

Candidate Details

Kim Huxted

Regional Councillor (Kitchener)

What is your motivation for running for election?

I am running for regional council so I can help guide the future of our region with responsible growth while protecting greenspace and farmland

What are your top three priority issues you want to address at Regional Council?

food security/farmland, water quality and addiction and homelessness

What is your vision for each of the issues you identified above?

I think we need to better protect our farmland from inappropriate development. I believe we should find long term solutions to our water shortage rather than stop gap measure that only temporarily fix the ongoing problems. I will advocate for a regional addition treatment and support centre so that those that want the help can get it when they ask for it. A wait list is not a solution to this problem

What tangible steps would you take to increase the supply of affordable housing across the Region?

I believe the market is already helping create affordable housing as the prices drop due to low demand. The HST/PST holiday is really helping lower the cost of all types of properties. I will lobby the Provincial and Federal governments to extend that tax relief. No housing should be subjected to those taxes in the first place. I would like to see a program that will help seniors stay in their homes without being forced out due to increasing property taxes

What is your plan to expand access to affordable, high-quality child care and create additional child care spaces?

I think the best solution to child care is subsidized education so we can access qualified ECE's which seems to be the biggest problem with child care in all regions

What is your position on the Provincial government's efforts to increase private sector involvement in drinking water and wastewater services

I believe decision making should be local as much as possible. If they want to provide services to us at no charge so we can access additional resources without raising costs I would be happy for the assistance.

What role should the Region play in protecting publicly owned water services?

The region should continue to be the decision maker in all publicly owned water services

What forms of inequity do you believe are the most significant challenges in our community? How would you address them?

I think our region is pretty good and avoiding inequity. I think the homeless situation is the biggest inequity and I think an addiction treatment centre could greatly improve the outcome for many

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What organizations, initiatives, or movements have you supported that work to address systemic discrimination or oppression? Please describe your involvement.

I was a supporter of senior citizens saving the Rockway centre. I was thrilled that thier voices were heard and council committed to saving the centre used by so many

Can you commit to publicly speaking up in favour of these demands, including at Council meetings?

Yes