

Rutland Residents Assoc questionnaire answers for Jim Strachan, School Trustee Candidate

1. I am running as School Trustee to continue to impact the schools of our community on a wider scale than as a classroom teacher of the last 34 years. In addition we need financial accountability and transparency while we ensure that our students are not impacted by budget cuts and the children don't feel the necessary decisions of the adults.
2. Sadly the provincial government who controls our funding has made it plain that RMS will not be funded for rebuild. As a trustee I will exhaust every path to secure funding for expansion and updating RMS, allowing for full wheelchair access, elevators and fresh new equipment. This is a strong possibility for funding approval. While it would be easy to promise this as a priority, and previous trustees have done exactly that, it is the province who controls building funds. This is an excellent question for those seeking our support in the coming provincial election.
3. EV bikes and scooters are common transportation in today's city, especially by kids. I fully support local and provincial authorities providing rules and their enforcement for these tools.
4. This occurs at peak periods of school transitions as with most schools, the nature of Rutland Road and its traffic corridor compound the problem. A dedicated pedestrian light would ease the challenge.
5. Bullying always has a victim, if the victim is caused to leave school or punished for standing up for themselves an in depth review of the school personnel and how the situation unfolded needs to be done.
6. I would need to see the details of what you mean for this.