

Hello, my name is Leo Petrilli, and I have lived in this city for my entire life. I am running for city councilor because I feel that this community's concerns have been lost to both big business, and big government. When this occurs, citizen needs are sacrificed for economic gain and therefore real issues are lost. My primary concern is the amount of cancer that we are being subjected to. Together we can be still heard and that is why I am asking for your support in the upcoming election. Both Ottawa politicians, and international corporations are accountable in the environmental and health problems imposed on our community. If elected, I will guard against this type of decision-making, and make issues and the community the focus of solutions.

There are two very important factors that have not been included into the next border crossing issue. NAFTA and the horrific events of 9-1-1 have become the reality of the day. Every day in this community the trucks crawl through our city, leaving who knows what pollution for the local population to deal with. Our cancer rates are escalating relentlessly and it is time for something to be done.

THE GOAL OF PUBLIC ACTION...

- cancer must be regarded as an essentially preventable disease.
- the hidden political and economic factors which have blocked and continue to block attempts to prevent cancer must be recognized.
- the ineffective past track record of government in cancer prevention must be recognized.
- the critical roles in cancer prevention that public interest groups and informed labour leadership have exercised must be recognized and their efforts fully encouraged and supported.
- Parliament must resolve the major inconsistencies in a wide range of legislation on environmental and occupational carcinogens.
- substantially higher federal priorities for the prevention of cancer must be developed.
- policies of the various federal agencies with responsibility in cancer prevention must be effectively integrated and coordinated.
- top business management must recognize the essential similarities between their long-term interests and goals, and those of the local society. Prevention of occupational cancer in the community at large is of primary importance to both.

- both the Canadian and American Cancer Societies must be influenced to balance their preoccupation with treatment with activist programs designed to prevent cancer.

- both the Health and Science community must accept a higher degree of responsibility and involvement in the prevention of cancer by actions on both the professional and political levels.
- medical schools and schools of public health must be persuaded to massively reorient their educational and training programs from the diagnosis and treatment of disease and cancer prevention.
- the major determinants of preventable cancer are political and economic, rather than scientific, and as such must be addressed in the open political arena. Cancer prevention must be made, supreme on this political ticket. Proper rigorous implementation of policies will reverse the growing epidemic of modern cancer and restore it to its rightful role of an uncommon disease.
- did you know that of the tens of thousands of petrochemicals used in every day business,
- well under 500 are carcinogenic?
- some 20 % of lung cancers occur in non-smokers, Windsor rates are probably much higher and also the increasing percentage is of a histological type referred to as ADENOCARCINOMA.
- a Windsor – Detroit study from 1986-1992 revealed that the two cities had a high incidence for adenocarcinoma prior to NAFTA and 9-1-1.

We need to slow down, and think things through. Before any new border crossing can be constructed certainly an environmental study must be completed. And the science has to be right. The citizens of Windsor need to elect politicians that reflect their concerns and needs in the decision making of the future of our city. Because this is our town, I am asking for your support.

Respectfully, Leo Petrilli.