

# Municipal Elections 2022 Waterloo Region-Woolwich Township

1. Cities/urban centres are responsible for 80% of our greenhouse gas emissions. What is in your plans to reduce that?
2. What are your plans to support a 15-Minute City where everything we need can be accessed by foot or bike in that time and reduce vehicle use?
3. The [Doughnut Economy](#) is a working model that addresses both social and environmental issues to create a livable future for everyone without exceeding Earth's ability to provide. What are your priorities to meet these challenges?
4. Optional question: Do you have campaign donations from speculators/developers and, if so, what percentage of your funding?

## Township of Woolwich Mayor

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1. Woolwich Township has declared a climate emergency and has made commitments through Transform Waterloo Region to reduce GHG by 50% by 2030 and 80% by 2050. Woolwich Township is a member of Climate Action Waterloo Region working as a region collectively to reduce GHG. Woolwich has a Climate Action Implementation Plan and is working towards more concrete measures. Through Trees For Woolwich we have planted over 50,000 trees and that group is also working on a tree reserve in Elmira.

As an elected official, I joined the Climate Caucus, a national environmental organization of elected officials and policymakers in 2018. I use the Climate Caucus to get additional resources and information about the action taken in other parts of the country.

2. Through the planning process I will continue to support the concept of 15-Minute communities. I support the mix-use of commercial/retail with residential providing services right where people live. I participated and supported in the creation of the Elmira Downtown Urban Review and forward-looking plan for redevelopment of our downtown core. Increasing building height with main-floor commercial/retail with higher density residential will be a boon for our core and support the 15-Minute community concept.

3. As a small municipality we certainly have a role to play in curbing our GHG emissions. I will continue to make sure we apply a climate lens to reports and projects that come forward and be mindful of the impact we have on our lands in Woolwich and Waterloo Region. Protecting farmland should be more of a priority here in Waterloo Region as we are fortunate to have prime agricultural lands ideal for crop and food production. Policies to further strengthen those protections must happen to curb unnecessary mining of aggregate and destroy the quality of the soils for future generations.

4.All of my campaign donations are from private donors as per the Ontario Election Finance Act. Candidates can not accept donations from corporations or private enterprises.

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- 1) I see your not aware I am a member of Green Party Ontario, plus I ran as one of their GPO Candidates, this June, in Oxford, which has super great plans I fully support, advocate, in reducing greenhouse gas emissions , plus I'm a member of David Suzuki protect our planet, climate, environment!
- 2) In Elmira, City Council currently has in place plans to support 15 minute community, I plan to commit, give it all my support!
- 3) This morning I reviewed Donut Economy Hub Lab, I have always supported Universal Service Care, Universal Human Rights, sharing supporting other countries with our resources, to help build better futures, for all, as I believe it's our purpose in life to all work collaboratively towards Service People Universally, Protect Planent, Environment Climate, ( as there is history proof great societies have fallen when they dont)so we are moving forward so all communities benefit in Betterment of Humanity Societies!
- 4) So we will be campaigning , but I decided not to ask people, to collect donations to support my election campaign, which I'm proud of this choice, one reason I'm doing this, is to show people I can do something, accomplish great things with no money, so it inspires motivates people into action, no money, is no reason to hold you back, it also shows great management, budget skills, good project, planning, so far my goal is no donations, to which I'm proud to say I purposely raised no money, I TURNED DOWN all donations, I just talk to people, did interviews, questionnaire surveys, social media, , so No, I did not accept any money from Speculators, developers to try to win service, as my no campaign donations goal it's an opportunity to success window!

Only way to show people I can be creative, innovative, be careful with zero budget financial planning, you CAN do something with nothing, plus I'm full of optimism!

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I have included some campaign material I developed.

[https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=65e2b0e818&attid=0.1&permmsgid=msg-f:1745683008924664675&th=1839e9729563c363&view=att&disp=safe&realattid=f\\_l8sykaal0](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=65e2b0e818&attid=0.1&permmsgid=msg-f:1745683008924664675&th=1839e9729563c363&view=att&disp=safe&realattid=f_l8sykaal0)

1.As you can see, one of my three pillars is environmental sustainability. It would be disingenuous to list what my plan is to reduce that because I am no expert. What I would seek to do is look to our citizens, especially any experts to provide advice on the best course of action. My campaign mentions increasing tree canopy coverage and continuing decontamination of elmira's aquifer. I also want to continue to encourage the use of walking paths and bike trails.

2.To answer your second question, I think we need to increase access and availability of paths that people want to use. This includes bikes and walking paths. I think there is a need for developers to have a concrete vision and plan for this type of development before proceeding further. This needs to be more than an optional landscaping package.

3.For your third question, I would again cite campaign material I included. I recognize the complex social problems we face together. Solutions start at the local level. I want to empower our community to meet these challenges head on. I don't want to shy away from difficult conversations. Conflict leads to progress. I want to bring leadership and voice to these important issues so we can address them together.

4.For your fourth question, I have a personal budget of \$1000. I have used this exclusively to print out copies of the attached flyer, which I have been walking around town distributing myself. I have done no fundraising and have no plans to.

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1. I have been working to retain green space within our communities for a very long time. There are already groups that plant trees; we can build on their momentum to implement other strategies to reduce emissions. Put simple tips for reducing carbon footprints on the website or in a recurring community newsletter. Start an online "ride share board" to encourage carpooling. Host online or in-person "How do you do that?" to provide homeowners with knowledge for reducing emissions.

2. Work to find an investor to put in satellite substations that could house different needed services in various locations around the community. Expand the use of the Kawaniis buses in Elmira and other communities.

3. Seek information directly from people in the community experiencing hunger, homelessness, discrimination, and other social issues. Within the zones mentioned above, people will get to know more of their neighbours as they encounter them in going about their daily business. When you get to know them, you develop more concern for them and possibly more desire to help them with their issues. As you get to know them as people, you begin to treat them as neighbours. Smaller zones also have a tendency to be protected by those living there. There might also be neighbourhood book or discussion groups, etc. that could take on issues from a global lens, such as from Neil De Grasse Tyson's new book [Starry Messenger: Cosmic Perspectives on Civilization](#).

4. No, I don't have any donations from speculators/developers.

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