Ecology Action Centre – Candidate Survey 2024

Candidate for Councillor, District 8 – Halifax Peninsula North

Name of Candidate: Jon Frost

 The <u>Halifax Green Network Plan</u> (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. Not only is this good environmentally, protecting greenspace will encourage density. We need to find creative solutions, not just keep cutting and building.

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 <u>Rapid Transit Strategy</u>? Explain why or why not (optional).

Yes. Absolutely! Transit is key to so many of the City's issues. I would love to see drivers get a raise, in order to attract and keep drivers.

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

Yes, a safe and clean City will help us both environmentally and financially. I would prioritize Rapid Transit options,

4. Are you committed to ensuring the continued implementation and full funding of the <u>JustFOOD Action Plan</u> 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 Climate Change continues, we can only be unsure of so many things, especially food. I long range plan can help prepare and adapt more quickly should we need.

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. Not only good for tenants, but will encourage future build use clean tech.

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. Only makes sense.

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. Plain and simple, this is a Must.