



## Ecology Action Centre – Candidate Survey 2024

### Candidate for Mayor

**Name of Candidate: Dave Boyd**

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 fully support the complete implementation of the Halifax Green Network Plan (HGNP). Protecting our greenspaces and wildlife corridors is essential for maintaining biodiversity, ensuring sustainable development, and enhancing the quality of life for all residents. By committing resources and establishing enforceable rules, we can safeguard these vital areas for future generations. This plan is not just about conservation; it's about creating a balanced and resilient urban environment.**

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. I am committed to ensuring Halifax Transit attracts and retains the necessary staff to implement the Bus Rapid Transit network and ferry routes outlined in the Rapid Transit Strategy. Reliable and efficient public transit is crucial for reducing traffic congestion, lowering emissions, and providing accessible transportation options for all residents. By investing in our transit workforce, we can ensure the successful rollout of these vital services and improve overall transit reliability and coverage in our city**

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 am fully committed to implementing the Road Safety Strategy and achieving its vision of zero injuries and fatalities across all modes of transportation. Ensuring the safety of our residents is a top priority. By adopting comprehensive safety measures, improving infrastructure, and promoting safe driving practices, we can create a safer environment for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers alike. This commitment will help us build a community where everyone can travel safely and confidently.**

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. I am fully committed to ensuring the continued implementation and full funding of the JustFOOD Action Plan. This comprehensive, long-range food strategy is essential for fostering collaboration across all levels of government and among community partners. By strengthening our collective capacity, we can build a just, healthy, and sustainable food system that benefits everyone in our community. Ensuring food security and promoting sustainable practices are vital for the well-being and resilience of Halifax.**

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 would support a “right to efficiency” by-law to ensure tenants have access to affordable energy efficiency support. Climate change and rising energy costs are pressing issues that directly impact the comfort and standard of living for many residents. By enacting such a by-law, we can help reduce energy costs, lower carbon emissions, and improve overall living conditions. This initiative would also promote social equity, ensuring that all residents, regardless of income, can benefit from energy-efficient homes.**

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. I am committed to advocating for and supporting watershed-level management in municipal planning. Protecting our freshwater resources is crucial, especially in the face of increased development and climate-related events. By implementing watershed-level management, we can ensure sustainable water use, protect water quality, and mitigate the impacts of floods, droughts, and storms. This approach will help preserve our natural resources and ensure a resilient and healthy environment for all residents.**

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 will advocate for and work towards passing municipal by-laws to address development on vulnerable coastal properties and infrastructure. Coastal areas are particularly susceptible to the impacts of climate change, such as rising sea levels and increased storm activity. By implementing protective measures at the municipal level, we can safeguard these areas, ensure sustainable development, and protect the livelihoods and properties of our residents. This proactive approach is essential for building a resilient and secure coastal community.**

