

Steven Soos



**Welland Ward 3  
Councillor Candidate**

# A Fresh Start

**Steven Soos is a lifelong Welland resident, community advocate and political activist with a long history of public-service involvement.**

Born and raised in Welland, Soos first entered municipal politics at just **19 years of age**, beginning what has become a sustained commitment to civic engagement. He later ran for **Mayor of Welland in 2018** and subsequently sought election as **Ward 3 City Councillor in the 2021 by-election**. Soos holds a **Bachelor of Arts degree in International Development Studies and Philosophy from Trent University**, providing an academic background focused on social development, governance, ethics and public policy.

In **2017**, Soos challenged secret voting practices at Welland City Hall concerning in-camera meetings. After bringing the matter before the **Ontario Ombudsman**, the Ombudsman determined that the meetings in question were unlawful. The episode established Soos as an outspoken advocate for **government transparency, accountability and open municipal decision-making**. Soos has also worked diligently to address **food insecurity in the community**, advocating for residents struggling with poverty and inadequate access to food and drawing attention to the relationship between food insecurity, homelessness and other social challenges.

In **2023**, Soos successfully advocated for the **Niagara Region to declare a state of emergency concerning mental health, homelessness and addictions**, becoming one of the prominent community voices pushing governments to recognize the scale of the crisis. His professional background includes **small-business experience as the former owner and host of True Politics Media**, as well as work as a **Developmental Support Worker**, supporting individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities. Soos is also the **owner and host of *Advocates with Steven Soos* on YouTube**, where he discusses political, social and community issues.

In **2026**, Soos launched **Federal e-petition E-7098**, calling on the Government of Canada to make the **National Sex Offender Registry publicly accessible**. The petition was sponsored and authorized by **Niagara South MP Fred Davies** and received **4,949 validated signatures**, demonstrating significant public engagement with the issue. Soos has remained a **regular and recurring delegate before Welland City Council**, using public delegations to advocate on municipal governance, public safety and social issues.

# Platform:

## **1. Exercise Fiscal Responsibility**

Ensure taxpayer dollars are spent responsibly, prioritize core municipal services, and demand greater accountability and value for every tax dollar.

## **2. Declare a Mental Health, Homelessness & Addictions Emergency**

Call for the City of Welland to formally recognize the mental health, homelessness and addictions emergency and make coordinated action a municipal priority.

## **3. Establish a Mental Health & Addictions Committee**

Create a dedicated municipal committee focused on bringing together people with lived experience, community organizations, service providers and government representatives to identify practical solutions.

## **4. Launch a Community Watch Partnership**

Work with the City of Welland and Niagara Regional Police Service to strengthen the community-watch initiative that encourages residents to become active partners in keeping their neighbourhoods safe.

## **5. Regular Ward 3 Town Halls**

Hold regular Ward 3 Town Hall Meetings so residents have a direct opportunity to raise concerns, ask questions, hear updates and hold their councillor accountable.

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