

2026 GUELPH MAYORAL CANDIDATES

PRIORITIES & FIRST-TERM COMMITMENTS | Candidate survey comparison



MUNICIPAL PRIORITIES BY AVERAGE RANK

1 = highest priority; 10 = lowest priority among the listed issues. Sorted by average rank.

Issue	Leanne Caron	Ken Yee Chew	John Edward Krusky	Evaristo Ramos, Jr.	Rajee Sinha	Average
Cost of living and affordability	1	1	1	3	1	1.40
Housing supply and attainability	3	2	2	1	2	2.00
Economic development and job creation	4	6	3	4	6	4.60
Keeping property tax increases as low as possible	7	3	6	7	4	5.40
Infrastructure renewal	2	4	8	6	7	5.40
Food insecurity, homelessness and mental health services	8	9	4	2	5	5.60
Public safety and emergency services	6	5	5	9	3	5.60
Environmental sustainability	5	8	10	5	8	7.20
Community services and recreation	9	7	7	8	9	8.00
Waste collection and disposal	10	10	9	10	10	9.80

Darker teal = higher priority. Rankings are relative; a lower placement does not mean opposition.

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

Most important first-term action for economic and social prosperity:

Leanne Caron

“A realistic and responsible affordability plan that balances efficiency, strategic investment and new sources of revenue.”

Ken Yee Chew

“I will champion a Standing Finance Committee to bring year-round scrutiny to spending, service performance and long-term financial planning. It would give Council and the public earlier visibility into budget pressures, strengthen accountability, and support more disciplined decisions while protecting the services and investments Guelph relies on.”

John Edward Krusky

“I will focus on critical infrastructure projects and aim to reduce taxes in the city through "cutting" unnecessary spending from the annual budget.”

Evaristo Ramos, Jr.

“I will champion establishing a Municipal Development Corporation alongside modernizing city data infrastructure. By building affordable housing on public land and streamlining municipal service delivery, we can tackle the cost-of-living crisis, expand transit, and ensure sustainable economic resilience for all residents.”

Rajee Sinha

“Affordability. Lowering taxes by increasing housing supply through new faster housing development.”

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POLICY CHOICES | Compare housing, taxes, investment and municipal accountability



SURVEY QUESTION	Leanne Caron	Ken Yee Chew	John Edward Krusky	Evaristo Ramos, Jr.	Rajee Sinha
HOUSING SUPPLY AND ATTAINABILITY					
Reduce development charges and other growth-related fees to encourage attainable ownership and rental housing.	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
Approval timelines with performance targets	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒
Digital permitting and online approvals	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒
Standardized application requirements	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒
Reducing unnecessary studies and reports	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒
Pre-zoning land for housing	☒	☐	☒	☒	☒
Building more housing in existing communities	☒	☐	☒	☒	☒
Supporting staff recommendations for more housing	☒	☐	☐	☒	☒
Delegating more routine approvals to staff	☒	☐	☐	☒	☐
PROPERTY TAXES, INVESTMENT AND JOBS					
Approach to property taxes	Keep tax increases at approximately the rate of inflation/consumer price index (CPI)	Keep tax increases at approximately the rate of inflation/consumer price index (CPI)	Keep annual tax increases below inflation	Keep annual tax increases below inflation	Keep annual tax increases below inflation
Three priorities for attracting investment and creating jobs	Faster planning approvals Downtown revitalization Transit improvements	Faster planning approvals Invest in roads/infrastructure Reducing municipal red tape	Faster planning approvals Lower municipal taxes/fees Reducing municipal red tape	Faster planning approvals Transit improvements Reducing municipal red tape	Faster planning approvals Transit improvements Tourism investment
MUNICIPAL EFFICIENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY AND SERVICE DELIVERY					
Comprehensive service and spending review each council term; publicly report savings.	Support	Strongly Support	Support	Strongly Support	Strongly Support
Tax increases above inflation require public justification and evidence that lower-cost alternatives were considered first.	Support	Strongly Support	Strongly Support	Strongly Support	Strongly Support
Expand shared services and joint procurement where costs fall without reducing service levels.	Strongly Support	Strongly Support	Support	Strongly Support	Strongly Support
Measurable service standards and public performance reporting for planning approvals, permitting and other key services.	Strongly Support	Strongly Support	Support	Strongly Support	Strongly Support
Modern digital services through one online portal for permits, licences and approvals.	Strongly Support	Strongly Support	Support	Strongly Support	Strongly Support
CAMPAIGN INFORMATION					
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Checked box = selected. Empty box = not selected; this does not indicate opposition. All candidates identified Guelph as their municipality; none provided an “other” priority. Question labels are condensed; selected answers and written responses are retained. Survey requests distributed to all six mayoral candidates for the 2026 City of Guelph Municipal Election. Candidate Ryan Meunier declined participation in the survey, urging constituents to instead continue following the public meetings and to visit his website (meunierformayor.ca) for updated information, including direct question responses.