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Survey Responses: **Gord Krantz**, candidate for **Mayor, Milton**.

1. Currently, only municipalities can make a request to the Province to grow the Greenbelt, and they are responsible for implementing the Greenbelt Plan. Do you support growing the Greenbelt within your municipality and/or strengthening support for Greenbelt protection in your municipality?

No

Milton has one of the largest expanses of greenbelt in Southern Ontario, complemented by one of the largest environmental areas under management by a conservation authority anywhere in Ontario. The public is well served by the combination of these physical features in our community.



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2. In order for the Greenbelt to remain protected, municipalities must adhere to the Province's Places to Grow strategy, specifically, the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, while respecting the protections under the Greenbelt Plan. Do you support concentrating development within your municipality's existing urban boundary, while limiting further urban expansion into farmlands or greenfields?

Yes

We are in conformance with the Province of Ontario's Places To Grow Plan, which was legislated in 2005.

3. New roads and other infrastructure fragment the natural areas of the Greenbelt, threatening its ecological integrity by destroying connections between natural heritage features. Do you support urban planning that would facilitate enhanced infrastructure for cyclists and pedestrians, an efficient public transit system, increased funding for public transit and/or improving links to regional public transit systems?

Yes

We currently do this in the Town of Milton. Over the last decade, we have developed one of the largest trail systems in Southern Ontario.

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4. Strong market demand in urban areas near the Greenbelt for locally-grown foods supports a viable agricultural sector in the Greenbelt. Do you support the creation of a policy in your municipality that favours purchasing locally-grown foods for municipal facilities like nursing homes, day care centres and City cafeterias?

Yes

The Regional Municipality of Halton, of which the Town of Milton is a part, already has such a policy in place.

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5. Do you support stronger recycling and green-bin programs to reduce waste in your municipality?

Yes

The Regional Municipality of Halton has one of the most sophisticated and successful waste management programs in place in Canada. It includes organics capture and blue box recycling.

6. Water is a precious resource, yet Canadians continue to be one of the biggest per capita water consumers in the world, using almost double the amount of other developed countries. Do you support creating the water conservation policies necessary to offset new residential water demand for your municipality?

Yes

The Town of Milton and the Regional Municipality of Halton already have in place policies and guidelines in this regard.

7. Given the need to reduce Ontario's contribution to climate change and foster the creation green jobs through investment in the green energy economy, will you support the removal of local barriers to facilitate the development of renewable energy projects in your community?

Yes

The Town of Milton and Mattamy Homes co-developed Eco-Tech Village almost ten years ago -- the first such development of its kind in Canada. The Town continues to work with its government and private sector partners to integrate various energy systems into its hydro-electricity grid, for example. Wind power is being harnessed to support the electrical requirements of the Town's expansion to Milton Sports Centre.

8. Although aggregate (gravel) extraction is a permitted land use in the Greenbelt Plan, it continues to have huge negative impacts on the natural environment. Would you pursue a procurement policy that requires the highest level of recycled content allowable in municipal works projects, and situates aggregate extraction in areas away from sensitive natural heritage and source water features?

Yes

I believe current Ontario Ministry of Environment and existing Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources policies, guidelines and practices are sensitive to this concern today.

9. Do you support changes to the Ontario Municipal Elections Act to require that donations to candidates come only from electors in the municipality where the candidate is running, and that union and corporate contributions are banned?

No

I believe there is adequate oversight within the current Act to ensure transparency, in this regard.

Will you vote on Election Day, Monday October 25, 2010?

Yes No

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