# Find out where municipal election candidates stand on critical issues

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### 1. A strong site alteration by-law, with emphasis on "strong"

Tree massacres, stream destruction and other assaults on our city's natural features happen with impunity, because Council has yet to approve a promised by-law that would enforce environmentally responsible development.

### 2. A firm annual allocation for environmental lands acquisition

Opportunities to acquire pockets of remaining natural areas continue to arise, but new funds are not allocated or are shifted to other uses.

#### 3. Standing firm on the prohibition against future country lot subdivisions

This form of "rural sprawl" has been stopped, but "compromises" could weaken the resolve to maintain the current prohibition.

## 4. Respecting the City's Advisory Committees' role as bridges between the public and Council

The 2012 overhaul of the City's advisory committees resulted in a dramatic reduction in citizen involvement in municipal initiatives — a tremendous lost opportunity. The current public input process needs to be reviewed to enhance the public's role in advising City staff and Council.

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