## Ecology Action Centre – Candidate Survey 2024

Candidate for Councillor, District 1 – Waverley - Fall River - Musquodoboit Valley

## Name of Candidate: Angela Dennison

 The <u>Halifax Green Network Plan</u> (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 greenspaces need to be protected. Viable healthy cities need green spaces for everyone to access.

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 <u>Rapid Transit Strategy</u>? Explain why or why not (optional).

Yes. I have been a transit user for over 20 years and I have felt the frustration of using transit! One of my primary objectives is to make transit a truly viable option for commuters and easily accessible and efficient for those who rely on transit for their day-to-day activities.

3. Will you commit to implementing the <u>Road Safety Strategy</u> and achieving its vision of zero injuries and fatalities across all modes of transportation? Explain why or why not (optional).

Yes. Road safety is vital for everyone. Currently our city and the suburban areas are not properly designed for the safety of everyone - from commuters to cyclists to people out for a walk. I support measures that will assist everyone to enjoy our city safely.

4. Are you committed to ensuring the continued implementation and full funding of the <u>JustFOOD Action Plan</u> 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. Everyone has the right to eat. Its really that simple.

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. I will need to investigate this further but I support the idea.

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. Flooding and storms are huge issues that causes harm to the environment, displace people and cause costs to skyrocket. Anything and everything we can do to protect our fresh water supply is something to be looked at.

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. Nova Scotia is surrounded by ocean and coastlines that are in danger. Its imperative we protect our province.