Municipal Candidates Questionnaire Responses Hamilton 2003

"Openness and Transparency"

Methodology: Candidates were sent a questionnaire on the issue of City Government Openness and Transparency, with two questions:

Question 1: Do you support a more open City purchasing policy, that would include full public disclosure of all winning bids and purchase contract details?

Question 2: Do you agree with the comments by Information and Privacy Commissioner Ann Cavoukian that there is a "need to improve integrity and transparency in public administration". In particular, are you willing to support her recommendation that Municipal Councils should call upon the Province "to enact a new and comprehensive open-meetings law"?

The questionnaire was sent to candidates either by email or fax, depending upon the contact information. Contact details were obtained through the City of Hamilton City Clerk's website.

Answers listed below correspond to Questionnaire answers as follows:

"Fully Support" = "Yes, I would fully support such a policy"

"Support/Details" = "I would need more details, but I support the idea"

Ward 1 – Chedoke-Cootes	Purchasing Disclosure	Open Meetings Law
Marvin Caplan	Support/Details	Fully Support
Brian McHattie	Fully Support	Fully Support
Michael Puskas	(Did not respond to Questionnaire)	

Ward 2 – Downtown	Purchasing Disclosure	Open Meetings Law
Andrea Horwath	(Did not respond to Questionnaire)	
James Novak	(Did not respond to Questionnaire)	

(Note: We did not have contact information for Ronald Berenbaum or Jerry Moore)

Ward 3 – Hamilton Centre	Purchasing Disclosure	Open Meetings Law
John Best	Fully Support	Fully Support
Bernie Morelli	Support/Details	Support/Details
Robert Westbrook	Fully Support	Fully Support

Ward 4 – East Hamilton	Purchasing Disclosure	Open Meetings Law
James Byron	(Did not respond to Questionnaire)	
Lynda Lukasik	Fully Support	Fully Support
Sam Merulla	Fully Support	Fully Support

(Note: We did not have contact information for Carmen Misale)

Ward 5 - Redhill	Purchasing Disclosure	Open Meetings Law
Chad Collins	(Did not respond to Questionnaire)	
Andrew Schroeder	(Did not respond to Questionnaire)	

Ward 6 – East Mountain	Purchasing Disclosure	Open Meetings Law
Kevin Beattie	(Did not respond to Questionnaire)	
Tom Jackson	(Did not respond to Questionnaire)	
Shauna McShane	Fully Support Fully Support	
Peter O'Hagan	(Did not respond to Questionnaire)	

Ward 7 - Central Mountain	Purchasing Disclosure	Open Meetings Law
Bill Cottrell	Support/Details	Support/Details
John Gallagher	(Did not respond to Questionnaire)	
Bill Kelly	(Did not respond to Questionnaire)	
Henry Merling	(Did not respond to Questionnaire)	

Ward 8 - West Mountain	Purchasing Disclosure	Open Meetings Law
Wayne Boychuk	(Did not respond to Ques	stionnaire)
Naseem Jamil	(Did not respond to Questionnaire)	
Peter Martin	Support/Details	Support/Details
George Morasse	Fully Support	Fully Support
Roman Sarachman	Fully Support	Fully Support
Jamie West	Support/Details	Support/Details
Terry Whitehead	(Did not respond to Questionnaire)	

Ward 9 - Heritage Stoney	Creek Purchasing Disclosure	Open Meetings Law
Anne Bain	(Did not respond to Ques	tionnaire)
Phil Bruckler	Support/Details	Support/Details

(Note: We did not have contact information for Abe Din or Tim Riach)

Ward 10 - Stoney Creek	Purchasing Disclosure	Open Meetings Law
Robert Barlow	Fully Support	Fully Support
Jeff Corradetti	(Did not respond to Questionnaire)	
Jim Davis	Support/Details	Support/Details
Louie Milojevic	(Did not respond to Questionnaire)	
John Santarelli	Fully Support	Support/Details

(Note: We did not have contact information for Maria Pearson)

Ward 11 - Glandbrook-Stoney Creek-Winona		
David Mitchell	(Did not respond to Questionnaire)	

Ward 12 – Ancaster	Purchasing Disclosure	Open Meetings Law
Murray Ferguson	Other	Fully Support
Other: "I would like to given a trial run."	see the recently revised	purchasing policy
Bryan Kerman	Support/Details	Fully Support

Ward 13 - Dundas	Purchasing Disclosure	Open Meetings Law
David Longo	Fully Support	Fully Support
Russ Powers	"I don't respond to any questions	naires"

Ward 14 - Wentworth	Purchasing Disclosure	Open Meetings Law
Dave Braden	(Did not respond to Questionnaire)	
Don Robertson	(Did not respond to Questionnaire)	

Ward 15 – Flamborough	Purchasing Disclosure	Open Meetings Law
Stan Johnson	(Did not respond to Questionnaire)	
Arend Kersten	Fully Support	Fully Support
Margaret McCarthy	(Did not respond to Questionnaire)	
Richard Sams	(Did not respond to Questionnaire)	