

Why I am running –

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to communicate with your membership. I was born and raised here, I've grown up in this community and spent more than 25 years volunteering in numerous capacities. I was elected the President of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 281 Beaver Valley, spending 5 years as President then being elected as Zone Commander for Zone E 4. As that position I am responsible for 10 Branches in our Georgian Bay area. So I have leadership abilities as well as a well rounded ability to work well with others. I decided to enter this election running for a councillor because I believe we have a lot of momentum and change coming to us. I hope to bring the perspective of my age demographic to the table with me. I have a lot to learn but I am not afraid to roll up my sleeves and work hard.

I became familiar with the BMVA during CoVid on the Relief Task Force. I think it is well warranted to be heard as a valuable addition to our tourism, sport and recreation.

With the topic of changing newly implemented bylaws/ policies implemented by the Council I have plenty to catch up on so I don't currently have any position on any changes.

Economic Recovery –

I fully support your statement; to add further I would look forward to further cultivation of the relationship formed with the BMVA. And

champion the role of the BMVA in all that you do. When it comes to the taxes I would rather not see any increases and would champion a balanced approach to any conversation.

Local Labour Market –

The initiatives I would support are simply the ones that have been started by the current Council. That being the completion of attainable housing, the updated Transportation plan and all of the other groundwork that has been started.

Our Country being founded on immigration; I support the Municipality championing the unique diversity we already have with the support of County of Grey programs that are in fact bringing new Canadians to our workforce and our Community.

Transportation –

In order to “juggle” these priorities I would first find out all of the data and information pertaining to it. I am aware that there is a Transportation plan that is near completion that should aid in these issues. In regards to road safety improvements I would encourage there to be Traffic Calming, Speed Mitigation and then finally Enforcement. To increase options, I believe we need to look at either more bus routes, bicycle friendly (season dependant) road ways and take a look at interconnecting walking trail systems. With respect to E-scooters or

bikes I think we need to get as much information as possible and make an informed decision along with of course the public opinion.

Housing –

I will certainly champion the efforts made already in regards to attainable housing throughout our Municipality. And along with public input support the growth and development of these plans in a balanced effort.

Sustainability –

I will certainly champion the Community Sustainability Plan and the needs for integrated, safe, green accessibility. Weather it is through policy or standing up for more green spaces like dog parks and children's play equipment be part of the equation.

Thank you again for the opportunity.

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