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Municipal Election Candidates' Survey - 2018**

1. Affordability of housing for first-time home buyers and availability of housing alternatives for seniors is a problem throughout Niagara Region; would you consider offering developers incentives to address this shortfall and what might they be?
2. There is a need on behalf of commuters who use public transit to link all the communities of Niagara; the creation of transit hubs so that municipal services can interact with each other could enable this. What provisions would you support to facilitate this initiative?
3. The provincial government has enabled regions to introduce Regional Taxation – effectively creating another tax burden on home buyers such as the second land transfer tax as in place in the GTA; if introduced in Niagara Region, what position would you take?
4. Every community in the Niagara Region is experiencing incremental growth development which is often the source of conflict between developers and members of established communities who are opposed to development – “not in my backyard”; how do you reconcile the two polar-opposite positions for the benefit of all?
5. Most candidates talk about working together, about replacing conflict with unity, and about making governance more transparent and effective, to foster an environment where things get done for the benefit of the constituents they serve; what role would you play in ensuring this happens?
6. The legalization of Cannabis has created legislative challenges at all levels of government; does current smoking by-law legislation suffice or do other initiatives need to be introduced and if so what do you recommend?

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| St. Catharines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do we handle the challenge of low income housing and homelessness in the city? | Wainfleet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public access to shoreline is being limited by private ownership. What action, if any, do you feel should be taken to address this situation? |
| Thorold <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are you in favour of continuing the additional regulations on residential rentals that were recently implemented and why? | Fort Erie <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public access to shoreline is being limited by private ownership. What action, if any, do you feel should be taken to address this situation? |
| Niagara Falls <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do we handle the challenge of low income housing and homelessness in the city? | Welland <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are you in favour of implementing additional regulations on residential rentals and why? |
| Lincoln <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are your thoughts on Prudhommes Landing intensification and the effects it will have on all of Lincoln? | Grimsby <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are you in favour of the urban development that is happening in Stoney Creek continuing into Grimsby? |
| Pelham <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are your thoughts on proliferation of marijuana growth and processing facilities in Pelham? | Port Colborne <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public access to shoreline is being limited by private ownership. What action, if any, do you feel should be taken to address this situation? |
| NOTL – N/A | West Lincoln – N/A |