



WHAT TYPE OF CITY DO YOU WANT TO LIVE IN?

The Hamilton Civic League Values & Priorities Survey

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This is a voluntary and anonymous survey.

No personal information is being collected and none of the questions require answers that could be used to identify you.

The data collected through this survey will be used to develop a voter information guide for the 2010 Hamilton election.

1) What, if anything, would you like to change about the City of Hamilton?

2) What, if anything, would you like to change about life in your own neighborhood?

3) The priority of road and traffic design should be to promote fast movement of cars and trucks throughout the city

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Agree
- Strongly agree
- Don't know

4) Road and traffic design should give priority to community and environmental concerns (such as noise, levels of social interaction, safety or pollution).

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Agree
- Strongly agree
- Don't know

5) Job growth and economic development should be the main focus of Council.

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Agree
- Strongly agree
- Don't know

6) Council's first responsibility is to ensure residents' quality of life by effectively delivering city services (such as water, sewer, public health, road & transportation, planning, emergency services).

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Agree
- Strongly agree
- Don't know

7) In your view, what actions should be taken to encourage job growth and economic development in Hamilton?

8) The City should accommodate the construction of new houses and buildings by expanding into the countryside.

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Agree
- Strongly agree
- Don't know

9) The City's goal should be to confine growth to within the current built-up area.

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Agree
- Strongly agree
- Don't know

10) Hamilton's future well-being depends in part on being able to capitalize on the skills, energy and ideas of new immigrants, new Canadians, and other newcomers to the city.

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Agree
- Strongly Agree
- Don't know

11) In terms of roads, bridges, sewers and water systems, the priority for City spending should be to fix, replace and improve our existing infrastructure.

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Agree
- Strongly agree
- Don't know

12) In terms of roads, bridges, sewers and water systems, the priority for City spending should be to extend these types of infrastructure into new areas.

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Agree
- Strongly agree
- Don't know

13) In terms of the amount of money that the City spends on programs and services to assist those living in poverty, do you think that we spend too much, too little, or about the right amount?

- Too much
- Too little
- About the right amount
- Don't know

14) Do you think that programs that try to improve the conditions of people living in poverty make things better, make things worse, or have no real impact either way?

- Make things better
- Make things worse
- Have no impact either way
- Don't know

15) It costs approximately \$10,000 per year to maintain each lane of every kilometre of road. Should developers who build in new areas be charged fees that cover the future costs of servicing and maintaining the roads in those areas?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know
- Prefer not to answer

16) The City of Hamilton should promote public transit by spending more money to expand service and purchase better equipment, even if this means a tax increase or diverting money from other programs.

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Agree
- Strongly Agree
- Don't know

17) The City should try to reduce provincial health care costs by spending money on programs, facilities and community spaces that encourage physical activity.

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Agree
- Strongly agree
- Don't know

18) Farmland around the city should be preserved.

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Agree
- Strongly agree
- Don't know

19) I usually feel safe in the neighborhood where I live and in my daily movements throughout Hamilton.

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Agree
- Strongly agree
- Don't know

20) Candidates for city council and mayor should continue to be allowed to accept campaign donations from businesses and labour groups like they do from private citizens.

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Agree
- Strongly agree
- Don't know

21) City employees adequately reflect the diversity of the population that they serve.

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Agree
- Strongly agree
- Don't know

22) Select the statement that matches most closely your view of the role of a city councillor.

- A councillor should make decisions on behalf of residents using his or her own knowledge and judgment.
- A councillor should consult directly with residents on individual issues and vote according to the wishes of the majority.
- Prefer not to answer

23) The populations of the 15 city wards are different. In one ward, a councillor represents 15,000 residents. In another ward, a single councillor represents more than 55,000 residents. Should the ward boundaries be redrawn so that each councillor represents an equal number of residents?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know
- Prefer not to answer

24) I think it is important to walk, bike, or use public transit whenever possible.

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Agree
- Strongly agree
- Don't know

25) Please rank from 1 to 5 the method of transportation that you feel is most convenient for getting around in Hamilton:

- ___ Walking
- ___ Public transit (HSR, Darts)
- ___ Car or taxi
- ___ Bike
- ___ Other (please specify)

26) For how many years have you lived in Hamilton?

- less than one year
- 1 to 3 years
- 4 to 10 years
- 10 to 20 years
- more than 20 years

27) What level of education have you completed? (select one)

- some high school
- high school
- some college or university
- college or university
- trade school/vocational training
- graduate/professional degree

28) Besides affordability, please indicate how important the following factors are when choosing where you live:

	Not very Important	Important	Very Important	Don't Know
Size and space	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Close to work or school	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Near shops and services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quiet and privacy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Close to family and friends	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

29 a) Transit Services: Taxation to support the HSR bus system should be collected equally for all parts of the city that have some bus service, even if the frequency of service is less in some areas than in others.

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Agree
- Strongly agree
- Don't know

29 b) Culture and Recreation: Taxation to support culture and recreation programs and facilities should be collected equally for all parts of the city, even if the same programs and facilities aren't located in every part of the city.

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Agree
- Strongly agree
- Don't know

30) Please make one selection for each category.

I am satisfied with the way the City of Hamilton enforces property standards for:

Residential homeowners	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
Rental units & multi-residential buildings	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
Commercial buildings	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
Industrial facilities	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know

31) Does your household rent or own the home you live in?

- Rent Own Prefer not to answer

32) How old are you?

- 18 to 25 26-35
 36-45 46-55
 56-65 65+

33) To be eligible to vote in a city election, you must be 18 years of age or older, a Canadian citizen, reside in Hamilton or be an owner or tenant of property here, or be the spouse of an owner or tenant.

In 2006, were you eligible to vote in the city election?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to answer

34) If you didn't vote in the 2006 city election, why not? (select all that apply)

- I wasn't eligible
- I didn't have time
- I was not familiar with the candidates
- I didn't understand what municipal government does
- City government is not important to me
- I didn't think my vote would make a difference
- Other (please specify) _____