



## Ecology Action Centre – Candidate Survey 2024

### Candidate for Councillor, District 6 – Dartmouth East - Burnside

**Name of Candidate: Tony Mancini**

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. I have and I will continue supported the Green Network Plan.**

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. I have and I will continue to support staffing to implement the Bus Rapid Transit network and ferry routes in the Rapid Transit Strategy. A key new staff addition to Halifax Transit will be a new Director. I have made it very clear the new Director has to come from a transit system that has significant growth and is prepared to present a very bold vision for our transit system.**

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. I have supported and will continue to support the Road Safety Strategy through engineering, education and enforcement. Unfortunately, we have been weak on education and enforcement. I understand there are plans to raise the efforts on education. Enforcement has been a struggle due to less support over the last number of municipal budgets to increase the police budget to hire more officers. We did approve in the last budget to increase officers, but we are in a catch-up mode. I will be advocating for more money in the police budget to hire more officers so there is more enforcement across the municipality.**

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).

**No. I have been a strong advocate for food related programs such the Mobile Food Market, the SquareRoots program and The North Grove. I have personally led the SquareRoots program in Dartmouth and we average over 200 families each month receiving free fresh produce. I have been a strong advocate for The North Grove organization and just last night I was recognized for my strong support over the years. The Just Food program is crossing the line of responsibility into the provincial mandate. I will continue to support the Mobile Food Market, the SquareRoots program and the North Grove. I will continue to advocate to the province to step up their efforts on Food Insecurity.**

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).

**No. I checked no because it was either a no or yes but I don't know. I don't know that such a by-law would look like. I question if we have the authority to implement or enforce such a by-law. I am willing to learn more.**

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. Of course, I support the watershed level management pilot that has recently been approved. One of the pilot lakes is in District 6 at Lake Micmac. I believe our lakes are stressed. It was my motion that re-instated the lake water monitoring program through the Lake Watchers program. I also recently had a motion passed to implement a development height restriction around Lake Micmac. I have also advocated to change the setback around lakes from 20 meters to 30 meters.**

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. I believe in HRM we do have by-laws designed to address development on vulnerable coastal properties. I have also advocated in the new regional plan to change the setback around lakes from 20 meters to 30 meters.**