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Survey Responses: **Cam Jackson**, candidate for **Mayor, Burlington**.

1. Currently, only municipalities can make a request to the Province to grow the Greenbelt, and they are responsible for implementing the Greenbelt Plan. Do you support growing the Greenbelt within your municipality and/or strengthening support for Greenbelt protection in your municipality?

**Yes**

**I am a proud member of the Municipal Leaders for the Greenbelt.**

2. In order for the Greenbelt to remain protected, municipalities must adhere to the Province's Places to Grow strategy, specifically, the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, while respecting the protections under the Greenbelt Plan. Do you support concentrating development within your municipality's existing urban boundary, while limiting further urban expansion into farmlands or greenfields?

**Yes**

**This is reflected in our recently approved Official Plan.**

3. New roads and other infrastructure fragment the natural areas of the Greenbelt, threatening its ecological integrity by destroying connections between natural heritage features. Do you support urban planning that would facilitate enhanced infrastructure for cyclists and pedestrians, an efficient public transit system, increased funding for public transit and/or improving links to regional public transit systems?

**Yes**

**Both from a City of Burlington and a Halton Region perspective.**

4. Strong market demand in urban areas near the Greenbelt for locally-grown foods supports a viable agricultural sector in the Greenbelt. Do you support the creation of a policy in your municipality that favours purchasing locally-grown foods for municipal facilities like nursing homes, day care centres and City cafeterias?

**Yes**



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**We are encouraged by the progress and support for these enhanced programs in Halton by working with our local federation of agriculture and our local agri-tourism operators.**

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5. Do you support stronger recycling and green-bin programs to reduce waste in your municipality?

**Yes**

**We have made considerable progress in recycling in our parks and public spaces. We have banned plastic water bottles as well.**

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6. Water is a precious resource, yet Canadians continue to be one of the biggest per capita water consumers in the world, using almost double the amount of other developed countries. Do you support creating the water conservation policies necessary to offset new residential water demand for your municipality?

**Yes**

7. Given the need to reduce Ontario's contribution to climate change and foster the creation green jobs through investment in the green energy economy, will you support the removal of local barriers to facilitate the development of renewable energy projects in your community?

**Yes**

**As the Council representative on Burlington Hydro I have worked closely with Burlington Green and others to explore and develop not for profit community based energy renewal projects.**

8. Although aggregate (gravel) extraction is a permitted land use in the Greenbelt Plan, it continues to have huge negative impacts on the natural environment. Would you pursue a procurement policy that requires the highest level of recycled content allowable in municipal works projects, and situates aggregate extraction in areas away from sensitive natural heritage and source water features?

**Yes**

**As Mayor, I took a strong leadership position on fighting the Nelson Aggregate license expansion on the Mt. Nemo Plateau. This is what Sarah Harmer, a founding Director of Protecting Escarpment and Rural Lands had to say: \"Cam is committed to preserving and protecting Burlington's important green spaces and our ecologically important wetlands, and forests, including those on Mount Nemo, part of the Niagara Escarpment in Burlington's own UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve. Cam understands smart growth and long-term planning, ensuring the health and quality of life of Burlington citizens, and the habitats of rare and endangered species within our city. He has championed our environment and is committed to making good decisions to ensure its future sustainability.\"**

9. Do you support changes to the Ontario Municipal Elections Act to require that donations to candidates come only from electors in the municipality where the candidate is running, and that union and corporate contributions are banned?

**No**

**The suggestion that contributions are local is a good one. Candidates need to be held accountable for the contributions they are prepared to accept.**

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**10. Do you support the Region of Halton's Natural Heritage System and will you oppose any attempts to locate new highways through it?**

**As Mayor of Burlington, I fully support the Region of Halton's Natural Heritage System. I have been consistent in opposing any and all attempts by the last two provincial governments to run a highway through the escarpment lands in Halton to link up with the 407. Our Council by resolution will not endorse the Niagara to GTA corridor proposed by MTO.**

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**Will you vote on Election Day, Monday October 25, 2010?**

Yes  No

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