

# Ward 2 Town Hall

## Climate Change and Adaptation

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City Councillor



Tuesday, November 19  
Workers Arts & Heritage Centre  
51 Stuart Street  
7:00pm to 9:00pm

Join the Ward 2 Team, Environment Hamilton, Hamilton 350, and the Hamilton Naturalists' Club to talk about climate change and adaptation in Ward 2

Livestream at [instagram.com/ward2hamilton](https://instagram.com/ward2hamilton)

# Agenda for the Ward 2 Town Hall

- Land acknowledgement
- Town Hall Code of Conduct and introductions
- Platform Priorities from the 2022 election
  - Environmental Stewardship - Ward 2
  - Environmental Stewardship - Citywide

# Land Acknowledgement

- Huron-Wendat, Neutral, Erie, Mississaugas, Haudenosaunee, Anishinaabe
- Haldimand Tract
- Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt



# 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

- **Councillor Cameron Kroetsch**
- **Constituency Coordinators -**
  - **Liesl Thomas - full time**
  - **Joey McCullough - full time**
  - **Phoenix Friesen - part time**



# Introductions of the presenters

- Ian Borsuk - Environment Hamilton
- Lucia Iannantuono - Hamilton 350
- Jen Baker - Hamilton Naturalists' Club



# Environmental Stewardship - Ward 2

- **Accelerate the expansion of greenspaces and parks** - this will help to mitigate the effects of urban heat islands and aid in the development of the urban forest canopy; it will help neighbourhoods adapt to rapid change and provide more equitable access to outdoor spaces

# Environmental Stewardship - Ward 2

- **Commit to a minimum of 45% of urban forest canopy cover in the downtown core - this will help to make our climate more resilient and support local biodiversity**

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- **Reduce light and noise pollution in residential neighbourhoods** - this will contribute to making Hamilton a more bird friendly city and provide relief from excessive noise and light

# Environmental Stewardship - Ward 2

- **Develop policy to encourage the adaptive reuse of heritage structures** - this will reduce landfill and waste from the demolition of buildings that have the ability to continue to serve the community

# Environmental Stewardship - Ward 2

- **Provide dedicated space to local food growers at the Hamilton Farmers' Market - this will increase local grocery options downtown, improve overall market traffic, and reduce the costs of transporting food**

# Environmental Stewardship - Citywide

- **Upgrade the City's capacity for monitoring the quality and condition of the air, water, and land that we steward** - this will allow us to more readily determine when there has been contamination so that we can more quickly address it

# Environmental Stewardship - Citywide

- **Implement mandatory Green Development Standards (GDS) for all new development** - this will increase energy efficiency to reduce energy costs, minimize greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs), decrease stormwater impacts to address infrastructure costs, improve public health, and preserve the natural environment

# Environmental Stewardship - Citywide

- **Support a smoke stack monitoring program -**  
this will directly fund the work being done by local  
non-profit organizations who are currently  
monitoring the status of the industrial sector and  
create better public reporting and accountability

# Environmental Stewardship - Citywide

- **Introduce a new fee structure for development or building improvements that increase the burden on our stormwater system** - this will ensure transparent, equitable, and sustainable funding of additional stormwater infrastructure and will incentivize innovation to reduce future impacts to areas like Cootes Paradise

# Environmental Stewardship - Citywide

- **Hire additional City staff to prioritize Hamilton's declared climate emergency** - this will remove the responsibility from a small team, integrate expertise across the organization, and ensure that there are actionable timelines and robust plans for the Community Energy & Emissions Plan (CEEP) and Climate Change Impact Adaptation Planning (CCIAP)

# Environmental Stewardship - Citywide

- **Remove built obstructions to local waterways (daylighting)** - this will improve the City's natural biodiversity and the health of nearby ecosystems; this will also help to reduce heat impacts in adjacent areas and provide relief to nearby wildlife