

# PEC Chamber of Commerce Candidate's Questionnaire

The PEC Chamber of Commerce's Policy and Governmental Affairs Committee recently surveyed their members, asking them what their top priorities are for the next council. From those priorities we have created the following questions. As is our tradition, we have also asked the Prince Edward Federation of Agriculture to provide questions as well. If possible, we would like these questions to be answered and submitted by noon on Tuesday, September 25th. Please be aware that these answers may become available to the public.

## Prince Edward County Chamber of Commerce Questions

Please fill out your name and ward.

Tim Fellows ward4

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How will you tackle the Workforce Development and labour shortage issues in Prince Edward County?

Build a bottle making factory for all the winners. Year round work. Build scooters and e bikes.. Have the factories run on solar and wind power.

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Affordable Housing is at a crisis point, what action will you take to address it to ensure current residents can afford to continue living here and new, young residents are enticed to move here?

Council invented a bunch of permits to make money. Now the person building needs a pile of permit money added to the house cost. Price of labour is not dropping. Cost of material isn't going down . Greed wins. A person makes 15.00 a hour but pays 100 plus a hour to ????.

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**Short Term Accommodations licensing and registration - do you agree with the direction the County is currently taking? What is your plan for dealing with Short Term Accommodations in PEC?**

Many hotels are loosing money. People spend 250 for a bnb . Hotels are 150 or so. Well the bnb be a temporary problem or continue. If a outsider buys a 4 bedroom house . Rents the 4 rooms 250 a night . Some one made 1000.00 . Do that for 60 nights during the summer months there is a 60 000 profit. How does Prince Edward get a peice of that. Beside there usual monthly property tax. Add a business tax . Make a new bnb tax on those house. Take the value of property see how many rooms are available bnbs add 20%. A few ideas.

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**Development Charges and Process Restructure – there is a severe staff shortage in the Planning Department and the planning process is considered by many to be onerous and costly. How do you propose to address it?**

Cut down on the perments. 20 years ago think I needed one permit now there's how many . To many . I saw house or to built 60 years ago. Think there might have. Had one permit. Think the person building it was drinking all the time. People building houses today will do what's right. There are people responsible to do the right thing. Them inspectors to look at the work .

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**Would you support the waiver or reduction of development charges and building permit fees for affordable housing development to encourage such development?**

Think I answered that . Cut them down or off. Pay a inspector 20.00 a hour to investigate all builds. The inspector says I won't get out of bed for that. Hundreds get out of bed for 15 a hour. Every day people want morè money to do the same job they did yesturday .

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What are your thoughts on Downtown Revitalization within Picton, Bloomfield, Wellington and Consecon as well as the parking issues faced by these towns?

Been driving all these area's there's not a lot to do . Can't remove street parking to make a four lane road. Not possible to push buildings 15 feet back. There highway 33 or use county road 1 and the side streets to get around. Build more roads between county road 1 and 33. All the land is going residential so we can't grow food to eat. Of course we won't notice that until it happens. Then it is to late

Roads and infrastructure (state of roads, drainage, water and sewage). Does the County have the means to deal with the true quality issues for roads in the County? What is your plan for addressing these major infrastructure projects?

We do not have the millions to fix it all. Been on Christian rd to get eggs. That road us only local people on the road. They shovel the black filler stuff. Now your driving over a bump instead of a hole.. Hwy 49 needs 21 million. I suggest we all run out get a super max 60 million ticket. If your win it all. Donate 30 million to hwy 49. From now on the high way 49 to the donator name. There my two cents. Might get change back.

## Prince Edward Federation of Agriculture (PEFA) Questions

Farm land property taxes have increased by over 25% for the second year resulting in the farm tax class share of County expenses rising to 2.2% of County revenue from 1.6% in 2016. Are you willing to support reducing farm tax ratio to ensure the percentage of municipal tax revenue contributed by the farm property tax remains at the level of 2018?

Why is every body greedy . Let's have prices go down reverse inflation. Like that going to happen. No farms no food. A man on RR6 said if you want to live on poverty and be depressed all day buy a farm. Farms feed people so why are we making there lifes tough. Where are 72 million people going to get food down the road.

There is an urgent need to relax the current half load restrictions which are a barrier to farmers who need to market beans and corn to fill contracts where the farmers do not control the scheduled delivery dates. These deliveries should be included with other essential services such as the transport of milk, potable water and prepared animal feeds as they are required to meet the market demands for animal and human consumption. The timely sale of these commodities are essential for farm viability and maintaining worker employment in the winter. Are you in favour of removing the seasonal axle load restrictions that can impede the movement of farmers' crops to markets as required?

Stop talking of all the issues. Get off your \*""\_## . Do something about it

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There is a need for adequate emergency services in rural areas and improved response times. A Farm 911 Sign initiative has been created in The Quinte area. How does this municipality handle civic addresses on vacant properties? Is there a program in place for farmers to request a civic address for vacant farm land and what is the fee?

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Do you support the OFA position that all new farm buildings should be exempt from development charges as is currently the case in most Counties including Prince Edward County?

Last thing farmers need is paying stuff that can be for free. Seriously how much do you want to pay for food. 10.00 for a bag of frozen peas or beans or ????

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Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire!



