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Give one or more specific things related to the New Nuclear Power Generator proposed for Wesleyville you will want to see happen before the end of your term on council?

By the end of the term, I would like to ensure that Port Hope has started to receive the financial support for the infrastructure that will be required and the beginning of those projects. This should include meaningful economic development for both wards, local employment and training opportunities, large investments, transparent emergency planning, protection for affected landowners, and a clear commitment that the project will not create additional tax pressure for residents. This will need to be finalized before the end of the next term of Council. I would want residents to be fully informed throughout the process, with OPG required to answer questions directly and publicly.

How would you characterize the Port Hope Area Initiative clean up, giving any steps necessary to address concerns you may raise?

The PHAI cleanup must be kept in check; this can only be done with the use of an advisory group or staff that is directly part of the program to make sure checks and balances are maintained and reported to the CAC. The broader cleanup program should be managed through consistent technical reporting, transparent risk communication, measurable remediation milestones, and regular public engagement so residents understand project status, residual constraints, and next steps. Stronger municipal oversight would help ensure that remediation is not treated only as a technical cleanup exercise, but as an integrated planning, environmental, and community-building process.

How would you balance the requests of developers with the heritage aspects of existing neighbourhoods and preservation of significant buildings?

New developments should be reviewed through the lens of maintaining the aspects of each neighbourhood. This could mean restricting height for buildings and suggesting materials that should be used. Port Hope should protect its heritage resources through a comprehensive planning framework that combines rigorous Heritage Impact Assessments, conservation easements, adaptive-reuse policies, and enforceable site-plan controls. Development near designated properties, districts, and cultural heritage landscapes should be carefully reviewed for scale, setbacks, architectural compatibility, and material choices so that new construction complements rather than overwhelms historic places.

How would you address the creation of affordable housing, giving three specific items you would introduce during your term on council? How many units would you want to see created by the end of your term?

I believe that we could use vacant buildings, schools and property owned by the Town to build and either lease the property to home owners or maintain ownership of the property with it being available to purchase after a 10 year occupancy. This could create a supply of lower cost homes in association with either provincial co op housing or Habitat construction.

- To achieve this I would introduce the use of excess land in town that has the services close by and can be given clearance to be used for single or high density housing.
- I would introduce a program similar to how several areas in the province have been built where the home owner does not own the land but the town maintains the ownership for at least 10 years with a low cost lease until the land can be purchased.
- The Town is working now with the help of the province to reduce development costs, and I would continue in this effort for a regular development, but for these homes would recommend \$0 development and permit fees.

I would hope to have at least one vacant building could be converted into a Multi Residential unit and at least 10 single family units to be started during this period.

How would you implement the More Homes Built Faster Act locally. giving two examples?

- Shorten the permit process and accepting designs that have already been approved in other jurisdictions, this would include a short list of contractors
- Managing the existing land excess that the town has and make it more accessible to the builder we may choose to build these additional units

What are your views on Strong Mayor powers and their use?

Strong Mayor Powers should not be used or should be removed from all Towns that have less than 10 Council members as smaller groups can always find a way to consensus to a budget process or bylaws that need to be corrected. As for the hiring and firing of specific personnel this should be retained and I imagine took place long before these powers came into affect.

What specific steps would you take to support local business?

- Run a PR and Marketing campaign highlighting our small business environment, so more stores will establish here which will increase local shopping with a focus on all business not just downtown
- Encourage store owners to participate in more sale days and run this not just downtown but everywhere we have businesses.
- Encourage more walking days with the street shut down for pedestrians
- Promote the Top Of Walton where we have some very unique businesses that don't get as much traffic as they deserve
- In general promote Port Hope as a shopping location
- Community events all over Port Hope not just on Walton St

What are your plans to support recreational facilities and parks?

- I would propose surveying neighbourhoods to see if the equipment in the park space is right for the population, kids grow and need different equipment, we need a strategy to grow with the neighbourhood.
 - We need additional facilities in the rural area as well as updating and proposing new outdoor areas. This could include a second outdoor Ice Pad in Ward 1 or 2, expansion of the current Jack Burger with another pad and outdoor recreation area.
- Parks and facilities must grow with the community.

What is a reasonable municipal tax rate or increase? How would you achieve this, giving specific budget areas or line items?

The tax base is so broad and diverse that we need to reassess the entire tax system for this area, homes will need to be reevaluated based on the current 2016 values that MPAC has assigned to the Town. We as a council can help in this endeavour by keeping the mil rate in line and understanding other locations in our general vicinity as to how they are managing to keep lower increases and rates for their residents. A reasonable rate would be trying to maintain 2% or lower for the next few years.

What is a reasonable increase to the Port Hope Police Service budget? Give specific services or line items you would adjust to reach this goal?

The budget for Police Services should be kept in line with the inflationary pressure we are all feeling, meaning we will need to closely assess the needs for new equipment/cars/building renovations or improvements. There should be no more than a modest 4% increase in the budget and this should be offset by the criminal record check business that is bringing revenue to Port Hope.

Name four new initiatives you plan to implement over your term to improve the quality of life for everyone in the municipality?

1. Moving forward on an affordable housing program with respect to housing for ALL. Starting on day one to engage with outreach programs and resources to gather the necessary people and ideas around the table to move this forward.
2. In high traffic areas either implement traffic calming zones or at least crosswalks so residents can at least cross the road without the danger, this is especially noticeable downtown when we have a high number of tourists during fishing season and they are trying to find away across the street.
3. Building a Senior Healthcare Strategy that includes physicians and family practitioners in an accessible location, this would include Free bus service transportation for Seniors as well as having a hotline for ordering a "Bus to Your Door"
4. Working with the school board to start offering a full range of programs in Port Hope High School instead of the students being bussed to Cobourg. This would include matching programs/co ops to what local industry requires so when student graduates they have the skills that are desired.

How are you uniquely qualified to be elected to council that no one else can provide, but also giving at least one guilty pleasure?

I am uniquely qualified to be a councillor due to my more than 30 years of corporate & operational management experience, I will bring practical leadership and sound judgment to Town Council. My background in overseeing budgets, resources and complex projects has prepared me to help navigate and understand the important issues facing our community. Those years taught me the value of careful planning, clear communication, and responsible decision-making. They also reinforced my belief that good results come from bringing people together, asking the right questions, and staying focused on the long-term interests of those we serve. Residents deserve a Councillor who is approachable, thoughtful, and willing to do the homework before important decisions are made. The choices before Port Hope will help shape our community for decades. Major proposals such as the Wesleyville Nuclear project and the long-term PHAI/CNL agreement deserve careful attention,transparency, and strong local representation. At the same time, everyday priorities matter deeply: reliable cell service, neighbourhood parks, housing initiatives, senior healthcare, and keeping the Archives in Port Hope.

I am recognized as someone who follows through, works collaboratively and is prepared to challenge the status quo when necessary. My experience working across multiple divisions has taught me how to listen carefully, understand diverse perspectives and deliver practical solutions that reflect the needs of the community.

As a father and grandfather with roots in the area, I care deeply about the people, neighbourhoods, and rural communities that make Port Hope such a meaningful place to call home. For me, public service begins with listening, showing up, and earning trust through steady, practical work.

After years of Coaching Hockey and Baseball my guilty pleasure now is following my Grandkids in their sport endeavours which leads me back to Hockey/Rugby/Lacrosse & Field.

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