

Questions to All Candidates

[Please try to limit response to each question to a few points or sentences]

1. What is the single most important issue facing Council over the next four years ? Why ?
2. Over 95% of (AH) municipal tax revenue comes from residential properties. Over 60% of residential properties are owned by seasonal residents. How will you reach out to these taxpayers to ensure that their needs are given significant consideration and what specific programs would you support from your existing understanding of such needs ?
3. What are possible sources of additional operating revenue ? Is it necessary to pursue these aggressively, (e.g. no permits required and/or discounted service costs for potential new businesses), or should Council concentrate on providing best value per dollar to existing taxpayers and accept 'incremental' growth ?
4. What value do you place on the input and expertise provided by lake area associations ? In what ways do you see lake associations working together with Council ?
5. AH and NF, (and potentially other neighbouring Townships), have significant duplication of effort that could be transformed with further consolidation of services for the benefit of taxpayers in both Townships. Do you support consolidated services ? Less ? More ? New Areas ?
6. What is your view of '*lake plans*' that are approved by members of lake associations and how do you see them fitting in with the Official Plan and Zoning by-laws ? What planning strategies do you think would be effective in helping to reconcile conflict between economic activities and the natural environment ? If elected, how would you demonstrate a commitment to sustainability ?
7. Is it possible to achieve a better balance between regulation and enforcement ? (i.e. the municipality has an Official Plan and supporting by-laws, but can only afford part-time building inspection and by-law enforcement)
8. The timeliness and detail reported from municipal meetings and about programs, (especially via the township website), are below what is available in many other jurisdictions. Should the municipality be more open and proactive in reporting its operations ? If Yes, What areas ? How ?