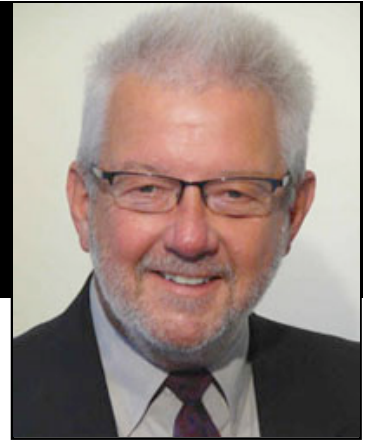


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Introduction

Like you, I care about this community and its future. My wife Sue and I have been in the area for 35 years. We began vacationing along Lake Huron in the 1970s, and purchased our cottage at Huron Sands in 1992. I retired in 2007, and I am here from April to November. The rest of the time, I commute from Waterloo to participate in local activities.

In 2006, I became the first seasonal resident to run for Council in Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh, and have attended Council meetings regularly since then, including community-input Open House sessions and the 2010 budget deliberations. I have participated in public meetings for the development of ACW's and Huron County's official plans, and in lakefront stewardship conferences and workshops, and am a member of local lakefront associations and several county and conservation committees.

Objectives

We all share common concerns about preserving and improving our quality of life in the Township. I see three key objectives for Council.

- Promote the growth and development of ACW's agricultural, small-business, tourism, and residential sectors.
- Protect the sustainable use of ACW's natural resources, both for economic and for recreational purposes.
- Provide a healthy-living environment for ACW's year-round and seasonal residents and visitors.

Issues and beliefs

Meeting the future costs of infrastructure services will require either increasing the tax base or increasing taxes. Council will need to place greater attention on promoting ACW as an attractive place for development, both for businesses and for year-round and seasonal living. Council and staff can be a positive influence on people's lives, helping them work through the growing mass of regulations that affect their ability to improve their properties, and communicating opportunities that exist for financial assistance.

I want to see Council expand its communications to assure all ratepayers that ACW's services are being provided in a fair manner that represents both their common and their diverse needs.

Teamwork, communication, consultation, and collaboration are essential. I value the opportunities that Council creates to engage everyone in the well-being of the Township, and will work to further these efforts. My obligation will be to build linkages among the farm, business, and lakeshore residents, and to represent the interests of all members of the community.

Personal and professional background

Sue and I have been married for 42 years. We have two daughters, two sons-in-law, and two granddaughters. We moved from Peterborough in the 1960s to attend the University of Waterloo, after which I managed computing, network, and Internet services at UW for 39 years. For 32 of those years, I also held project-management and board-of-directors positions in related provincial, national, and international organizations.

I have been the vice-president, president, and am currently the secretary of the Huron Sands Beach Association. I am a member of the Ashfield-Colborne Lakefront Association's steering committee, the ACLA communications coordinator for Huron Sands, and the maintainer of the websites for both organizations. My participation in other community groups includes:

- Shoreline Working Group, Maitland Valley Conservation Authority;
- Kingsbridge Working Group, Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Drinking Water Source Protection Committee;
- vendor-evaluation team, Rural Connections Broadband Project, Huron County;
- Water Protection Steering Committee, Huron County;
- Sustainable Huron Steering Committee.

I care. I get involved, and I stay involved. I'd be delighted to hear your concerns, and to participate in any community gathering to discuss issues and share views.