



Ecology Action Centre – Candidate Survey 2024

Candidate for Mayor

Name of Candidate: Nolan Greenough

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. I think it's guiding principles alone bring us toward a nicer municipality to live and grow in. Research shows that just having access to green spaces improves mood and can have therapeutic effects for people with chronic mental illnesses.

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. Reliable transit is vital to an environmentally friendly economy, and in order to be reliable, we need to have enough staff to run the network. I want to build a transit system that everyone is proud of, from the drivers, to the technicians, to the passengers.

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. This feels like an easy answer. I don't like it when people die in avoidable car crashes. As much as I am familiar with the rush of endorphins one can get from driving their car perhaps a little faster than they should, it is not worth risking someone's life.

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. In short, if this plan were in effect ten years ago, my younger brother and I would have gone to bed hungry far less frequently. There's a lot of people struggling a lot more than now than we did then, and it's about time we pulled together to help them.

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. If a landlord is not covering heat as a part of regular rent, I believe it should be their duty to ensure that the property is as efficient as possible. The tenant should not have to suffer hardship just because the property owner doesn't want to improve their property.

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. We need water to live and it would be foolish not to do our best to protect what we have. In my opinion, this should be covered under asset management within the plans that the city already has on the go.

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. When ocean levels are observably rising, it's foolish to keep building on coastlines. Eventually the people living there will be left with no choice but to move and the buildings will have no use but to be demolished. This is not even to mention increased vulnerability from storms and the like.

