

CAMERON
KROETSCH
City Councillor



WARD 2



Ward 2 Neighbourhood Town Hall - Corktown

Church of the Ascension
June 28, 2023 - 6:30pm

Agenda for the Ward 2 Town Hall

- Introduction to the Ward 2 Team
- Ward 2 profile
- Role and responsibilities
- Ward 2 issues and highlights
- Corktown issues and highlights
- 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 - full time
 - Liesl Thomas - full time
 - Joey McCullough - part time

Ward 2 profile

- Population - nearly 40,000 - around 20,000 voters
- Number of businesses in BIAs - 700
- Density - almost 20,000 households
- Size - 1,293 ac, 523 ha, 5.23 km²
- Tenant to owner ratio - 3:1 - more than 70% rent

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 every resident 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

- How the Ward 2 Team works
- 2023 priority setting sessions and outcomes
- Selection Committees
- Community Grants program
- 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
- Co-operative housing support
- Open streets for local and citywide festivals

Motions at Council and Committee

- Adequate temperature bylaw
- Renovictions bylaw
- Increased service levels for litter collection
- Continuation of the ERASE grant
- Support for food security in Wards 2 and 3

Motions at Council and Committee

- Park, alleyway, and railway corridor cleanups
- Fair Wage Policy review
- Transparency around the HUPEG agreements
- 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
- Vacant unit tax program
- Arms' length process to evaluate the City Manager

Questions about
what I've moved
or seconded?

Ward 2 issues and highlights

- Street safety - sidewalks, traffic calming
- Encampments and houselessness - SJAM
- Expansion of greenspaces and parks
- Protection of the urban tree canopy
- Light Rail Transit and Main Street conversion

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?

Corktown issues and highlights

- Major developments in Corktown
- Garbage cans and collection on Augusta Street
- Corktown Park - washrooms, gated area
- Hunter Street East and Wellington Street South
- Multi-use pathways and changes to Young Street

Questions about
Corktown issues
and highlights?

Questions and answers

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