

1. I believe that the single most important issue facing Council today is ensuring that our municipality is prepared for the needs that the 21st century brings. We need to ensure that the tax dollars raised are managed appropriately and meet the needs of our rural municipality. Specifically, I believe that we need to ensure that we are planning for the future needs of our community by attracting health practitioners to our new Family Health Team for our aging and retired population and to attract new residents. In addition, ensuring ground water and surface water quality are protected through septic monitoring programs and sustainable shore-line development. As well, I believe that we should encourage taxpayers to invest in 'green' technology through programs such as the provincial Micro-Fit program. In order to ensure that we are prepared for the needs of the 21st century I believe that we need to ensure that our waste sites are managed appropriately and that we are diverting as much waste as possible through our recycling program. Finally, I believe that attracting high-speed internet service providers will greatly enhance our residents' and businesses' ability to compete in the high-tech world. Having high speed internet makes our area a more attractive area to live and play in.
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 - a. Over the past four years countless seasonal and full-time residents have contacted me through email, phone or in person regarding issues or concerns important to them. I aim to continue to use these methods of communication if elected to a second four year term. I encourage all of our residents to contact me with concerns they have regarding the Municipality of Addington Highlands.
 - b. The more seasonal residents become involved in municipal politics the easier it will be to meet their needs through programs.
3.
 - a. Sources for additional revenue are limited. There is no easy way for the municipality to raise funds. The only way to raise funds is to increase taxes or sell assets. Future growth is limited to the development of private land as our area consists largely of Crown Land.
 - b. Absolutely. Currently, Council strives to provide the best value per dollar spent. To encourage development in the municipality we wave fees for businesses that are building or upgrading.
4.
 - a. Lake Area Associations provide valuable input regarding issues they feel are important to them. They bring local, regional and provincial expertise and experience to the Lake Area Associations.
 - b. I would continue to encourage members of Lake Area Associations to participate on municipal committees such as AHEAD, Recreation Committee and Waste Management Committee. By having input from all geographic regions in our municipality we are better able to serve our entire population. I would also encourage members to continue to be involved in the community events such as the Relay for Life which raised over \$80 000 this year.

5. Consolidating services in our rural municipality with other rural townships would be a challenge and I am not convinced that it would be cost-effective. We already have a joint Fire Board and we meet a few times each year with North Frontenac to share information such as upcoming development projects and tenders. For example, we have explored and will continue to explore options of sharing recycling and waste management programs with our surrounding municipalities. The biggest obstacle impeding the consolidation of services is the geographic distance within and between our surrounding municipalities.

6.
 - a. It is my assumption 'lake plans', as approved by members of lake associations, include information regarding future goals that meet the needs of the members. This information may include data to be used in decision-making. Members of lake associations are invited to bring their ideas to the upcoming review of the Official Plan for the municipality in 2011.

 - b. Currently, provincial agencies such as the Ontario Ministry of Environment, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, along with Quinte and Mississippi Valley Conservation Authorities have been involved in decision-making within the municipality. We follow guidelines set by these authorities to ensure that very little conflict exists between economic development and the environment. Any decisions made regarding development are made at Council meetings in which all members of the community are invited to attend.

 - c. If re-elected as Councillor for the Municipality of Addington Highlands I aim to continue to lead by example my commitment to sustainability. Growing up in this area has allowed me to develop a strong sense of community and appreciation for our natural heritage. I am a strong proponent of diverting waste from our landfills and into recycling and composting programs. I also have been involved in the application process for the Micro-Fit program through the Ontario government which supports 'green' energy development.

7. Balance between regulation and enforcement of by-laws can be achieved if Council is aware of inadequacies in either the regulation or the enforcement of such by-laws. Part-time By-Law Enforcement Officers and Building Inspectors reflect the need and affordability of the service. If full-time officers and inspectors are required then the cost to taxpayers will unfortunately have to increase. Currently, we aim to balance the needs of the taxpayers with the cost associated to these services.

8. I believe that the Municipality of Addington Highlands is open and proactive in reporting its operations. We use both newspaper and website formats which our community members use most frequently. We do as much as we can with what we have. Any suggestions regarding the improvement of services are welcome.