



Ecology Action Centre – Candidate Survey 2024

Candidate for Mayor

Name of Candidate: Darryl Johnson

1. The [Halifax Green Network Plan](#) (HGNP) should be used to guide the region's growth, but full implementation of the plan requires resources and enforceable rules to protect important greenspace and wildlife corridors. Will you support the full implementation of the HGNP to protect the Green Network? Explain why or why not (optional).

Yes. It's vital that we have enough green space for our outdoor enthusiasts to enjoy our greenery. We have some of the most beautiful trails, green space and other in the city.

2. Will you commit to ensuring Halifax Transit attracts and retains enough staff to implement the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) network and ferry routes in the [Rapid Transit Strategy](#)? Explain why or why not (optional).

Yes. As Mayor I would revisit the commuter rail to help decrease the amount of vehicles on the road causing population effecting our green space. More staff, more linked buses are also part of my plan and vision. In fact this was on my platform when I ran in the last election for council in district 4. Very important issue with me.

3. Will you commit to implementing the [Road Safety Strategy](#) and achieving its vision of zero injuries and fatalities across all modes of transportation? Explain why or why not (optional).

Yes. Absolutely, as your mayor, safety is important for our cyclist, scooters, wheelchairs and others. More guard rails are needed.

4. Are you committed to ensuring the continued implementation and full funding of the [JustFOOD Action Plan](#) as the municipality's first comprehensive, long-range food strategy, which will increase collaboration across levels of government and among community partners, strengthening our collective capacity to build a just, healthy, and sustainable food system. Explain why or why not (optional).

Yes. As mayor I would commit to this. I personally come areas where food security are issues and as a long term community advocate working with marginalized communities I understand that we need to partner with communities and groups to ensure both long range and short food security issues are met. Collaboration is key to solve community issues such as these.

5. With climate change wreaking heat waves even in temperate climate zones, and the price of home-heating fuel spiking due to global conflict, access to affordable home energy efficiency has become a human right crucial to comfort and standard of living. Cities across Canada are seeing tenants mobilize for these rights. As an elected official, would you support a “right to efficiency” by-law supporting tenants’ rights to affordable energy efficiency support? Explain why or why not (optional).

Yes. Supporting the right to efficiency would benefit those residents that are experiencing homelessness and not being able to afford a home. A long term affordable housing plan will help people get off the street and on their feet. A short term solution to get people in out of the cold is to gut out existing buildings ex: old Spring Garden rd library, St.Pat’s Jr. High and the motel located in Dartmouth Highfield park. Those places could be used as temporary homes while long term housing is being constructed.

6. There are multiple stressors on local freshwater quality and quantity such as increased development and an increase in water-related climate events (e.g., floods, droughts, storms). Do you commit to advocating for and supporting watershed level management in municipal planning? Explain why or why not (optional).

Yes. This will assist with an increase on our water supply. In the event of any of those situations we would have supply available at those sheds.

7. Will you, in the absence of a provincial Coastal Protection Act, advocate for and work towards passing municipal by-laws designed to address development on vulnerable coastal properties and infrastructure? Explain why or why not (optional).

Yes. It would be extremely important to protect our coast lines through municipal by-laws and advocate to address vulnerable coastlines with consultation on infrastructure.

