
PAGE 1: Welcome to the EHCC Municipal Election Candidate Questionnaire

Q1: Name and Contact Information:

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Q2: What experience do you have that will enable you to help manage a multi-million dollar organization such as our Municipality?

I have been running my own business for 23 years and i am managing all the sales and expenses. Also i have a diplomat in engineering which means i know my math very well .

Q3: What have you done in recent years to support business in the East Hants Community?

As a business owner in a small community in East Hants i needed all the support i could get from businesses in my community and they needed my support too so when i need anything from excavation to snow plowing to building repairs i always hired locals and i buy most of my meats and vegetables from a local store in my community.

Q4: What would you do to increase the level of transparency on financial activities at the municipality?

I think with the technology we have now anyone can go online and see all the financial records so i will make sure that all the financial records are the for everyone to see.

Q5: What are your top 3 infrastructure priorities during your term?

Our roads and bridges should be always our top priorities as the safety of every kid and adult in our communities is at risk when we drive on bad roads.

The South Uniacke road need major repair done to it especially the bridge that anyone driving over it knows that it is in danger of collapsing and this road is the only way to the valley gates park where five or six hundred people live. our fire department in Mount Uniacke have a big area to cover and i know we are paying the beaverbank fire department to cover an area that is closer to them then it is to our department so it makes a big dfferance if we can get a sub station on the East Uniacke road and i will try to get it done during my term.

Our kids are our future so there health is very important to me and i don't understand why in district #9 there is nothing for our kids not even a small playground so one of my priorities will be a nice soccer field with a running track for our kids to play and also our adults to walk or run the track and stay in shape.

Q6: Do you support the Regional Enterprise Networks (RENS) structure for economic development in NS?

Yes i do support (RENS).

Q7: How would you address lack of growth in certain areas of the municipality due to capacity limitations of existing infrastructure?

I will talk about it with the planning department and see what could be done to fix this problem.

Q8: How would you support further development of agriculture in our region?

Our farmers need all the support they can get to be able to compete with the products coming from other provinces or even countries.

They need to be able to get low interest loans to be able to expand their operation but under a condition that the loans being used for farming and not for personal uses .

Q9: How will you ensure that access to high speed internet and data services is available to business throughout the municipality?

We have to have all the infrastructure ready for the provider to be able to get to those areas but it is also the business owner decision not to have his business in less populated areas cause we all know the data companies are to make profits and they will not get services in a far away area with not many homes or businesses for them to make profits.

Q10: How would you balance the urbanization of East Hants with the need for increased commercial, industrial and farming activities?

Every community needs to have urban and commercial areas to be able to survive and usually businesses do better when they are near a major hwy or on a busy street so we should allow more businesses in those areas and keep the other areas for residential uses .

About the need for increased farming activities i will support it (i grew up in a town where all you can see is olive and grape trees anywhere you look so farming is in my blood).

About industrial area i think it is a great idea and i will support it if it is in the right area .

Q11: How would you restructure the Planning Advisory Committee so that it allows for greater participation from public members?

I think it will be a great idea to get each community have one person attending those meetings and voice their opinions and concerns as long they do it with respect but the one that goes out of line should be dismissed and replaced with another member.

Q12: How will you handle situations where staff recommends projects that will benefit East Hants but there is strong public opposition?

In this situation there should be an open meeting for the public where the staff can explain the situation and the benefits that the community will gain from the projects and also the anyone from the community can voice their concerns and after listening to both parties i will make my decision and will try to help both parties to find a happy ending for the situation.

Q13: What methods have you used, or plan to use to get input and feedback from the business community during your campaign and term if successful?

The best method is talking to them face to face if possible and if not will be phone calls or emails.