

## June Porter's community activities

My husband and I have been part time residents of Thornbury have since 2010 when we purchased our place. I would add that it had taken since 2002 to find our place near the harbor. We will be full time residents in December when we both retire. Since living on Lakeshore Drive I was the catalyst for the formation of the West Harbour Concerned Residents Group. Through numerous deputations and meetings with councillors and town personnel we were successful in having the developer withdraw their request to purchase two unopened Victoria and Bay Street road allowances. During that process, I worked with and gained the support of Blanka Guyatt of the Blue Mountain Watershed Trust, and Andy Sorensen of the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority. I was involved with the development and delivery of deputations to council. I also gained the support of Jim Wilson, MPP who then raised our concerns with Bill Mauro the then Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Ontario.

I was also very active during the revision of the town's Workplace Violence and Harassment Policy to ensure it reflected both legislation and the intent of the Ministry of Labour. I also at that time connected with the Minister of Labour as the initial draft policy was not in the interests of the residents and perserving their right to freely express an opinion without fear.

My interest in running for council came as a result of the above and knowing I can make a difference through engaging others to deliver the right outcome. While not in regular attendance at the Citizens Forum, I have provided supported in the background and contacts when needed such as regarding Open Mic use within Ontario and when there was action needed to stop the closing of the Operating Rooms at Meaford Hospital.

I have recently volunteered my skill set to the Georgian Shores Preservation Association as I support their goals regarding highway 26 and also the Thornbury Learning Centre to provide support to new young curlers on Friday afternoons.