



Horwitz pledges prioritization of sewers and infrastructure

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(Windsor, ON. [September 4, 2014]) — Windsor mayoral candidate Larry Horwitz today pledged to allocate \$20 million – \$2 million per ward – to address infrastructure needs in each of the 10 wards. The allocations are to be funded from the existing public works budget.

Horwitz also pledged to increase sewer expenditures by \$20 million, \$10 million per year over the next two years, over and above the amounts allocated in the 5 Year Capital Budget Plan. This will not require any new funding as it will come from existing uncommitted amounts and uncommitted amounts identified in the yet-to-be approved 2015 budget.

"This is to prioritize expenditure on sewers which is a quality of life issue as expressed to me by thousands of Windsor residents, and ensures that these funds are not frittered away on other less important projects," Horwitz said in a news release. "This will also accelerate funding for sewers; stimulate the economy; and will have the benefit of creating jobs.

To emphasize, none of these commitments will require any new funding as they are either reallocating existing budgets or allocating existing funding that has not yet been committed within the 5 Year Capital Budgets. It is critical to recognize that these initiatives will therefore not increase overall expenditure and are a prioritization within the existing budget process," he added.

In summary, these measures are to prioritize important issues for residents; increase accountability of individual councillors for identifying and addressing infrastructure needs within their wards; and stimulate growth and jobs through accelerating infrastructure development.

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