



Ecology Action Centre – Candidate Survey 2024

Candidate for Councillor, District 2 – Lawrencetown - The Lakes - Chezzetcook - Eastern Shore

Name of Candidate: David Hendsbee

1. The [Halifax Green Network Plan](#) (HGPN) 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 HGPN to protect the Green Network? Explain why or why not (optional).

Yes.

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. But we need to expand the rural express routes out further on Hwy 107, 103, 102, & 101. Plus more urban park and ride terminals plus build garages / parkades at the park & rides that are experiencing overcrowding and full capacity

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. Reduce urban residential streets speed zones to 40 kms. And get authority for intersection cameras to enforce traffic laws

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 support more community gardens and local community markets to support buy local produce

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).

No. I believe this may at be more in the realm of provincial jurisdiction on efficiency initiatives.

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. Our local municipal planning strategies should be based on watershed boundaries and not arbitrary community boundaries

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. Setbacks and elevation rules will be needed to future proof coastal construction



