

# Hamilton 2058

AS HAMILTON MAGAZINE LOOKS BACK AT THE PAST 40 YEARS, WE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE INTERESTING TO ASK A PANEL OF HAMILTONIANS TO LOOK FORWARD AND ENVISION OUR CITY IN 2058. HERE'S WHAT THEY HAD TO SAY:



"Dear Hamilton of 2058: By now, I would hope that you've already met your own goal — to be 'the best place to raise a child and age successfully' — and started working on your next level of impact: creating an inclusive city where everyone feels they belong. Let's continue to listen and work through competing priorities and perspectives, while never forgetting who's left behind. In the meantime, keep being bold to drive and embrace change — with a smile. Never forget the pride, energy and community collaborations that make you uniquely Hamilton."  
**Alyssa Lai, Digital Marketing Co-ordinator, Hamilton Health Sciences Foundation**



"As the owner of an event planning business, I have a unique lens from which I view Hamilton — the place I called home until leaving for Toronto in the early '90s. After returning to Hamilton 10 years ago to raise my children, little had changed, particularly in the areas of diversity and inclusion. Within recent years though, there's a rejuvenated community spirit; the City of Hamilton's initiatives are focused more on community building. Now, more than ever, I am excited by the prospect of our city becoming one that is truly for all."  
**Louise Noel-Ambrose, Event Specialist**



"Hoping and predicting what Hamilton will be like in 40 years are two different things, one rooted in idealism, the other, in realism. Frankly, the Hamilton I want in 2058 is one that makes better decisions. Better decisions on transit, on heritage, on housing and socio-economic issues, and for the people that these issues affect. I want a beautiful, dignified, intelligent, cultural city that responds to the needs of its people, all people, and one that ensures access and a high standard of living for them; and, ideally, one that doesn't STILL have the same city councillors."  
**Ryan Moran, co-owner, CoMotion On King**



"There's a growing movement of people supporting each other to make Hamilton a better place for everyone, and I believe we'll see this come to fruition in 2058. When I first joined the small business community four years ago, this movement was in full swing. Businesses were collaborating with each other, not competing. This spirit is growing; you see it with the calls to rally after a tragedy, resulting in action and real change. Hamiltonians have realized the strength of their collective actions and we're creating a city with a quality of life that will be emulated by other cities."  
**Suzanne Zandbergen, The Generator**



"In 2058, Hamilton is a major metropolis with nearly a million residents. Municipal policy has been re-aligned around public health and human connection. Our transportation system promotes physical activity. Our land use plan balances increasing density with neighbourhood character, variety of living arrangements, protection of built heritage and climate change mitigation. The devastating inequality of the early 21st century has been dramatically reduced. Some things haven't changed though: we're still a community of communities, but we are learning to find common ground instead of treating every issue as a culture war zero-sum game."  
**Ryan McGreal, Editor, RaiseTheHammer.org**



"A network of Venetian canals cut through the repurposed Stelco lands for water and public access to the entire harbour, full of housing and arts and culture, floating housing and restaurants, a barge hotel, clean workplaces and production facilities. Gore Park is again a vibrant piazza surrounded by busy restaurants, bars, arts venues and shops, with the piazza extended across King Street, calming traffic instead of the somber, fenced mausoleum it is today. McMaster's campus connects to Cootes Paradise with a new flagship environmental engineering building on stilts. A strip of fabulous restaurants hang off the escarpment along Concession Street with amazing views over our cityscape."  
**Bill Curran, Principal, Thier + Curran Architects**



"My dreams for Hamilton in 2058 include a city council where women, trans and non-binary folks make up more than half of the elected officials. Can you imagine how dynamic that kind of city could be? Can you imagine how riveting those council debates would be? I hope for a city that has moved beyond the horrible daily realities of sexual violence and harassment

and which has a mutually shared culture of consent. I can imagine young boys in the future laughing off phrases like 'act like a man' or 'suck it up and grow a pair' as the 'crazy sh\*t my grandad used to hear.' I mean really, just close your eyes and imagine all that. That is, like, the best city ever."  
**Lenore Lukasik-Foss, Director, SACHA**



"Hamilton has an ocean of possibilities both vast and deep to grow our prosperity in the coming decades. The next 40 years will see the GTHA-KW region shed its boundaries and, as a diversified economy, we have the freedom to chart our own course within it. We need to continue to grow ourselves as a hub for advanced manufacturing and as a less congested trade gateway to North America and beyond. We're also projected to be above a million residents and can hopefully use our LRT line to kickstart mixed-income intensification across our downtowns, supporting a representative share of immigrants, professionals and soon-to-be retirees like myself!"  
**Huzaiifa Saeed, Policy & Research Analyst, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce**



"It's easy to forget today, in 2058, that homelessness and hunger were once rampant in our community. Emergency food banks and shelters were a sad reality of Hamilton's social landscape as thousands of community members struggled to meet basic needs. Things have changed. In the early 2020s, the old social assistance system was dismantled for a more progressive and dignified approach; it was called a Basic Income. Today, we call it our Citizen's Income. Courageous pioneers, themselves experiencing poverty, helped prove that deep poverty could be eradicated. Participants in Ontario's first basic income pilot project demonstrated through their experiences that the social and economic benefits of providing citizens with a financial foundation could benefit the entire society."  
**Tom Cooper, Director, Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction**