

# THE DUNDURN TIMES

ELECTION  EDITION



## MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT

What makes this election different from previous election polls? Well, in the interim period of the pandemic precautions will take place and we will also be seeing a new face for Mayor and three, possibly four new councilor's.

Mayor nominees are:

1. Curtis Boyes
2. Fred Wilson

Councilor nominees are:

1. Cody Deringer
2. John Gourdeau
3. Matt Jurkiewicz
4. Andrew Seventnyk
5. Per Vinding

In the following pages you will find the

candidates campaign bio's (in alphabetical order-surname) and answers to questions they chose from a list the public has submitted. Hoping this will help the public in deciding to elect when door to door isn't really a viable option.

When voting in person, a series of precautions have been put in place to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19. Some of the measures are like those practiced in other parts of daily life during the pandemic:

- Voters will be required to physically-distance by staying two metres apart.
- It is "strongly" recommending mask use, but they are not required.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at the polls.

- Anyone who is feeling unwell is being told to stay home.
- Bring your own pen for the registration form
- Driver's License or 2 pieces with address
- Voters will be provided with single-use pencils and surfaces in the polls will be disinfected throughout the day.

**Advanced poll** is set for **Sunday, November 1st** at the Dundurn Community Hall - Level One Room enter via the south door from **10:00 am - 4:00 pm**.

**Election day** is **Monday, November 9th** at the Dundurn Community Hall - Level One Room enter via the south door from **8:00 am - 8:00 pm**.

Good luck to all the candidates.

## **MAYOR ELECTION QUESTIONS**

### **THE FOLLOWING EIGHT QUESTIONS WERE SUBMITTED WHICH THE TWO CANDIDATES COULD CHOOSE THREE TO ANSWER**

1. The Relationship between the RM and town has seemingly deteriorated in the past few years. What would you do to solidify the relationships between the town, the RM, and the resort villages?
2. To serve in public office one needs to not only be able to effectively deal with the situation now, but also needs to have a vision for the future. The largest and widest infrastructure project ever jointly undertaken by the town was the fresh and wastewater upgrades a number of years ago. Many of us still pay \$66.14 for it monthly. The consensus appears to be that our next big municipal infrastructure project will be a new sports complex, and plans are actually near shovel-ready. Given the current federal and provincial initiatives to stimulate economic growth through infrastructure projects, should financial grants become available to cover the cost of half the project, would you submit an application to help fund the complex, and would you advocate obtaining a long-term mortgage to fund the balance of the cost of the complex to lessen the impact to taxpayers?
3. How do you plan on keeping young people/family's in town with the high property taxes and water prices?
4. Would you revitalize the downtown core? Over the years we've lost buildings which leave blank holes in the downtown area. What would you do to make downtown more progressive?
5. If you ARE NOT elected, what would you do to try to progressively help work on ideas or issues that are important to you?
6. What are your top three (3) issues that you would like to see addressed?
7. Will the newly elected Mayor and Council have the audit of the town's financial status and review of the administrative personnel/staff performances from the previous council's period as per normal business practices?
8. If elected as Mayor of Dundurn what is your feeling or thoughts on yourself and councilors attending and showing a presence at community events?

## **COUNCILLOR ELECTION QUESTIONS**

### **THE FOLLOWING FOURTEEN QUESTIONS WERE SUBMITTED WHICH THE COUNCIL CANDIDATES COULD CHOOSE TWO TO ANSWER**

1. I read on the town website that the town wants to build a new rink way over at Sunshine Meadows. Why not closer to the school? Like the Lions Grounds or the field left of Town Hall?
2. What would be your personal priority infrastructure initiative be? Roads, sewer or recreational facilities? How would we pay for it?
3. There seems to be a lot of grumbling on social media about the town. Are you able to take a step back from opinions? And how would you handle negative feedback?
4. What are the three (3) things you would like to see changed in town if you had the power to make any change you wanted?
5. Are you running for office with a personal agenda? And if you are, what is that agenda? How would it benefit us all?
6. If you could change one by-law, what would it be and why?
7. If the town received grant money of \$1Mil to be used to better our community, what would you suggest how to utilize this funding?
8. If you ARE NOT elected, what would you do to try to help work on ideas or issues that are important to you?
9. Council members volunteer their time in various town committee's. Are you willing to be able to serve this community as a whole?
10. When the council is faced with a decision, would you suggested polling residents on every major issue, or would you study the issue to make a good decision. How would you handle this?
11. Will council review the water/sewer rates in order to have transparency regarding that the costs of water/sewer rates tied to the infrastructure of actual lines in the form of utility delivery fee rather than to volume of water used?
12. What would you do to increase programming for children of the community & area?
13. What would you do to ensure there is more transparency in regard to the decision making of town council if you were elected?
14. If elected would you be able to find an answer for the people of Dundurn and make public as to why we were charged an increase in our water rates even though the Dundurn Rural Water Utility Board decided against an increase?

## Mayor Candidate

### CURTIS BOYES

#### BIOGRAPHY

Curtis and his wife have been proud residents of Dundurn since 2016. He has proven leadership experience, spending nearly 12 years serving with the Canadian Armed Forces on domestic and foreign operations.

He graduated from the University of Saskatchewan with a Bachelor of Science in Geology. He currently works as a petroleum systems researcher at the University of Saskatchewan and is a user at the Canadian Light Source and Stanford Synchrotron Radiation Lightsource.

Curtis has previously served the community of Dundurn by volunteering to act as the Emergency Management Officer and authored the Town's Emergency Preparedness Plan. Above all else Curtis values honour, integrity, loyalty and professionalism.

#### QUESTION 2

**To serve in public office one needs to not only be able to effectively deal with the situation now, but also needs to have a vision for the future. The largest and wisest infrastructure project ever jointly undertaken by the town was the fresh and wastewater upgrades a number of years ago. Many of us still pay \$66.14 for it monthly. The consensus appears to be that our next big municipal infrastructure project will be a new sports complex, and plans are actually near shovel ready. Given the current federal and provincial initiatives to stimulate economic growth through infrastructure projects, should financial grants become available to cover the cost of half the project, would you submit an application to help fund the complex, and would you advocate obtaining a long-term mortgage to fund the balance of the cost of the complex to lessen the impact to taxpayers?**

#### **Answer:**

As of 2017, initial cost estimates for the Community Complex was \$6.73M. Anticipated escalation of that cost estimate in 2020 is approximately \$7M based on the Saskatoon non-residential construction building price index increase from 2017. I do not know the current debt ceiling that the Town of Dundurn is able to approach but I suspect that even at half the cost of the project the Saskatchewan Municipal Board will reject this amount of long-term debt. It is my opinion that the Town of Dundurn must seek to share the financial cost of a new facility. A single major increase to the Town's liabilities will result in more infrastructure levies, something most families cannot afford. In order to counter this, my plan will involve the following strategies to fund the project:

- Apply for federal and provincial infrastructure/health/education grants; and/or
- Seek out corporate partnerships with surrounding municipalities; and/or
- Look for private placements from investors; and/or
- Raise funds from community members. Several options for community fundraising exist such as shareholder membership or the sale of municipal bonds.

## Mayor Candidate

### QUESTION 4/QUESTION 7

**CURTIS BOYES**

**Would you revitalize the downtown core? Over the years we've lost buildings which leave blank holes in the downtown area. What would you do to make downtown more progressive? and**

**Will the newly elected Mayor and Council have the audit of the town's financial status and review of the administrative personnel/staff performances from the previous council's period as per normal business practices?**

**Answer:**

Among communities of similar size and proximity to Saskatoon, the residents of Dundurn pay the highest residential and commercial municipal property tax. Dundurn also hosts one of the highest municipal tax rates in the province. As Mayor of Dundurn, I will complete a thorough financial review and revise the municipal tax policy such that it benefits everyone in the community and bring Dundurn closer to an average provincial municipal tax rate. Our community is growing together – our taxes don't need to grow with us.

### QUESTION 6

**What are your top three (3) issues that you would like to see addressed?**

**Answer:**

My top ~~three~~ four:

1) Bylaw Review

- a. Immediate repeal of certain sections of the vehicle bylaw.
- b. Conduct a complete review of all bylaws using a common-sense approach. Those bylaws that are regulated at a higher government level do not need to be regulated at a municipal level. Outdated, unenforced or redundant laws to be repealed.

2) Financial Investigation and Amendment

- a. Conduct a complete investigation into past and present financial statements.
- b. Ensure online public access to annual financial statements by the end of the fourth quarter.
- c. Conduct a review of the municipal tax policy and ensure residents are not overpaying for municipal services.
- d. Ensure financial accountability and transparency are adhered to at all times for all future elected and non-elected personnel.
- e. Any expense and remuneration paid/related to contracts and work done for the Town of Dundurn will be sent to tender. These contracts will be made public and open to review.

3) Infrastructure

- a. Outline near and long-term goals for infrastructure upgrades.
- b. Review current maintenance protocol.
- c. Apply for Federal and Provincial government grants in lieu of long-term debt (in turn, higher tax) in order to fund future projects.

4) Work Culture and Ethics

- a. Establish a professional code of ethics for all elected officials and non-elected town employees.
- b. Work towards a fundamental shift in work space culture towards respect, fairness, honesty, competence, safety and protection of the public, property and local environment.



## Mayor Candidate

**Question 1.**

**The Relationship between the RM and town has seemingly deteriorated in the past few years. What would you do to solidify the relationships between the town, the RM, and the resort villages?**

**Answer:** It has always been my goal for Council to work in co-operation with our neighboring communities including Whitecap First Nation. When grant funding for major projects are allotted, Senior Governments look very favorably on joint applications. Example Highway 219 was a joint venture with all municipalities from Saskatoon through to Gardiner Dam. The DRWU (Dundurn Rural Water Utility) and DAAWU (Dundurn Area Waste Water Utility) were joint community projects that have been a great benefit. I believe a good working relationship has to be cultivated with the Dundurn Military Camp. They are the largest employer in our community with many active and retired members living in Dundurn.

**Question 2.**

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**Answer:** The Town of Dundurn cannot alone carry the burden of a new sports center until extensive development is completed to increase the tax base. In the meantime, with DASCC (Dundurn Area Sports Center Committee) group working on the project, the full support of all local governments is required to enable financing to be resolved.

**Dependable**

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**Honest**

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**Experienced**

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**Dedicated**

**VOTE  
for Responsible  
Government**



**Fred Wilson  
for  
MAYOR**

## Mayor Candidate

## Meet Fred

- ▶ Lifetime resident of the community  
Diploma in Agriculture (U of S);
- ▶ Third generation grain/  
livestock farmer, in partnership  
with wife Joan, son Ben,  
and family;
- ▶ 19 years of R.M. and 4 years  
of urban municipal council  
experience;
- ▶ Reeve of R.M. 314 when it  
was Saskatchewan's fastest  
growing R.M.;
- ▶ Current chair of Dundurn &  
District Fire Commission;
- ▶ Secretary Treasurer of  
Brightwater Lake Conservation  
& Development Area.

## My plan is to serve you to:

- ▶ Listen to our citizenry and  
provide effective leadership;
- ▶ Expand Dundurn's tax base by  
attracting new development;
- ▶ Promote further co-operation  
between Dundurn, Thode,  
Shields, White Cap and the  
R.M. to plan for future growth;
- ▶ Foster better relations between  
our communities and  
our largest employer - the DND;
- ▶ Establish and maintain  
responsible government  
policies and services;
- ▶ Continue to work with the Dundurn  
Base to provide affordable  
military housing.

*Let's continue building community for all generations*

## Question 3

**How do you plan on keeping young people/family's in town with the high property taxes and water prices?**

**Answer:** At election time it is always handy to say we will reduce taxes. Council is very aware that increases are not popular. To reduce taxes you have to reduce services in one way or another to our residents. Some of Dundurn's infrastructure was over sized at the time of construction to make available room for expansion. Without that foresight, Sunshine Meadows would not have come to Dundurn. It is Council's role to scrutinize the budget to get the best benefit of the finances available.

## Council Candidate



## Cody Deringer

### Councillor for Dundurn

Hello, for those that do not know me, my name is Cody and I have resided in Dundurn since 2007.

I am a Welding Instructor at Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies.

I grew up in Assiniboia in southern Saskatchewan. I have a Red Seal in Welding as well as a Red Seal in Steel Fabrication and a Blue Seal in Trade Business Management and Leadership.

I am seeking to represent the people of Dundurn as Councilor in the upcoming election. I am not looking to reinvent the wheel, however I would like to show as much transparency as possible and work together as a community within the Town, the Resort Villages and the RM as I feel everyone working together for the greater good of the communities will make Dundurn and surrounding area a better place for everyone. I know change is good, but I also know it does not happen overnight. It is going to be a lot of work and I am up for the challenge to bring new ideas and look for ways, if possible, to run the town more efficiently.

#### Question 3

**There seems to be a lot of grumbling on social media about the town. Are you able to take a step back from opinions and how would you handle the negative feedback?**

Everyone is going to have an opinion on how they think something should be run or comment about what they heard. I think a lot of the people running are wanting that transparency to help alleviate the rumors and some of the questions. If we don't hear feedback, then we do not know where we are lacking and need to improve upon. I look forward to hearing concerns from residents and answering them to the best of my ability.

#### Question 9

**Council members volunteer their time in various town committees. Are you willing to be able to serve the community as a whole?**

I have been serving the community and surrounding area as a member of the Fire Department and First Responders for going on 9 years already. I look forward to continuing that service as well as helping make decisions based on the towns best interest should I be elected.

**I would like to thank the outgoing council for their years of service and good luck to those currently running.**



## Council Candidate



## John Gourdeau

Hello, my name is John Gourdeau and I am running for Dundurn Town Council. I moved to Dundurn in 1989 and graduated from Hanley School in 2001.

My wife Alysha and I moved back to Dundurn 8 years ago. We have two kids: Austin, 9, and Jordan, 6, who attend Dundurn Elementary School and participate in community sports. I am currently a Backup Operator/Lead Hand at Nutrien Allan Potash Mine.

I am running for town council because I believe ratepayers need to be more informed of what is going on in the community. I would also like to see improved relationships with other councils and boards so we can all begin to work together for the benefit of the entire community.

### Question 1

**I read on the town website that the town wants to build a new rink way over in Sunshine Meadows. Why not close to the school, like the Lions Grounds or the field to the left of Town Hall?**

The Dundurn Area Sports Centre Committee (DASCC) has been looking at all options for the location of a new rink facility. A sub-committee of the DASCC has toured facilities and sites to determine which features are most important and would best meet the community's needs. The Town of Dundurn currently owns a 3 acre parcel at Sunshine Meadows, where infrastructure is already in place. The other locations mentioned would need to be purchased, and require the additional cost of putting in a pump station. While the location for the new rink facility has not been finalized, pending soil compaction tests, the Sunshine Meadows location is the site favored by the committee.

### Question 10

**When the council is faced with a decision, would you suggest polling residents on every major issue, or would you study the issue to make a good decision?**

I feel that it is the responsibility of the members of council, elected by ratepayers, to study issues and come up with the best possible solutions for the community. I do not believe it would be a good use of resources to poll all community members for each issue, however I am in favour of more transparency; up to date minutes should be posted publicly, and meeting agendas available prior to council meetings so ratepayers can attend meetings of interest and bring forward any concerns they may have.

Should I be elected, I look forward to representing you on council.

**If you have any questions please email me at [gourdeau10@hotmail.com](mailto:gourdeau10@hotmail.com) or message me on Facebook**

## Council Candidate

**MACIEJ (MATT) JURKIEWICZ – BIO**

I am a proud resident of Dundurn along with my wife and 3 year old daughter. I moved with my parents to Dundurn in 1997, and after graduating from the U of S with a degree in Civil Engineering in 2001, I chose to pursue my career interests in heavy civil construction and project management in Northern Manitoba.

I always planned to return to Dundurn and raise my family in this great community full of promise, which was poised to grow into a place to be proud of. When I returned to Saskatchewan in 2012, I set my sights on making Dundurn my permanent home. My wife and I built our own house in 2015 and moved in to start a family. A few years later we were blessed with our daughter in 2017. As the years have gone on, and priorities and outlooks have changed, I have always maintained a desire to become involved in the community leadership to help drive change and build a vision for this great community.

I am a Professional Engineer with 20 years' experience in municipal operations and management, heavy civil construction and project management, asset management and policy development and implementation. I am currently the City of Saskatoon's Director of Construction and Design where I lead a team of professionals responsible for the delivery of the City's capital construction program. We apply proven Asset Management techniques to plan and execute projects that rehabilitate existing infrastructure and build new neighbourhoods. We pride ourselves on communications and an unyielding focus on customer service for residents. I am accountable to and regularly interact with the Senior Leadership Team, Mayor and Council, and all the residents of the City of Saskatoon.

I have proven leadership and management skills, a collaborative team approach, and desire to be open and transparent in everything that I do. My strong communication, presentation and media relations skills allow me to comfortably interact with the public, industry, vendors and media. My thorough understanding of how Council and Administration functions will allow me to hit the ground running and be productive from day 1 on the job.

I am passionate about this community and truly want to make it a better place for my family. Dundurn needs a plan and a vision for a successful and prosperous future, and I am confident that I am well positioned to work together with residents, Council and our neighbours to build a cohesive community. I look forward to talking to and hearing from all residents to understand your ideas and priorities for this great town.

Please feel free to reach out to me via email or my Facebook page. I am always available to discuss your concerns and ideas, and my approach to moving Dundurn into the 21st Century.

**Maciej (Matt) Jurkiewicz**

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**“SMART CHANGE FOR A THRIVING COMMUNITY”**

## Council Candidate

**MACIEJ (MATT) JURKIEWICZ****Question 2**

**What would be your personal priority infrastructure initiative be? Roads, sewer or recreational facilities? How would we pay for it?**

My priority infrastructure initiative will not be limited to one particular piece of our infrastructure. All of the infrastructure in our community is of equal priority, and one type of infrastructure is usually dependent on another. For example, if we decide to pave a road that has failing water and sewer pipes beneath it and a year later we have to dig it up to fix the burst water pipe, we just wasted all of the tax payer dollars used to fund the road work.

The proper approach to addressing our infrastructure is to develop a master asset management plan that helps us strategically operate and manage all of our infrastructure according to key priorities and established service levels. Once we have a plan in place, we will then be better positioned to be able to prioritize and cost the work appropriately and to begin establishing a long-term funding strategy to address the issues. These are exactly my priorities as set out in two of my platform pillars; asset & financial management and strategic approach details of which can be found on my Facebook page or requested by email (in the bio).

Once we have a plan in place, the next question is how do we pay for it? I think we need to first understand if we currently collect enough taxes to manage our assets properly and to improve the state of our overall infrastructure. It is hard to answer this question without knowing the full state of affairs and having a proper asset management plan in place. Our taxes are high compared to other similar towns, but each town is unique and poses individual challenges. I know I would feel better about the taxes I pay if I knew they were being spent efficiently and I started to see improvements.

Asset management, design and construction management is my area of expertise, it is what I do in my day job. If we don't change our current asset management approach, the only way to improve or build any new infrastructure would be to increase taxes and/or borrow money thereby increasing taxes. If elected, using my proven skills and abilities, I am committed to completely transforming how we approach asset management. I will ensure that we move away from the current reactionary and complaint based system to one of proper strategic planning to reduce long-term costs through proactive management.

**Question 13**

**What would you do to ensure there is more transparency in regard to the decision making of town council if you were elected?**

Transparency in politics allows the public to hold elected officials accountable for their actions and decisions by giving you the public the right and the means to examine the process of decision making. For our community, this means that any resident should be able to easily acquire the information that is relevant to a decision made by Council, including the information that was gathered to inform the decision.

If elected, my first step in addressing this issue will be to revamp the standards and processes around sharing of meeting information. This means that:

Agendas will be available for review in advance of the meetings of Council (they are not currently).

Supporting information and reports provided to Council to aid in their decision making will be made available through formal reporting (it is not currently) in advance of the upcoming Council meeting.

All information related to the meetings of Council will all be shared to the public within stipulated timelines (we must do better than 2 months behind).

My goal is to provide residents the opportunity to have access to relevant information, question proposed agenda items, attend council meetings and have your voice heard, **before a decision is made**. To learn more about how I plan to address this issue and to view my platform related to transparency and other priorities, once gain please contact me via Facebook or send me an email.



## Council Candidate

## Andrew SERVETNYK

Hello, my name is Andrew and I am running for town council. In 2018 I moved to the town with my wife Brittney, and our young daughter Paige. We chose Dundurn because we believed it was a great place to live and raise our family. We love it here!

I currently work at the Prairie Spirit School Division and volunteer as President on the Dundurn Community Association, Sports Complex and Dundurn Fire Department. I enjoy getting involved in my community and volunteering where I can.

If elected to council, over my term I would like to do what I can to build a stronger, thriving and involved community. I believe in working together and would definitely engage our surrounding municipal partners in constructive discussions on creating a stronger regional community.

I believe myself to be open minded, approachable, and respectable to everyone and I offer a fresh perspective if elected as your councillor. I don't want to make promises I can't keep as there will be much to listen and learn about, but I will do my best to represent the voters and their concerns.



Photo by Brittney Servetnyk

I am running for town council because I believe the voters and taxpayers need someone who will listen to their concerns and act on them.

I am a big believer in not making promises that one may not be able to keep, so I will not make meaningless promises in hopes of securing your vote. The one promise I can make to you, the voter, is that I will do everything I can to bring your concerns forward and work on them.

Like I said in my bio, I moved to Dundurn in 2018 with my family, from the very start we were welcomed in town and want nothing more then to see Dundurn grow and flourish. I immediately started volunteering in Dundurn and have met a lot of the residents in Dundurn this way. In meeting with so many residents at events in town I have learned of many concerns our residents have. I choose the two questions below.

### Question 9

**Council members volunteer their time in various town committee's. Are you willing to be able to serve this community as a whole?**

### Answer:

Yes: I am committed to serving this town to my best capable ability. Currently I am volunteering approximately 20 hours a week with the Dundurn Community Association, I put my heart and soul into this and will continue to be committed to do the same as a town council member.

## Council Candidate

*My promise to you is to:*

- ✓ be openminded
- ✓ help promote growth
- ✓ build strong relationships
- ✓ be approachable
- ✓ be accountable

*Thank you for your VOTE!*

*Let's work together to make our town  
even greater.*

*Vote for*

**Andrew  
SERVETNYK**



**DUNDURN  
COUNCIL**

### Question 10

**When the council is faced with a decision, would you suggest polling residents on every major issue, or would you study the issue to make a good decision. How would you handle this?**

**Answer:**

I would not suggest polling residents on every major issue, the voters elect the council members who they believe will make the best decisions to better our community. I would suggest polling residents if an issue came forward that had the potential of increasing property taxes, utilities, etc. I would also suggest polling if an issue had the potential of decreasing the resident's property value. I believe every member elected to council should study each issue closely before a council vote is made.



## Council Candidate

## Per Vinding

## Over the next term I would like to:

- continue to promote the town through various marketing initiatives, while strengthening our relationships with regional partners;
- help develop long term growth plans for the region. Plans that are practical and well considered, to ensure that all of our residents can benefit;
- work with our partners for better safety in our community so that the community is well protected;
- help develop initiatives that will keep our seniors in our town; such as investigating hiring a part time doctor and pharmacy services, exploring a full care home for seniors who wish to stay close to their family in Dundurn;
- help promote, with a new council, the initiative to keep our buildings and community parks maintained and not neglected. Not only does it make a better impression for property resale and development, but the town cannot expect the residents to keep their properties in good order if the town properties are neglected.

*It would be a pleasure to continue to serve my community.*

*elect*  
**Per Vinding**



*for*  
**DUNDURN  
COUNCIL**

**Question 7**

**If the town received grant money of \$1Mil to be used to better our community, what would you suggest how to utilize this funding?**

With the SMALL, but dedicated, number of volunteers on the 'New Rink Committee' it is probably going to take a few years to get a new rink so I would suggest upgrading the lobby and dressing room area at the Sports Centre to keep it going . Any funds after that I would suggest go towards facilities for kids.

**Question 13**

**What would you do to ensure there is more transparency in regard to the decision making of town council if you were elected?**

With all the mis-information being bandied about out there about Council, my suggestion is reading the Council minutes or attending a council meeting and seeing the process for oneself and getting the correct information.

## Council Candidate

## About Per

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Dundurn is my home. I have lived here since 1975. I have a wonderful wife; Deb and we have two children and two precious grandchildren. In 2016 I was elected as your Mayor and I found that serving in this capacity was both an honour and a privilege. But it is time for someone different to carry forward the interests of our great town, and without hesitation, I endorse Fred Wilson for Mayor. In addition, I ask for your support to serve as councillor so that I can continue the momentum on town issues and projects that we have started. Having served on various boards and committees, I have the history and knowledge of the town's partnerships and municipal business that will be crucial for the continuity of the town's initiatives.

In 2016 I retired after a long career working in the mining industry. As a retiree, I have the time and energy to commit to council. There are many town related issues that must be conducted or dealt with during the day.

I am invested in our community and pay attention to the overarching issues that impact the majority of our citizens. For several years I served on utility boards in order to protect the town's interest – most notably the negotiation of a new deal on our wastewater board in order to stop paying for infrastructure, repair and maintenance in other municipalities. Contrary to some opinions, our regional water utility is very well run. A regular water bill, that includes sewer charges, is approximately \$122.00 based on 10cu of water. In addition, there is a two-year freeze on water rate increases from Sask Water. This means for 2021 and 2022 there are no planned water rate increases for the town under the current council.

During my tenure, it was a mission of mine to work to remove the traffic control circle. Through tenacity and the support of other council members, we managed to have it reduced significantly, which kept the new development continuing.

As a member of council in good standing, I will not make empty promises. I believe that the Town needs to add assessed properties through growth to expand our tax base, or we must consider reducing services. However, if we reduce services this could result in negative outcomes; a reduction in property values resulting in lower resale value, less recreation venues for the community and perhaps a less attractive town that new business may not want to invest in. I prefer to continue to work with growth initiatives and find ways to limit future tax increases rather than reduce taxes by reducing services.

*This is the place to grow,  
so let's grow together*

**YOUR VOTE  
MATTERS**