

2023 Questionnaire

Toronto Mayoral Candidates

The Catholic Church considers that elected democratic office is a position of immense responsibility, to be held in high trust and exercised with great humility, wisdom, and respect, in the interest of the common good. Our leaders are meant to help gather us in a spirit of mutual cooperation and support, setting for us an example of listening and collaboration as together all citizens seek common ground for authentic growth as human beings. This applies fully to municipal offices, including that of Mayor. Cities are homes to the majority of citizens, and are often the first recourse of new citizens for safety, housing, and well-being.

The 10 open-ended questions below are meant to allow you to share, in your own words, your plans for working toward the true welfare of all Torontonians.

Please start by confirming your name and preferred contact information:

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YOUR VISION FOR SERVICE AS MAYOR

Your Political Vocation

Q. 1. What draws you to the vocation of service as Mayor of Toronto, a city of nearly 3 million people?

To be in service to people is a call from GOD. (Proverbs 31:8,9, chapter 28; 1 Corinthians 13; Luke 6:27-36; Mark 16:15; Matthew 25:31-46 I know who I am (Psalm 139; 2 Timothy 1) and as a result I move in this world knowing that all things are possible with GOD (Jeremiah 32:27; Philippians 4:13). It is possible to live in a city that actively recognizes, values and honours the life, dignity, humanity, independence, agency and presence of every individual.

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Q. 2. What experience do you have that qualifies you to serve as Mayor? (Please feel free to point to an online or attached CV if desired) ***I lead with love, empathy, creativity, boldness, wisdom and determination by centring and prioritizing Community. I don't back down at the first sign of opposition. I don't tolerate bullies. Under my leadership, through the empowerment of your vote, Toronto will become what it has been wanting and waiting to be.***

Please review my answers to Global News <<https://twitter.com/OnElectionDay/status/1572341337579716609?s=20>>

Q.3. What are the most important things you hope to accomplish as Mayor?

For Torontonians to experience what it means to live. thrive. be. For Toronto to experience possible. For people living in Toronto to understand who they are, the power they hold and to live in these truths.

My Mayoral platform solutions are life-affirming, transformational, proactive, innovative, caring, necessary solutions Toronto needs to be alive, vibrant, thriving and liveable. The empowerment of votes forms the tools necessary to accomplish these goals. Together we succeed! 

Accomplishing the build of the #401RRRR ensures our position as a world class, innovative, liveable, caring City.

***#401RRRR Big Build Dreams
<#401RRRR - Broad picture. Big Dreams. Build future.***

Imagine. Spanning from the borders of Etobicoke to Scarborough, building above the entire stretch of 401 highway to address the need for residential, relaxation, rehabilitation, retail, research, manufacturing infrastructure and more... providing space for living, creating, placemaking, dreaming, imagining, designing, building, researching, thriving, being...

Multi-level Platinum LEED build. Designed for living, thriving, being.

***Above:
manufacturing: electric vehicles, buses & more
Central Station Busway
commerce
greenspaces
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We won't get what we need without you. Together we succeed. 

Life & Human Dignity

Q.4. Catholics believe that we are all lost children of God, and that the purpose of this life is to find our way home to God – most importantly, by ensuring that our neighbours are enabled and encouraged to search for truth as well. What is your understanding of the purpose of life, and how does that inform your proposed policies?

Please refer to my answers in question 1. Further, my policies are life-affirming, transformational policies honouring the essence of each person. I lead with love, empathy, creativity, boldness, wisdom and determination. Under my leadership, through the empowerment of your vote, Toronto will become what it has been wanting and waiting to be.

Please review my interview with Phillip Morgan wherein I speak about some of the competencies needed that are lacking in Government < https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=RNrlhC5Y9Ys&list=PLL-C7--UsEuXxkQ1eso_SDH3cbYapwV79&index=7&pp=iAQB>

Q.5. Many Torontonians are rightly concerned with making diversity, equity, and inclusion a reality within our city. True efforts in such direction will not neglect those challenged by mental or physical disabilities. What is your plan for making Toronto truly accessible to all?

Accessibility is a right— not an option. Accessibility and disabilities rights are priorities for me.

Please review my State of Emergency Measures

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=sNkY2Bm8Ark&list=PLL-C7--UsEuXxkQ1eso_SDH3cbYapwV79&index=30&pp=iAQB> *(expand description more in YouTube link)*

#accessibleHousing Platform

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=fk64-nuFU_Y&list=PLL-C7--UsEuXxkQ1eso_SDH3cbYapwV79&index=4&pp=iAQB>

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Accessible Housing definition

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Accessible Housing Policy

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#farefreeTTC

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A living income provides a safety net.

Protective bike lanes and accessible infrastructure

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As an Advocate for Persons with Disabilities, accessibility, equity, justice and Human Rights, I recognize how Government has failed Community when it has always been within Government's power to protect individuals' rights and interests— in fact, it is the role and responsibility of

Government to protect the Public's rights and interests. I plan to make Toronto an example of what is possible.

It's 2023. There is no excuse for failing to ensure accessibility. None.

Universal design must include cultural, cognitive, creative competencies that exude welcoming, engaging spaces. As Dr. Christina Sharpe so delicately ascribes to being, beauty is praxis. Read Sharpe's extraordinary book, "Ordinary Notes" to understand perspective, perception, presence.

Review these articles for more insight

Racism in Design

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Disability justice Design

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Architecture's influence on the public environment and our thinking

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This Is Your Brain On Architecture (read these articles and others under this search sentence)

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"Beholding beauty: U of T scientist decodes how your brain reacts to architecture"

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History holds receipts. If you know of me, you know that I'm of the people, by the people, for the people. I centre and advocate with and for the Public. I'm who we've been waiting for, the

Mayor Toronto needs. I'm Community wellness focused, smart, creative, innovative, insightful, empathetic, energy efficiency minded and solutions oriented, tenacious and don't back down at the first sign of opposition. I don't tolerate bullying. I've always stood up to bullies forcing them to retreat. Your vote empowers me with the tools necessary to protect our collective rights and interests — including dealing with bullies to preserve our assets and to protect our city. I'm relentless about justice, equity, fairness. With your vote, I will ensure we get what we need and keep our assets public.

The mindset is government works for you.

As part of my City-Owned-Build-Our-Own mandate, financing proportional to need will be in place to ensure maintenance of all structures, services, developments. What we prioritize, we pay for.

Vote D!ONNE Renée on Election Day to ensure our collective ability to live. thrive. be.

Together we succeed! 

Q.6. Prominent current issues facing Toronto include homelessness and access to affordable housing. What can or should the City of Toronto do about housing? Are there others – other levels of government, charitable agencies, for example – that might be supported, called upon, and encouraged to help in such work? How should any such organizations cooperate?

The United Nations including Canada agree that housing is a right— yet, as a society, we don't practice what we claim. My City-Owned-Build-Our-Own initiatives rely on City resources and structures to build accessible housing solutions ensure our collective ability to live. thrive. be. We're going to structure the largest hiring and building strategy not seen in 60+ years. We will build what we need and in anticipation of growth. We pay for what we prioritize.

Nothing stops entities or individuals wanting to help from helping. Being helpful is a choice. Policy decisions are also a choice. The decisions made over the last 60+ years have failed us in assuring peace of mind in a safe place to call home.

My Signatories policy welcomes businesses and organizations to contribute to ensuring Community's collective ability to live. thrive. be. Signatories are corporations invested in ensuring that Toronto residents have the ability to live. thrive. be. Signatories commit to a user fee based on a fixed annual lump sum in addition to a percentage of earnings per quarter. Signatories membership is based on a reciprocity model. The inaugural membership amount is based on the corporation's past year

earnings calculation. In return, Signatories receive the social benefits and outcomes of a life-affirming City.

Q.7. The news suggests that anxiety and mental health are also among the important issues facing Toronto – incidents, including violent attacks, on the TTC, for example. What can or should the City of Toronto do about to address mental health and safety on the sidewalk? Are there others – other levels of government, charitable agencies, for example – that might be supported, called upon, and encouraged to help in such work?

I'm mindful of what is promoted in the news and the timing thereof. In addition to my previous replies, #CommunityWellness remains my focus.

My plans are available for your review. Please expand the description more section within each link.

There is no health without mental health.

It's also important to recognize how the built and structural environment impacts mental health as well. Missing and/or being late for work, engagements, appointments and the like because transit was late has a profound impact on being. The impact of the climate crisis and chemical emissions have an impact on our mental health. A lack of trees, nature and the lack of access thereof has an impact on mental health. A lack of services, resources and income has an impact on our mental health. There are many negative factors that impact our mental health. Through the empowerment of your vote and rightly allocating resources we have the ability to mitigate harm we have control over. Proactive policies mitigate harm.

Community wellness living. being. thriving.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=RNrlhC5Y9Ys&list=PLL-C7--UsEuXxkQ1eso_SDH3cbYapwV79&index=7&pp=iAQB>

Community wellness Platform solutions

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=TDGgOXe50mA&list=PLL-C7--UsEuXxkQ1eso_SDH3cbYapwV79&index=1&pp=iAQB>

Care for the Environment

Q.8. The City of Toronto has long been engaged with care for the environment. Yet it can do more, particularly as awareness grows of the urgent nature of climate crises. Catholic teaching recognizes that

what happens with the environment affects every aspect of our lives, everywhere on the planet. Pope Francis, like many faith leaders before him, has called on us to “work together” to ensure God’s creation is protected for future generations. How do you intend to promote collaborative and effective approaches to municipal climate change commitments, such as the TransformTO Net Zero strategy, to ensure care for the environment is consistently and urgently prioritized?

Did you know, that despite claims to be environmentally friendly to meet NetZero strategy Toronto implemented Presto fare media and systems that are not environmentally friendly? Presto fare media was implemented without an environmental assessment and over Public protest. Why, if we truly acknowledge we’re in a #climatecrisis?

Transportation is a category that falls under our State of Emergency portfolio. We will prioritize and implement #farefreeTTC which is the most equitable, life-affirming, environmentally sound solution to transit. We will also set up manufacturing facilities for solar-electric powered vehicles and modalities. Carbon footprint minded manufacturing facilities will be built to ensure our netZero mandates are being met while providing local employment opportunities

For a City that claims to acknowledge the climate crisis our actions have betrayed us for the last 8 plus years. How is it possible that Toronto City Council allowed Presto fare media to be installed & implemented without an environmental assessment in this age of awareness?! Where were the checks and balances to ensure our NetZero strategy was being followed?

City Council should be ashamed allowing such a breach to take place but they continued on business as usual demonstrating that they don’t take climate justice seriously. Without the right representation we’re delayed and/or prevented in getting what we need. Presto fare media and gates will be removed. ASAP.

< https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SXh1PjCRtLM&list=PLL-C7--UsEuXxkQ1eso_SDH3cbYapwV79&index=5>

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Protected bike lanes

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My #climatecrisis Mandatory Mitigative Measures ensure we stay focused and on track.

We pay for what we prioritize. Reliable, accessible, fare free transit is a priority.

An Economy to Serve People

Q.9. Among the greatest challenges faced by Toronto is affordable, accessible, and timely public transportation, particularly as an alternative to the use of personal vehicles. Vehicle congestion aggravates not only health concerns, but difficulties faced by Torontonians in maintaining dignified and fulfilling work. What are your plans for effectively addressing this problem? What approach would you take to expanding public transit, improved access for pedestrians and cyclists, and rejuvenation of infrastructure to make it easier for people in Toronto to access all the opportunities Toronto has to offer?

As particular examples:

- How do you propose to address highway congestion, including for example on the 401, 427, Gardiner, and DVP highways? **Ensure accessible, reliable #farefreeTTC.**
- In view of its success, do you support rapid expansion of the King Street Pilot Project to other streetcar lines? **Yes.**
- Do you support expansion of the streetcar system? **No. My plan is to remove streetcar tracks and streetcars from our transit fleet and update our transit system with solar & electric extended buses. I raise concerns about the dangers of streetcar tracks to pedestrians. You can google “streetcar track dangers”. < <https://www.cbc.ca/amp/1.3696234>> My #farefreeTTC transit solutions include Toronto becoming its own transit fleet builder— i.e., we, as an enterprising Toronto, set up the means to become our own manufacturers of extended electric/solar buses with the goal of manufacturing at least 10 extended buses a day at each manufacturing facility.**

<<https://newatlas.com/byd-world-longest-electric-bus-k12a/59179/>>

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- Do you support expansion of the bike lanes system? **Yes** < <https://twitter.com/onelectionday/status/1651559636053504008?s=61&t=wLuO6F9oppi0lyAc1XnoGg>>, <<https://twitter.com/OnElectionDay/status/1656499437290639362?s=20>>, < <https://twitter.com/onelectionday/status/1577663599216132096?s=61&t=wLuO6F9oppi0lyAc1XnoGg>>
- Do you support installation of overhead electrical charging for the electric buses the TTC proposes to buy? **Yes.**

Please review my previous answers including my #farefreeTTC proactive solution to equitable, accessible transit.

< https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SXh1PjCRtLM&list=PLL-C7--UsEuXxkQ1eso_SDH3cbYapwV79&index=5>

Order & Public Safety Community Wellness

Q.10. As noted above, anxiety and mental health issues arising from the pandemic seem to be the cause of an alarming number of violent assaults in Toronto, including on the TTC, with many people - including those

suffering mental illness - becoming victims. Street racing remains a hazardous and potentially lethal pastime among young Torontonians. What steps would you take to both reduce the threat of these and other hazards, and to address their underlying causes?

As Mayor, I allocate the appropriate budgets prioritizing our needs under my State of Emergency Measures which includes my Mandatory Mitigative Measures.

Policy choices have a direct impact on mental health. My Community wellness focused solutions ensure the implementation of transformational, life-affirming proactive actions addressing social determinants in health so that we all have the ability to live. thrive. be.

State of Emergency Measures in Toronto

- 1. Declare [#accessibleHousing](#) & homelessness an emergency; declare housing a right***
- 2. Declare accessible, reliable [#farefreeTTC](#) an emergency***
- 3. Acknowledge, re-establish, declare our mandate & priorities to end the climate crisis and act on it***
- 4. Declare accessibility and disability rights an emergency***
- 5. Declare Mandatory Mitigative Measures in centring, acknowledging & addressing outstanding issues impacting the lives of people living in Toronto***

Mandatory Mitigative Measures

Concerned with duty of good faith obligations and actions that ensure our collective ability to live. thrive. be.

Mandatory questions & requirements:

- a) Do no harm to people & the planet***
- b) Have you responded with care & diligence in a timely manner?***
- c) Have you done what you're obligated to and/or required to do?***

Care Standards & Mandatory Measures:

- a) Are complaints outstanding?
What is/are the complaint(s)?***
- b) Are concerns outstanding?***
- c) When did you address concerns?***
- d) What actions were taken to address concerns?***
- e) Is _____ satisfied with the outcome***

1. Centring Community & prioritizing Community wellness

- Community Care Teams & Services***
- Accessibility***
- Architecture, design, infrastructure engagement***

- *Nature, urban environment, natural landscape*
- *Establish living income & dividends portfolio and budget*

2. City-Owned-Build-Our-Own

- *build. build. build.*
- *accessible housing & Tenancy*
- *Broadband network (universal wifi) & Toronto app*
- *vertical organic farms & nature oases*
- *Arts engagement, entrepreneurship, education, enterprising, promotion*
- *STEM engagement, entrepreneurship, education, enterprising, promotion*
- *Signatory Partnerships*
- *Community Care Teams*
- *Accessible architecture, design, infrastructure, engagement*
- *[#farefreeTTC](#) network expansion & manufacturing facilities*

3. City Council Accountability & Engagement Standards

Ubuntu: humanity; I am because we are. Together we succeed! 

- *representing with care*
- *responding with compassion & proactive solutions*
- *app: streamlines voting, voting records, responses, interaction & Community engagement*
- *Electoral reform*

4. No guns.

5. Living Income

Vote D!ONNE Renée on Election Day for Mayor of Toronto! to ensure our collective ability to live. thrive. be. Together we succeed! 

Please review the description and more section within the links of my “Toronto Election 2023 Playlist”

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=sNkY2Bm8Ark&list=PLL-C7--UsEuXxkQ1eso_SDH3cbYapwV79&index=30&pp=iAQB>

#accessibleHousing platform since 2014

My definition:

<<https://twitter.com/OnElectionDay/status/1583963839124897792?s=20>>

Accessible housing means: shelter, aka a dwelling place, that is

- 1. accessible to physically get into and out of, live in and be without distress or harm and in terms of universal accessibility and universal design;**
- 2. affordable (within a sustainable budget that leaves comfortable room to afford living, food, clothing, transportation, savings and emergencies);**
- 3. within close and navigable proximity to grocery shopping, parks (trees are essential to life), amenities and services including transit, and Community life.**

Platform

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=fk64-nuFU_Y&list=PLL-C7--UsEuXxkQ1eso_SDH3cbYapwV79&index=4&pp=iAQB>

Accessible Housing Policy Solutions Portfolio

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Who we elect has a profound outcome our ability to live. thrive. be.

Toronto has a world of possibilities. Vote D!ONNE Renée On Election Day for Mayor of Toronto to experience the possible.

Together we succeed! 

< <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k8PGmYsfzcc>>

My name is at #79 on every 2023 Toronto Mayor Election ballot



How to Vote

Candidate A

Candidate B

Candidate C

Fill in the oval to the right of the candidate of your choice, using only a black or blue pen.

**By-Election
for Mayor**

June 26, 2023

MAYOR

Vote for ONE (1) candidate only

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2 Emmanuel Acquaye	36 Habiba Desai	70 Steve Mann
3 Blake Acton	37 Cory Deville	71 Cleveland Marshall
4 Sharif Ahmed	38 Simryn Fenby	72 Josh Matlow
5 Asadul Alam	39 Monica Forrester	73 Faizul Mohee
6 Gru Jesse Allan	40 Anthony Furey	74 Rob Murphy
7 Alef Aly	41 Scott Furnival	75 Michael Nicula
8 Dionysios Apostolopoulos	42 Isabella Gank	76 Jaidev Nowwarah
9 Darren Atkinson	43 Feng Gao	77 John Perruzza
10 Jamie Atkinson	44 Xiao Hua Gong	78 John Ransome
11 Ana Bailão	45 Adil Goraya	79 DIONNE Renée
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22 Roland Chan	56 Sheila Igodan	90 Erwin Sniedzins
23 Matt Charlton	57 Daniel Irmya	91 Sandeep Srivastava
24 Danny Chevalier Romero	58 Syed Jaffery	92 Meir Straus
25 Olivia Chow	59 Michael Jensen	93 Weizhen Tang
26 Logan Choy	60 Patricia Johnston	94 Mitchell Toye
27 Kevin Clarke	61 Walayat Khan	95 Reginald Tull
28 Sarah Climenhaga	62 Serge Korovitsyn	96 Jeffery Tunney
29 Gordon Cohen	63 Michael Lamoureux	97 Kiri Vadivelu
30 Paul Collins	64 Kris Langenfeld	98 Jack Weenen
31 Frank D'Amico	65 Rick Lee	99 Yuanqian Wei
32 Frank D'Angelo	66 Mark LeLiever	100 Jody Williams
33 Rob Davis	67 John Letonja	101 John Winter
34 Phillip D'Cruze	68 Norman MacLeod	102 Nathalie Xian Yi Yan