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1. Have you personally been involved in any group, organisation or activities that relate to sustainability? Please give details and outcomes.

I have not been involved with any organisations as such, however I do acknowledge the importance of each playing our part as individuals by recycling all that is recyclable. I always recycle my household waste. I think some sort of policy or incentive should be set by council to explore and encourage these avenues as well as composting practices amongst residents should be encouraged.

2. Please rank, in order of (1) to (7), what you consider to be the most pressing needs for sustainability today, (1) being the most pressing and (7) the least. Please also add one of your own ideas.

1. Water quality in lakes and rivers,
2. Reducing our contribution to climate change,
3. Adapting to the Impacts of climate change,
4. Sustainable transport options,
5. Sustainable economic growth,
6. Sustainable energy source,
7. Sustainable urban design.

3. In your view, what is the most effective thing Council could do to improve wellbeing for those of lower socioeconomic status in our city?

Council should work with the top scholars at the university to identify problem issues and solutions and implement the best policies to reduce socioeconomic inequalities.

4. What do you see as future priorities for transport in Hamilton City and what benefits do you believe these changes will bring?

I would encourage hybrid vehicle or similar, anything that reduces our air pollution. Council should give free parking and other incentives in the city to owners of such vehicles. Council should also replace the current council vehicles with hybrids as well as encourage or make policy for public transport to follow suit including taxi services and buses. Hamilton should set the standard for the rest of the country to follow.

5. What sustainable water management strategies do you think Council should implement?

I think we should explore new technology on a global scale, and see what other countries may be doing and what works. I feel more restrictions should be placed on farmers' and businesses and harsh penalties be introduced to those do not comply with bylaws. I oppose 1080 aerial drops period! This practice "MUST BE STOPPED"!! It pollutes our waterways and kills animals, birds, fish, insects, micro-organisms.

6. Do you see the Council as having responsibility towards managing native biodiversity within the city? If yes, what policies would you like to see in place to support this? If no, please explain.

Yes I think the council should work with the University of Waikato faculty that specializes in biodiversity and use the thriving talent that is available to them there to investigate and research this matter and possibly offer the students an internship towards their degree.

7. What strategies do you think Council should employ to minimise the City's waste?

The council should put an infringement in place to encourage recycling and educate the public more on the pros' and cons' of recycling so the public get the big picture.

8. How can Hamilton celebrate cultural diversity while helping to strengthen cross cultural ties?

Food is always a good way to bring people together so perhaps an annual 'cultural food festival' would be advantageous to strengthen bonds within the community, this could also be used to educate the public on the different types of cultures, customs and traditions of the different ethnicities within our city.

9. Do you think Council has a role in supporting businesses, schools, families and individuals to make more sustainable choices? If no, why not and if yes what ideas do you have to support this?

I think the council should encourage businesses, schools and the public to be sustainable in their practices. I'm a big believer in education and the council should really push the issue to promote sustainable practices in our city.

10. Do you think Council has a responsibility to have policies to mitigate climate change and manage its impacts? Could you please give some examples?

I do think the council should introduce policies to help with climate control, however I think that we all need to play our part in this role also as it is a huge issue and also a non-military security threat for our country and planet. Once again educating and encouraging the public to contribute towards their part is vital. I think we should have an annual tree planting month where everyone plants trees within that month, perhaps November. We should make this a really big deal for our city's schools, businesses, organizations and communities to get involved, the local papers could get involved also through articles and photography, perhaps the council could offer incentives.

11. Suppose that your Council is considering a proposal for economic development. The development would increase regional GDP and create a significant number of jobs. It would also add significant pollution to waterways and further degrade their ecosystems. Would you support the proposal or not? What is your reasoning?

I'm a big believer in business and enterprise and economic growth, I would certainly support it in Hamilton. However the businesses would have to have sustainable practices in place and these would need to be monitored regularly independently, with strict policy and regulations in place. Some businesses would not make the grade and the selection process needs to be strict also with harsh penalties. As for pollution of the waterways I think it depends on the type of business but those that will contribute to water pollution should not be allowed to launch or operate.

I hope my answers are satisfactory to your requirements and I thank you for the opportunity to participate.

If you have any more queries please don't hesitate to ask.

Best regards,

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