

We are Guelph

Stronger Together

Labour, students, and community promoting a Guelph vision for and by community members.

We are Guelph community members united in our commitment to transparent, community-driven leadership that serves every resident.

Our guiding philosophy is investment in a future that meets Guelph's needs. We are dedicated to housing affordability, public safety, greening our communities, good jobs, reliable transportation and smart growth.

As a candidate for the City of Guelph, I recognize that the decisions made in the 2026-2030 term will shape our community for generations. I hereby pledge my commitment to the following pillars of leadership.

Housing

Greening Our Communities:

YES NO

Net-Zero Commitment: Work collaboratively to reach Guelph's goal of becoming a **net-zero carbon community by 2050**

Accelerated Action: Reach Guelph's target of a **63% per capita reduction** in GHG emissions by 2030 (against the 2018 baseline).

Green Building Standards: Advocate that all new municipal and residential developments comply with high-tier [Green Development Standards](#).

Deeply Affordable & Green Housing

YES NO

Accessible Affordability: Prioritize mixed housing options where rent is capped at **30% of household income**, with an emphasis on subsidized and deeply affordable accessible units.

Densification: Growth that prioritizes sustainability and densification with a focus on walkable neighbourhoods near transit and services.

Green Standards: Mandate that all new developments meet [Green Development Framework](#) (GDF) standards to ensure long-term energy efficiency and lower utility costs for residents.

Dignity in Basic Needs

YES NO

24/7 Safe Shelter: Ensure reliable, around-the-clock access to safe shelter and three nutritious meals a day for every resident in need.

Immediate Support: Maintain and expand emergency community grants to bridge service gaps for daytime drop-in spaces and food security.

Public Safety: Champion safety initiatives that ensure a secure environment for every neighborhood and every community member.

FOOD

Urban Agriculture & Sustainable Food Systems YES NO

Community Garden Incentives: Promote and create incentives for apartment, commercial, and municipal

buildings to utilize **rooftops and planter boxes** for community food gardens.

Sustainable Infrastructure: Promote the integration of urban food production into smart growth planning to enhance local food resilience and reduce transport emissions.

Scaling Food Sovereignty & Support

YES NO

Expansion of [The SEED](#): Support an increase in funding for [The SEED's sliding-scale grocery programs](#), which allow residents to pay what they can afford to ensure high-quality food access for all.

Neighbourhood Dining Halls: Support the expansion of the [Guelph Neighbourhood Support Coalition](#) (GNSC) to establish **neighborhood dining halls** in every ward, providing meals at cost through a community house model.

Surplus Food Recovery: Support strengthening networks between grocery stores and community service providers to redirect surplus food to those in need.

Employment

Protecting Vital Resources & Reclaiming Public Services YES

NO

Water Sovereignty: Pledge to fiercely **oppose the privatization** of our local water supply and systems, ensuring they remain a protected, publicly owned resource.

Opposing Privatization: Resist the contracting out of essential municipal work, ensuring services remain accountable to residents rather than profit margins.

Municipalizing Waste: Work to keep city composting operations under direct municipal jurisdiction and to have city works operate them; establish clear, mandatory bylaws for composting and waste sorting to ensure 100% community participation.

Economic Stability & Quality Employment

YES NO

Secure Jobs: Promote a Guelph's "Living Wage" city by prioritizing secure, high-quality municipal employment and supporting local businesses that provide stable jobs, and tying new business approval and city-issued development incentives to a commitment to pay all employees a Guelph living wage.

Local Resilience: Support a "Guelph-First" procurement policy that aligns with the provincial [Buy Ontario Procurement Directive](#), ensuring municipal bids for goods and services prioritize local, provincial, and Canadian suppliers.

Sustainable Jobs & Energy Future

YES NO

Community Energy Initiative (CEI): Commit to the [Guelph Community Energy Initiative](#) as a driver for the "green-collar" economy, creating stable, well-paying jobs in renewable energy and building retrofits.
Protecting Worker Rights: Uphold and protect the rights of all workers,

supporting fair labour practices and safe working environments as core components of Guelph's economic identity.

Transportation

Reliable & Equitable Transportation

YES NO

Modernizing Transit: Support a free, accessible, and safe transit system with optimized routing to reduce traffic congestion and carbon emissions.

Equitable Growth: Work to ensure that service expansion—from snow clearing to transit frequency—is distributed fairly across all neighbourhoods, meeting the unique needs of every ward.

Advocate for reliable bike and walking lanes/trails that are maintained year-round.

Taxation and accountability

YES NO

Lobby to increase Federal & Provincial financial support to municipalities, instead of increasing property taxes and fees to cover shortfalls and downloading of service provisions

Ensure value, quality, and transparency in tax spending through an open review process that engages all community members in defining Guelph's priorities and needs.

Direct city staff to create a vote dashboard that records councilors' votes.

NAME: WARD#/ Mayor Ward 2

Signature *Kim Fry*