



David O'Dea

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Education:

Memorial University

York University

Woodford Training Centre

I have had a diverse work experience that has spanned forty plus years that has enabled me to develop a wide variety of Skill Sets.

Ten years with Memorial University working in various divisions of the University Library, Financial Services and the Office of the Registrar.

Ten Years as a Sales Consultant with O'Regan Agencies.

Ten plus years as a hairstylist and customer service.

I have worked with several arts groups, and have served on the Board of Directors of the Coastal Sounds Community Choir Association.

I have volunteered with the Manuel's River Food Program in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Avalon Northeast.

For 30 years I have spent more time in CBS than anywhere else and have owned a home here for the last 16 years.

I am motivated by two overriding concerns: open government, accessible and answerable to all of us and the ongoing disregard of our town for the environment that is so vital to the way of life we all cherish.

On September 28th Vote O'Dea to have your say.

Questions proposed by CBACC:

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

The public and the business community need to have confidence in council and their employees and the institution in general. There is a need for the reduction of red tape and a need to simplify applications and processes. As a member of council, I would encourage open dialogue with business owners and the citizens to get back to basics and reduce bureaucratic red tape. I would seek input from CBACC and other groups to identify the issues and problems and work to make positive change to make it easier to do business in our vibrant community.

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

As a community we need to encourage residents and council to shop local and work together to get over the hump created by the pandemic. I would want council to visit the policies and procedures and strengthen them with a strong buy local policy. As a member of council, I will promote this and work with business to continue to encourage growing a local vibrant community that will rebuild and be stronger than before. I would also encourage local groups and council to promote CBS as a destination for staycations. We have so much to offer and the challenge is to spread the word that we are not a bedroom community of St. John's.

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

When attracting business to Conception Bay South we need to constantly promote our population base as key to development. We are the second largest community in the province and we need to govern ourselves accordingly. As a council member, I would encourage council to be proactive in attracting business and new residents. To achieve this, we need to partner with all groups and seek input to continue to grow CBS.

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?

Sustainable development attracts investment. We need to have a reputation as an environmentally responsible community. As a council member, I would encourage and advocate for preserving our wetlands to help prevent excessive runoff after storms. I would work towards universal water and sewage throughout the community by partnering with the federal and provincial governments, this is absolutely needed, as climate change is playing havoc with water tables and septic fields making palatable water more and more difficult to maintain. I would partner with all levels of government and with local businesses and the community to develop a strategic plan to help mitigate the impacts of climate change on our coastal community.

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

I see an active Chamber of Commerce as a positive influence in the community. A strong business community, through the Chamber of Commerce can, as a partner with council, work together to promote the town through sustainable development and promote growth of local business and attract new business into Conception Bay South.

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