

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 citizens seek common ground for authentic growth as human beings. This applies fully to municipal offices, including that of the 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.

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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 MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS, WHETHER PHYSICAL, MENTAL OR FINANCIAL.

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) – My CV is attached for more detailed information.

Having spent 18 years in Senior managerial positions with Xerox, from regional to International positions for Sales, Service, Program Development, Product Manufacturing Development, and National Training to becoming a best seller, resigning, and organizing an Mt. Everest expedition to raise funds and international recognition for Rett Syndrome Charity, patenting educational software that enables students to learn 32.3% better over traditional learning methods, taken my company Mount Knowledge public on the US stock market, and working with charity and community organization over 30 years gives Erwin the depth and breadth of experience to help the people of Toronto with affordable housing, TTC safety, homelessness, lowering greenhouse gas emissions, transportation and increase Toronto's revenues to pay of the city's \$1.5 billion in debt without raising taxes.

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

1. I will introduce a **CO-OP COALITION** of Affordable Housing, Mental Health, Food Banks, and Neighbourhood **NOT-FOR-PROFIT** organizations; I will establish the Toronto Affordable Housing Bond to raise \$1.8 Billion that will be paid back in 12 years and build a mega factory to produce 27,000 net-zero, heat pump, hydroponic houses per years to address 9,000+ homeless and 90,000 on the affordable housing lost with 108,000 houses within 5 years.

2. I will introduce the **CO-OP MEMBERSHIP** coalition with a RENT-TO-OWN program enabling people to own their homes in about 12 years.

3. I will revamp the TTC into the 22nd century with electric vehicles (EV) of shuttle buses and robotaxis and sell off the \$3 to \$6 million streetcars, tracks, wires, and the \$300,000 to \$800,000 buses to buy Tesla's transportation Artificial Intelligence (AI) software for 2000 Tesla EV shuttle buses and 3000 Tesla robotaxis saving the city **ONE BILLION DOLLARS** in eight years. The existing TTC drivers will transition into driving and monitoring the **autonomous** Tesla vehicles while providing door-to-door services for Seniors, children, special needs and vulnerable women.

4. I will revamp the City's waste management system that collects about 900,000 tonnes of garbage by eliminating separate garbage collection, sorting and trucking the waste to landfills in the London or USA area at about \$70 per ton by picking up all garbage, compressing it into **ONE-ton** odourless bags which are feed into thermal gasifiers where the energy is released into FUEL CELLS producing 100 MW of clean electricity to support 60,000 homes and about 10% residue that is used for road pavements. The process will save the City about **\$60 million annually** while reducing GHG by about 23%.

5. I will increase Toronto's tourism by 5 million international visitors by working with Mr. Doug Ford to enhance **Ontario Science Centre** into a global STEM centre and **Ontario Place**

into a True North Amusement Place with Canadian authors of the Alpha Flight characters. This would generate about \$5 billion in Toronto revenues to help lower the city's deficit.

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. What is your understanding of the purpose of life, and how does that inform your proposed policies?

Directed spirituality gives people a higher purpose and awe of the meaning of life and its mysteries. The commonality of its thought provides a purpose for others to coalesce around its message to support humanity with an elevated calling. It is one reason why Erwin Sniedzins is running for Mayor.

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

Sniedzins4mayor's platform is "TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS, WHETHER PHYSICAL, MENTAL OR FINANCIAL," by providing the dignity of having a home and food. The housing co-op coalition includes Health Services to support those with emotional and mental challenges. Each home has an AI and robotic hydroponic system that will generate enough produce all year round.

With the introduction of Tesla's AI EV shuttle buses and robotaxis, people with special needs will be provided door-to-door pickup and delivery services.

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 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?

1. Sniedzins4mayor is creating an independent housing system that has the aforementioned affordable housing, homelessness habitats, health care, and food banks CO-OP COALITION NOT FOR PROFIT organizations as part of the ongoing housing and homeless solution. These organizations will be members and shareholders in housing manufacturing to support the homeless and people with special needs. Sniedzins4mayor has a coalition of private businesses and will work with the governments to secure a \$1.8 billion affordable housing bond that is backed by the assets of the manufacturing facilities and paid back within 12 years.

2. Unfortunately, Toronto is \$1.5 billion in debt. Sniedzins4mayor needs the Affordable Housing, Homeless, Health Care, Food Banks not-for-profit organizations to acknowledge or respond to his call to join the **CO-OP COALITION for AFFORDABLE HOUSING, HOMELESS, HEALTH CARE AND FOOD BANK** membership program to ensure the success of eliminating homelessness and affordable housing issues. The Senator Group is a membership of private companies that has given its supported to the Sniedzins4mayor platform, but the not-for-profits have not responded yet.

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

The CO-OP COALITION will have an (AI) advance artificial intelligent 4H (Housing, Homeless, Health, Help) support system for an integrated housing, health care and food to focus on and be responsive to allaying anxiety and mental health issues. It is extremely important that all NGOs be coordinated to identify and address the mental health issues causing violence in the streets and transportation systems. If an agency or neighbour SEES or HEARS SOMETHING they need to SAY SOMETHING to the 4H system so the coalition can give that person help.

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. Like many faith leaders before him, Pope Francis 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 Transform TO Net Zero strategy, to ensure care for the environment is consistently and urgently prioritized?

To accelerate Toronto’s transition to a net-zero environment, I will take major steps outlined in the Sniedzins4mayor platform, starting with -

1. Affordable housing being built in a net zero factory that will be using geothermal heat pumps, solar, hydro wind spinners, hydroponics with thermal gasifier fuel cell system and Megapack energy storage
2. All city high-rise buildings will require geothermal heat pumps and residential heat pumps, with solar, hydro wind spinners, power walls,

3. Revamping the TTC into a net zero transportation systems with Tesla Artificial Intelligences software to manage EV shuttle buses and TTC Robocars

4. Reducing and modernizing the collection of garbage as an energy source lower trucking pickup and landfill deliveries

5. Planting of 450,000 trees.

An Economy to Serve People

Q.9. Among the greatest challenges Toronto faces is affordable, accessible, and timely public transportation, particularly as an alternative to the use of personal vehicles. Vehicle congestion aggravates health concerns and difficulties Torontonians face in maintaining **dignified and fulfilling work**. What are your plans for effectively addressing this problem? What approach would you take to expanding public transit, improving access for pedestrians and cyclists, and rejuvenating infrastructure to make it easier for people in Toronto to access all the opportunities Toronto offers?

Mobility is a function of productivity. Productivity is a function of economic growth. To massively accelerate change for affordable housing, homelessness habitats, mental health and food production, the city needs to use emergency acts similar to the pandemic. Sniedzins4mayor and Toronto will work with the Province to enact the Housing Emergency Affordability Legislation (HEAL) to generate a \$1.8 billion bond.

Tesla AI Transportation (TAIT) software system to monitor EIGHT thousand EV cars and buses to streamline traffic flow through Toronto's arteries. Not all Tesla cars must travel to reach a four-lane highway. TAIT provides a TTC-Uber pick-up and delivery service, navigating and communicating with Tesla cars toward the passenger's destination, enabling less congestion and lowering gridlock. Tesla cars are computers that constantly communicate with each other, reporting traffic flow and seeking other roads. The TESLA car is 10 times safer than human drivers.

Sniedzins4mayor will replace all TTC streetcars, tracks, and overhead wires, which will be sold off and replaced by TAIT. Sniedzins4mayor will bring the TTC into the 22nd century with 3000 TTC-Robocars and 2000 TAIT Shuttle buses saving \$1 billion.

Sniedzins4mayor supports bike lanes through residential streets.

As particular examples:

- How do you propose to address highway congestion, including, for example, on the 401,427, Gardiner, and DVP highways?
- In view of its success, do you support the rapid expansion of the King Street Pilot Project to other streetcar lines?
- Do you support the expansion of the streetcar system?

- Do you support the expansion of the bike lanes system?
- Do you support installing overhead electrical charging for the electric buses the TTC proposes to buy?

Order & Public Safety

Q.10. As noted above, anxiety and mental health issues arising from the pandemic seem to cause an alarming number of violent assaults in Toronto, including on the TTC, with many people - including those suffering from mental illness – becoming victims. Street racing remains a hazardous and potentially lethal pastime among young Torontonians. What steps would you take to reduce the threat of these and other hazards and address their underlying causes?

The safest travel method is with a TAIT system providing personalized transportation between pick-up and delivery. An undercover officer will be on each car and monitored by FREE WiFi on each vehicle camera and speaker. When a GOOD SAMARITAN sees something, they can quickly alert via FREE WIFI the security monitor, who will dispatch the undercover security officer to the vehicle with the problem.

People with mental issues would be monitored by the 4H system for ongoing treatment.