Municipal Election Events & Information Sheet

Municipal election season is upon is! There are numerous events around the Region between now and October 27 – we have listed these including where you can find more information about candidates, and some suggested environmental questions you might ask them at an event, or at your door. - Admission is free to all events -

Event: <u>Kitchener Mayoral Election Forum</u>

Date & Location: Wednesday October 8, Crowne Plaza Kitchener-Waterloo, 105 King St. E, Kitchener **Time:** 7:00-9:00 PM

Event: Cambridge Ward All-Candidates Debate

Host: Big Brothers Big Sisters **Date & Location:** Thursday October 9, Wesley United Church, 6 Cambridge St., Cambridge **Time:** 6:30-8:30 PM

Event: Regional Chair Election Forum

Date & Location: Thursday October 9, Crowne Plaza Kitchener-Waterloo, 105 King St. E, Kitchener **Time:** 7:00-9:00 PM

Event: All candidates Environmental Election Forum/Potluck dessert **Host:** <u>GREN</u>, <u>REEP Green Solutions</u> & <u>Sustainable Waterloo Region</u> **Topic:** Environmental issues in Waterloo Region **Date & Location:** Tuesday October 14, WalterFedy, 674 Queen St S #111, Kitchener **Time:** 7:00-9:30 PM

Event: North Dumfries Candidates Debate

Host: Social Planning Council Cambridge North Dumfries, YWCA Cambridge
Topic: Social, cultural and economic issues facing our community
Date & Location: Tuesday October 14, Grand Valley Golf & Country Club, 1910 Roseville Rd., Cambridge
Time: 6:30-9:00 PM

Event: Cambridge Mayoral Election Forum

Date & Location: Tuesday October 14, Holiday Inn, 200 Holiday Inn Dr., Cambridge **Time:** 7:00-9:00 PM

Event: <u>A Cultural Exchange 4.0</u>

Topic: The future of arts and culture in Waterloo region **Date & Location:** October 15, The Museum, 10 King St W., Kitchener **Time:** 7:00 PM

Event: <u>Waterloo Mayoral Election Forum</u>

Date & Location: Wednesday, October 15, Waterloo Inn Conference Hotel, 475 King St. N., Waterloo **Time:** 7:00-9:00 PM

Event: <u>Cambridge All Candidates Meeting</u>

Host: Social Planning Council Cambridge North Dumfries, YWCA Cambridge
Topic: Social, cultural and economic issues facing our community
Date & Location: Thursday October 16, Wesley United Church, 6 Cambridge Street, Cambridge
Time: 7:00-9:00 PM

Event: <u>All Candidates Session – Kitchener</u>

Host: Social Planning Council Kitchener-Waterloo **Date & Location:** Tuesday October 21, Kitchener City Hall, 200 King St. W., Kitchener **Time:** 6:30-9:00 PM

Event: All Candidates Session - Waterloo

Host: Social Planning Council Kitchener-Waterloo **Date & Location:** Wednesday October 22, First United Church, 16 William St. W., Waterloo **Time:** 6:30-9:00 PM

Want to find out more?

- Make sure you are on the voters list for your City!
- Region of Waterloo <u>complete list of candidates</u>
- Watch the <u>one-on-one videos</u> interviews recorded the Cambridge COC recorded with each candidate
- The Record <u>municipal election section</u>
- Watch footage taken from <u>Mayoral/Candidate/Regional Chair debates</u>

What should you ask candidates?

We want to equip you with some questions to ask candidates; here are some of our suggestions.

REEP suggests:

- 1. Do you agree that improving residential energy efficiency contributes to economic development for the City of Kitchener/Waterloo/Cambridge/Region of Waterloo?
- 2. What do you think should be the role of the municipality in creating energy efficiency incentives and programs for residents and businesses?
- 3. As a Councilor/Mayor/Regional Chair will you support the Region's LRT project?

Sustainable Waterloo Region suggests:

- 1. What steps have you taken personally or professionally that shows your commitment to sustainability in our community?
- 2. How will you support organizations that are working towards environmental sustainability?
- 3. How will you support the region wide community greenhouse gas reduction plan, also known as ClimateActionWR?
- 4. How will you ensure your city reduces its in-house GHG emissions and improves its sustainability efforts?

Grand River Environmental Network suggests:

- 1. In 2010, the Region of Waterloo established a fixed countryside line to protect farmland and natural areas from urban sprawl. What will you do to implement and enforce it?
- 2. What will you do to protect and enhance all natural environmental features, such as ESL's (Environmentally Sensitive Landscapes), Greenlands Network, and Hidden Valley?
- 3. What are your plans to reduce impermeable hard surfaces in urban areas that cause devastating flooding, sewage discharge overflows, and disrupt natural flow to water recharge areas critical for our water supplies?
- 4. What will you do to enhance livability in our region through public transportation services, ease of walking and bicycling, and sharing of transportation options?