



Questions for Municipal Election Candidates – Council

Preamble:

The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) is an international bill of rights for women. Article 1 of CEDAW, explains discrimination is understood as "any distinction, exclusion or restriction made on the basis of sex."

The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms sets out equality rights. "Section 15 of the Charter makes it clear that every individual in Canada – regardless of race, religion, national or ethnic origin, colour, sex, age or physical or mental disability – is to be treated with the same respect, dignity and consideration. This means that governments must not discriminate on any of these grounds in its laws or programs."

1. Do you support women's sex-based rights as outlined in CEDAW and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms?
2. In order to accurately include and represent all citizens in decision-making, it is critical to gather data that reflects material reality such as biological sex and sexual orientation.
3. Women's (adult human female's) sex-based representations in the civic processes must be preserved.
4. Political organizations should strive to have equal representation of women (adult human females) in leadership positions and as candidates.