

1. How will you help support the business community and reduce red tape in your municipality?

**Answer**

The town promotes registered businesses in the Town on their website. This could be done on a more regular basis. The town also offers the Business Tax Incentive to promote business attraction, development and growth in the Town. This is done through the provision of a business tax reduction to non home-based and non-mobile businesses. We could also have a one stop shopping model to assist would-be business proprietors that would be an A-Z guide of everything and anything to do with starting and running a business in the Town.

2. As we continue to see the impacts of the pandemic, what can the municipality do to help businesses recover and grow?

**Answer**

Could provide tax relief. Do some promotion on the website and on social media. Get out and chat with them, listen to their concerns, find possible solutions. Have staff contact businesses to see what the town can do. Support and promote shop local! Have community workshops where businesses can chat with each other, discuss concerns and find solutions.

3. What are you, as an elected official going to do to help attract investors and new businesses to the area?

**Answer**

Promote the town. Staff and councillors attend investor style conventions, nationally and internationally . Create videos to show what the Town has to offer, what is available, and where. Also, ask what investors are looking for. Let them know about the business tax incentive and our new one stop shopping guide (in Answer 1). Post A-Z guide on line (Answer 1).

4. If elected, what specific infrastructure changes, policies or strategies would you propose implementing to mitigate the impacts of climate change in the next four years?

**Answer**

Any new construction would be more energy efficient, for example the new library includes efficient energy options including the use of solar power for key pieces of equipment. Retrofitting existing buildings to make them more energy efficient. Install more electric vehicle charging stations (we already have some). Reforestation plan when having to clear cut for developments and remediation plans in place after a project is complete.

5. What value do you see in supporting an active Chamber of Commerce for the area?

**Answer**

As your website says a collective voice advocating growth and prosperity! The chamber promotes, enhances and facilitates business for their members and the communities the businesses are in. There is great value in all of that! It provides members with benefits: visibility, network, discounts, marketing and growth. If you check out their website there is no doubt it's an asset to be a member! It's all about growing and supporting local business!