

**2008 Federal Election Campaign  
Questionnaire on Municipal Issues**

*This questionnaire is being sent to all candidates in the upcoming federal election. Please keep your responses to each question to a maximum of 200 words. Responses will be limited to the 200 word maximum per question when they are released. Please email your response to [michael.may@kitchener.ca](mailto:michael.may@kitchener.ca) no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, October 3.*

**Candidate's Name:**

**Candidate's Political Party:**

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1. How will you and your political party involve municipalities – from rural communities to large urban centres – as partners on federal issues that have a direct impact on local governments and their citizens?
2. Will you and your political party commit to providing municipalities with a source of additional, sustainable and permanent infrastructure funding that grows with the economy? If so, how do you propose to provide that funding and when will such a plan be implemented?
3. Will you and your political party commit to the creation of a National Transit Strategy that will provide municipalities with the necessary resources to build, expand and operate their transit systems? If so, what role will municipalities play in the creation of that strategy and what additional funding will be made available for municipalities looking to improve their transit systems?
4. Will you and your political party commit to formally involving municipalities in the creation of a national housing strategy that will provide sustainable and predictable funding to municipalities for affordable and supportive housing – including the renewal of funding for all federal housing programs before March 2009? If so, what specific role will municipalities play in the creation of such a strategy?
5. How will you and your political party engage municipal governments in meeting our national climate change and clean air objectives?
6. What will you and your political party commit to doing to enhance early learning and child care, so that they are more affordable and accessible, in communities across Canada?
7. As our local economy continues to transform, what concrete measures will you and your political party commit to taking to help to strengthen our regional economy?