



Ecology Action Centre – Candidate Survey 2024

Candidate for Councillor, District 14 – Hammonds Plains - Upper Hammonds Plains - Lucasville - Middle & Upper Sackville

Name of Candidate: John A. Young

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).

No. We need to explore all options and see what are the top priorities first. We have egrass, ditches, sidewalks, greenways- where no transit exist, new development, population growth, crosswalks, speeding, infrastructure, road maintenance, road weight measures, standard water pipe installation, sewage, hydrants, increased police presence, etc...

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).

No. Halifax Transit requires a complete reboot. New mindset planning with alternative routes, adjusted current routes and a sit down engagement with community that meets the needs of community based on budgeting constraints.

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. The Road Safety Strategy will need more input and engagement from residents, with the increased new development that don't currently keep up with community infrastructure, maintenance and sustainability issues

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).

No. Long range food strategy needs more input from schools, churches, food banks, non profit community organizations and tax-paying residents from a grass roots perspective

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 would look at alternatives to what has already been put on the table and look into fresh new ideas that may be more attainable and efficient to HRM residents

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. Current municipal planning is something I would have to look into more thoroughly before committing

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).

No. When I have time to study the vulnerable coastal properties and infrastructure planning and plans then I will make a sound decision on the work needed for improvements

