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The Economy:

- 1. How would you ensure Mississauga remains an attractive community in which to invest and conduct business?**

Show leadership in combatting traffic gridlock and stabilizing Mississauga's population

- 2. What role do you see the Mayor's Office playing in promoting economic development?**

Showing the world a friendly and welcoming face of a city dealing with its problems

Civic Governance:

- 3. How would you ensure that municipal taxes remain competitive with other jurisdictions?**

Tight control of the budget.

- 4. How would your administration help support a business friendly environment with respect to regulations, zoning, and dealings with the municipal government?**

Politicians and civil servants are the taxpayers' servants, not their masters. The tone of an organizations comes from the top. We need a new ethos of RESPECT for the taxpayers, transparency and availability.

- 5. How would you work to contain municipal costs, including labour costs?**

New programmes should be scrutinized carefully. All programmes should be subject to a five year sunset law. In other words, they should be re-examined as to their effectiveness and value for money spent.

Employment:

6. Describe your plans for supporting effective employment growth strategies?

The City of Mississauga will not use temporary foreign workers nor use suppliers who. Top priority must go to Canadian residents already here. Present unemployment and underemployment levels are scandalous and wasteful of human potential.

7. How would your administration help support effective employment integration for newcomers and opportunities for young people?

With current high unemployment levels, Mississauga should show leadership and lobby for a five year moratorium on all immigration, until we get unemployed Canadians back to work and make room for our many unemployed or underemployed recent graduates.

Infrastructure:

8. How would you address traffic congestion in Mississauga?

Traffic gridlock is the top concern of Mississaugans. It is a time wasting, nerve fraying, brakes destroying, frustrating menace that costs Ontario \$6-billion a year. A solution will require co-operation from all three levels of government. Mississauga's Mayor must provide strong leadership in insisting on a solution to this problem. I am a strong advocate for the motorist. I do not share the car hating agenda of some. Locally, we should do everything possible to improve the flow of traffic, like synchronizing lights green on major roads. I would ban axle destroying speed bumps in Mississauga, I oppose introducing bicycle lanes that would take out lanes. I opposed building of an LRT down Hurontario. This would mess up an important arterial road.

9. What are your plans to improve public transit in the community?

Adding more buses would be a cheaper alternative for those taking transit.

10. How do you propose funding those plans?

User pay (public transit).

11. How will you ensure that the City's maturing infrastructure is maintained and/or improved upon?

We have to curb growth.

12. How do you envision funding infrastructure renewal?

No response.

Candidate Experience and Suitability:

13. Describe your experience, including professional, business, community leadership, and public exposure.

I have lived in Mississauga for 34 years and worked here for 40. I was an educator here for 26 years. For the last 17 years, I have been the director of the Canadian Association for Free Expression, a free speech advocacy group. I have been an elected school trustee and appointed member of the Library Board.

The post-Hazel era needs strong leadership. I am not afraid to be outspoken and discuss the uncomfortable truths we must face if we are to solve the community choking effects of traffic gridlock. Mississauga needs a strong voice in dealing with other levels of government.

Endless growth is no longer a sustainable option. Canada needs a new immigration policy, rather than the present cheap labour policy which keeps unemployment high and frustrates both our own job seekers and disappointed newcomers alike.

14. Describe your experience and knowledge of the workings of municipal government and public policy.

No response.