program > **\$232,212.00**
 - What didn't get done?
 - Disclosure of previous funding

Questions about
Ward 2 issues and
highlights?

Central issues and highlights

- Grand opening of Central Park?
- HUPEG and the Entertainment District
- Hamilton Farmers' Market and the City Centre
- Film district and Barton-Tiffany lands
- Hamilton Alliance for Tiny Shelters

Questions about
Central issues and
highlights?

Questions and answers

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