



Ecology Action Centre – Candidate Survey 2024

Candidate for Mayor

Name of Candidate: Zoran Jokic

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 believe that your main goal tremendously help to sustain a healthy city by encouraging connection and integration of open space at the site, neighborhood, district, city and regional levels.

HGNP encourages the city planning to ensure all neighborhoods are supported by high-quality, accessible, connected open spaces.

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. Our population growth needs to insure a better accessibility and to improve the existing public transportation. HRM area needs better connection to the major cities.

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 stand for RSS2025 whose target of a continuous downward trend in fatalities and serious injuries year over year.

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. Food is a necessity and we need to make sure that quality and abundance of food is available to every citizen of the HRM. We need plan that will encourage farmers to provide better

quality and enough food. Subsidizing local farmers will help to feed all citizens and at the same time we will be supporting the overcrowded health system..

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. Being efficient will be helping the environment and it will ease heating cost.

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. Water same as food is a human right. We need to work to protect the quality of water and doing a diligent research to keep improving water quality.

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. Coastal Protection Act will be serving many generations to come.

