

Individual Councillor Areas of Focus (Sticky Note Exercise)

Priority 1: Supporting Businesses and Economic Growth

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- Economic opportunity and strategy- open for business, talent and workforce development, business retention and expansion, innovation and leadership, strategy and new investment
- Joint economic Development
- Canada Games
- Tourism- eco/sport
- Continue to expand tourism: bike paths, beaches, hiking
- Tourism- eco adventure
- Regional tourism, responsible spending
- Regional approach to tourism
- Attract and retain talent through population growth
- Retaining our youth- schools, education, transportation
- Student and youth retention
- Skilled trades
- Educate our children and their parents that all jobs are important, including skilled trades
- Economic development- trades are very important, we need job retention as well as youth retention
- Fill the workplace gaps with businesses
- Entice workers and businesses to Niagara and promote a quality life style
- Growing our economy
- Economic Development- keeping and retention and new
- Growth: diversity, inclusivity, sustainable
- Identify locations for industrial growth
- Economic and community development- open for business
- Business growth and retention- economic development including tourism
- Economic development which includes business retention and expansion

Priority 2: Healthy and Vibrant Community

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- Health equity- complete communities driven by research in determinants of health
- Reduce poverty and increase equity
- Enhance quality of health in Niagara Region
- Mental health services, and focus on public health in general
- Public Health: long term seniors beds (aging population), mental health and addiction
- Public Health: seniors, long term care homes, emphasis on mental health

- Public health- mental and general
- Healthy community- mental and physical
- Quality of life and public safety
- Create a healthier, safe and more caring community
- Better promotion of our arts and culture
- Senior citizens
- Building an affordable and sustainable community
- Helping graduates in Niagara- giving a health, affordable living
- Affordable housing
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- Affordable housing: providing accommodation for those less fortunate, putting new facilities on a priority list
- Affordable housing across all age groups/long term care and public health
- Affordable housing in our communities
- Quality affordable housing
- Affordable housing- seniors and LTC
- Affordable housing- innovative solutions to fill gap between social housing and home ownership
- Affordable housing- increase stock, shorten wait list including equitable access to LTC
- Affordable housing- integrated
- Integrated affordable housing
- Housing- affordable for seniors and long term care
- Solutions for affordable homes for families and the homeless and long term care facilities

Priority 3: Responsible Growth and Infrastructure Planning

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- One Niagara transportation authority
- Transit and Go- continue linking communities, N-S and E-W
- Improve and expand on our inter-municipal transportation services
- Transportation
- Complete transportation system
- Transportation to connect people with jobs and services
- Effective and efficient movement of people and goods
- Transportation (regional and active)
- Transportation- we need to amalgamate the 3 transit services to form one
- Create an effective and affordable transportation system
- Regional transit
- Regional Public transit- making Niagara accessible across the Region
- Aged infrastructure needs to be upgraded and for future development including transit
- Water safety and sanitation- replacing aging infrastructure is a priority for clean water
- Essential Infrastructure- i.e. transportation, water quality, public safety

- Renew, repair and replace aging infrastructure
- Prioritize new infrastructure with a mind to development (new and old)
- Essential public infrastructure
- Infrastructure in support of growth
- Look after worst first with infrastructure
- Strong asset management plan combined with infrastructure, growth and renewal
- Infrastructure development and improvement
- Grow infrastructure
- Infrastructure requirements: waste water, health, water etc.
- Green sustainable, development and practices, environmental quality
- Preservation of prime agricultural land and natural assets
- Environment
- Environmental sustainability- targets to reduce carbon footprint/greenhouse gases, look through environmental lens for projects and policy, acknowledge climate change and actions to reduce human impacts

Priority 4: Sustainable and Engaging Government

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- Providing high quality basic municipal services
- Core service focus
- Concentrate on core priorities
- Concept of affordability and efficiency of the Region: be as efficient as is possible while meeting the expectation of the community(ies)
- Centralization of services where it makes sense- i.e. IT and infrastructure
- Region wide fire services- one system for all 12 Municipalities
- Pursue additional partnerships with our area municipalities, post secondary institutions and businesses
- Utilize the assets of Niagara College and Brock University
- Closer partnerships with our post secondary education institutions
- Collaboration
- Region-wide consultation
- Joint Planning consultation
- Better communication between people and communities
- Communication: improve and inform, ensure community knows what it needs to know
- Integrity
- Fiscally responsible
- responsible spending