

## Bryan Paterson's Answers to Chamber Questions:

### **1. What is the next step for moving forward on the intensification of the Williamsville Main Street plan and what will you do to demonstrate growing Kingston as a livable, sustainable city during your 4 years on Council?**

In my view the next step is to ensure that the new housing projects already approved by City Council for this corridor are built quickly and efficiently. We should also be active in attracting new investment for further mixed use developments that will add to a vibrant streetscape and make this corridor pedestrian friendly. By continuing to invest in urban green spaces, transit service and waterfront trails, we can continue to lead the way in building a livable community.

### **2. 2018 rental housing vacancy rate is 0.7%, the lowest in Canada. What steps will you take to increase the supply of housing?**

Addressing the current housing crunch requires us to facilitate construction of all types of housing across all parts of the city. That means more rental apartments, condos, townhouses, single family homes, quality student apartments and affordable housing that is well-integrated with market rate housing across the community. I continue to support infill development and intensification, and so the city needs to be able to facilitate this development with its brownfields program where applicable, and with efficient service from the planning and building department to ensure a quick approvals process.

### **3. What is the next step for moving forward on the Kingston airport expansion and what will you do to expand air service during your 4 years on Council? For example, Which is a higher priority, another Canadian airline to compete with Air Canada or an American airline to access new US markets?**

With the airport expansion set for completion by the end of this year, we should use our upgraded facilities and capacity to negotiate better air service in and out of Kingston in whatever way we can. I see this requiring an aggressive approach where the mayor is active in meeting with representatives from Air Canada and any number of other airlines. There are an increasing number of charter airlines, low-cost airlines and even international airlines looking to build Canadian partnerships that are worth talking to. I would take as broad an approach as necessary to ensure better planes, better service and lower prices for residents flying out of Kingston.

**4. What is the next step for moving forward on the intensification of JCB corridor expansion and new bridge and it's linkage to the Third Crossing....and what will you do to encourage that growth during your 4 years on Council?**

Here I see two main priorities. First, work with staff to ensure both the bridge over the CN tracks and the Third Crossing come in on-time and on-budget, so that we can complete this new east-west traffic corridor as quickly and efficiently as possible. Second, we should identify opportunities for investment and redevelopment along this corridor, including industrial and commercial space to create jobs and opportunities, particularly in the north end of the city.

**5. What is your solution to the lack of parking inventory in downtown Kingston? What is your financial plan for creating new parking spaces to add to the City's inventory to promote local retail?**

I believe that as redevelop surface parking lots and other underutilized properties in the downtown, we should move to constructing more parking garages, which are a far more efficient use of space than surface parking lots. Parking rates can and should be set so as to pay for the parking infrastructure investment over time. Parking garages can and should be built with high design standards; even though this costs more up front, they can be designed to add to an attractive streetscape and include ground floor spaces to ensure vibrant, walkable streets.