

Candidate Questionnaire

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Thank you for running to serve the people of Sarnia. The Sarnia & District Labour Council represents thousands of working people across our community. Your responses will help our Executive Committee review candidates and make endorsement recommendations to our members and affiliates. Please answer each question in the space provided; feel free to attach additional pages if you need more room.

Please return your completed questionnaire within 2 weeks of receiving it to Candace Young at candace.d.parsons@gmail.com, or by mail to 1086 Modeland Rd, Suite 249, Sarnia, ON N7S 6L2. This form is fillable — you may type your answers directly, save, and email it back.

ID CANDIDATE IDENTIFICATION

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Date:	09/02/26
In 75 words or fewer, tell us why you are running:	

Looking to improve the community and bring jobs back to the community. And keep our local trades working.

A LABOUR & DECENT WORK

1. Do you support keeping municipal services public and in-house rather than contracting them out or entering public-private partnerships? Identify any services you would protect or consider contracting out, and explain your reasoning.

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Undecided

Please explain:

I support keeping local workers doing local jobs. Now, it is a two way street. Labour has to understand with the current lack of tax base both residential and commercial. It is up to the government to work hand in land with labor to do everything they can to keep our local folks working and avoid outside labor. But, it takes both sides.

2. How will you ensure municipal jobs — and jobs funded by the municipality — remain stable, fairly paid, and unionized? Include your position on temporary/contract labour and subcontracting.

Temp labor falls into 2 categories: student and mat leave.

Subs should only be used if we don't have the right people but I would ask why don't we have them?

The next council is going to have challenges whether I am on it or not. Unless candidates who are serious about bringing in new business and expanding the residential tax base. Then it impossible to guarantee anything in good faith

3. Will you support Community Benefits Agreements, fair-wage schedules, and local-hiring requirements on major municipal infrastructure and construction projects?

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Undecided

Please explain:

We have plenty of skilled labour at home it does not need to be out sourced..

4. Do you support a living-wage policy covering all municipal workers, contractors, and subcontractors, tied to the City's procurement policies?

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Undecided

Please explain:

A fair, living wage is more and more important in these uncertain times.

5. Sarnia's economy depends on turnaround and maintenance work in Chemical Valley. How will you use municipal levers (procurement, permitting, training partnerships with local contractors) to prioritize local, unionized skilled-trades labour?

100%, part of the process is to do what I can to help the valley bounce forward. This current council has done nothing to help the valley and the unions need to look at candidates who are looking to bring all new types of insudtry to Sarnia-Lambton If the valley fails we all suffer...The valley needs candidates who are willing to fight for these jobs.

6. Will you commit to meeting regularly with the Sarnia & District Labour Council and its affiliates, and to consulting workers before decisions that affect them, if elected?

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Undecided

Please explain:

I get branded anti-union. My son is in a local union. It is not a matter of being anti-union. Unions are important to keep wages and standards in place. But, as I said it is give and take both sides need to work together.

7. Lambton County's By-Name List identifies roughly 390 people experiencing homelessness in Sarnia-Lambton, including about 190 who are chronically homeless. What concrete actions will you take on homelessness and supportive housing?

While I am strongly against the Indwell project, it is time a supportive housing project needs to be looked at. Somewhere in a non-residential area would work. City/Council council were presented an alternative to Indwell yet chose to ignore it and sign a gag order with Indwell. Simply put there is no reason the south end of Sarnia needs another supportive house.

8. A County report warned that prematurely closing the Out of the Cold overflow shelter could more than double the unsheltered population. Do you support maintaining overflow and low-barrier shelter options while permanent supportive housing is built?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Undecided

Please explain:

I would want to read that report before giving an answer to that. The County has shown some bias at times and would want to read the report myself

9. Will you support zoning and parking reforms that make supportive and affordable housing easier to approve — rather than changes that stall projects like Indwell's proposed 353 George Street development in Mitton Village?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Undecided

Please explain:

I have not read the proposal for Mitton Street. But, Indwell is not the the answer to the supportive housing issue.

10. With more than 900 households on the social-housing waitlist and demand for roughly 2,500 additional affordable units, how will you increase the supply of affordable and non-market housing?

Cut red tape, and offer incentives for people who are willing to invest in our community as nobody is investing in Sarnia at this time with this current government in place.

11. Do you support a humane, housing-focused Encampment Response Protocol that connects people to services and housing rather than relying primarily on displacement or policing?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Undecided

Please explain:

This comes back to the individual. You can only help people who are looking to change. We are not in the flop house business. We simply do not have the money to help those who are unable to help themselves at this time.

12. Major industrial investment (such as the proposed Northern Shield Energy Corridor pipeline) may add capacity while creating relatively few permanent jobs. How will you ensure new industrial investment translates into good, lasting local jobs?

Give them the incentive to do business in Sarnia-Lambton. Use the advantages of our resources and location.

13. The closure of INEOS Styrolution affects local workers. What role should the City play in supporting displaced workers and ensuring a fair transition and retraining?

By fighting to make sure new investment comes. Do you seriously think this current council has done anything for the valley or will do anything in the future? The best way to help ts to help create new good paying jobs.

14. How will you attract and retain diversified jobs, commerce, and investment beyond petrochemicals — for example downtown, the port and waterfront, clean technology, and small business?

15. Will you support apprenticeships, Red Seal skilled-trades training, and youth and local hiring through municipal projects and procurement — and if so, how?

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Undecided

Please explain:

By keeping as much of the base as local as possible, it helps to keep local workers at home if you have projects on the go. To do that you need money to spend, to have money to spend you need a tax base..

16. How will you support revitalization of downtown Sarnia and Mitton Village and strengthen local small businesses?

Listen to what people want that to look like, we have sold most of downtown and our heritage already to realtors. The police presence in the downtown should be going on in Mitton Village as well...but the police is another matter all together as we are wasting \$50,000 a month in suspensions.

17. Aamjiwnaang First Nation and nearby Sarnia neighbourhoods face benzene and cumulative air-pollution exposure. What actions within municipal jurisdiction will you take to protect residents' health?

It is funny that the benzene only went south and not North into the South end of Sarnia don't you think? Start with being transparent to the public. everybody deserves business to carry a standard of safety. Ontario is one the most regulated territories in North America. The municipality needs to work with the province to make sure everybody is kept safe.

18. Will you advocate to provincial and federal governments for cumulative-effects air-pollution assessment and stronger monitoring and enforcement in Chemical Valley?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Undecided

Please explain:

I would want to check who would be conducting the assessment. While I have zero issue finding out a true assessment of the valley I would want to make sure it is a true independent as there are too many climate activists in the world today with bias against oil and gas.

19. What specific actions will you take to implement and accelerate Sarnia's climate and emissions-reduction plans?

Read an independent assessment and assess from there. As my answer above states. It is becoming more and more clear the Climate Activists are trying to close the valley based on bias studies and fraudulent data.

20. How will you protect and expand access to affordable public transit and safe active transportation?

Protect the current system and expand if needed. If use grows help expand it. There are people who rely on public transit so we need to make sure it stays available.

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21. Which public services (water and wastewater, waste, transit, libraries, recreation, emergency services) do you believe must always remain publicly delivered, and how will you strengthen them?

All of them, as the money pile shrinks it gets hard to keep them all. The taxpayer is tapped out it will take a council that is creative to keep them all even at current levels. Of course emergency services are a top priority and transit as well. After that it becomes a challenge.

22. How will you advance meaningful reconciliation with Aamjiwnaang First Nation and the broader Indigenous community at the municipal level?

I want to work with Chief and Council, but it starts with honesty and transparency on both sides. I can't negotiate with myself. They need to come to the table in good faith as well. This silliness of land acknowledgement is a no go. We know history, we don't need it shoved in our faces in a daily bases. Come to the table and work in good faith on both ends.

23. How will you ensure transparency, accessibility, and meaningful public engagement in municipal decision-making — and how will residents know whether you are delivering on your commitments?

Do what I am doing now, give you honest answers. I am not going to suck up to anyone just for a vote.

24. What is one decision you would make that may be unpopular in the short term but necessary for the long-term well-being of working people in Sarnia?

I have probably offered many here. As, I said earlier the next council is going to be left with difficult decisions based past mistakes.

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Again, you can't please everybody. But, you can listen to everybody and make the best decisions you can. Sarnia has so much poetential but it will take the right council to have it bounce forward.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire and for your commitment to building a stronger community for working people in Sarnia.