

QUESTIONS:

1. Tell us a bit about yourself – background (education, career, family life)

I have been a landowner in ACW for over 50 years and a resident for 48 years. I owned and operated a successful carpentry business for over 40 years. Everyone knows me as an excellent roofer, but I can do so much more related to construction. I built my own family home in 1977/1978 on Loyal Line and have completed many renovations to my present home on Bluewater Highway. I bought and renovated 3 homes and was a landlord for 30 years.

My wife and I raised 2 children who attended Colborne Central Public School, GDCI, and then to University. They have both gone on to have successful careers. Our son as a Chemical Engineer and our daughter as a Pharmacist.

We are extremely proud of both of our children. I believe that working alongside me for many summers has taught them valuable life skills that will stay with them throughout their lives. They have seen first hand that hard work and dedication truly do pay off.

2. Why are you running in the election?

I want to be a voice for the residents in our township. I believe in listening to people, understanding their concerns and working collaboratively to find practical solutions.

I want to help ensure that our township continues to be a place where families feel proud to live, businesses can thrive, and residents have confidence in the decisions being made on their behalf.

I am running because I am willing to work hard, and I believe I can make a positive contribution to our community.

3. What previous political experience do you have (if applicable)?

While I don't come from a traditional political background, I view that as a major asset for our community. I'm not bound by party agendas, previous deals, or the way things have always been done. I'm coming into this role with a clear mind and a focus on practical solutions.

**4. How have you been involved in the community over the years?
(Service groups, volunteer, coaching, committees, boards, etc.)**

Through owning and operating a successful business for many years, I have gained valuable experience in managing finances, making difficult decisions, listening to people and understanding the importance of hard work, accountability and responsible planning. I believe these experiences have given me a practical perspective that I can bring to council.

5. Why do you feel you are set apart from the other candidates?

I believe what sets me apart is the combination of my age, life experience, and professional experience. At this stage in my life, I have had the opportunity to experience many different perspectives and understand the challenges and priorities of people at different stages of life. I also think my direct and honest approach sets me apart from others.

6. Why should constituents vote for you?

I believe constituents should vote for me because I will bring experience, common sense, and a genuine commitment to our community to the role of Councillor.

My life experience has also taught me that there are often many sides to an issue, and that good leadership means taking the time to listen, understand, and find practical solutions.

If elected, I will be a strong voice for our community. I will listen to residents, ask the important questions, and make decisions with the best interests of ACW residents in mind.

7. If elected, what would you put on the agenda first?

My top priority is protecting our local agricultural economy and ensuring farmers have the policy support, resources, and independence they need to thrive and feed our community.

8. What are the three highest priority local issues you would like to focus on if you were elected? Why? How would you attempt to remedy these issues?

Gravel pit boundaries and expansions

Windmills where and why

Private roads should be left to individuals who have them - not be township responsibilities

9. What are your values, and values/priorities within this community? (want to find what your vision of this community is and how you intend to use your position on council to contribute to that vision).

My vision for our community is built on practical, open and honest financial management. I intend to use my position on council to ensure every taxpayer feels heard and respected. That means actively listening to concerns from all perspectives - evaluating reasonable arguments alongside the more unconventional ones - in order to make fair decisions that balance community needs with respect for taxpayer money.

10. If elected, what do you hope to accomplish in this position in four years? How will we be able to measure success halfway through your term?

My top three goals I would like to accomplish are the following:

Keeping the books balanced.

Keeping taxes as low as possible.

Production from everybody who works for the township.

Halfway through my term, I believe one important measure of success would be the financial position of our township. I would want to see a stronger, healthier budget than where we started, while still maintaining the services our residents rely on.

11. Anything else you'd like to say to the voters? Or your supporters?

I am now officially retired and have the time and interest to be a Councillor for ACW. I am committed to listening, staying informed, and understanding the issues that matter to our community - I would appreciate your vote!