



## Ecology Action Centre – Candidate Survey 2024

### Candidate for Mayor

**Name of Candidate: Andrew Goodsell**

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 very much may support the "full" implementation of the HGNP after talking with a representative of the organization. I am a big fan of mother nature and the green spaces the HRM is responsible for.**

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. Transit is super important and should be a priority. The only thing more important to me at this time is public housing and food security.**

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).

**No. I'm not against this strategy but it feels like a waist of government funds to me (Are we actually paying for this?). It is everyone's responsibility to be safe and let's be honest, it is something that can be taught in public schools, and through the organizations issuing licenses. As far as development goes I certainly hope we are taking safety issues into consideration when working on any old or new road developments.**

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! Like it's about food security! Who doesn't want food security?**

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. All Canadians are at the mercy of the power companies who in my opinion are major contributors to homelessness 🇨🇦. I would love to help fix this issue. 🇨🇦**

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).

**No. I need more information on "watershed level management" I will not advocate for things I don't understand. I feel water is extremely important and looking at our HRM can see how fortunate we are.**

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 like our coastline and will do everything in my power to protect it 🇨🇦**

