

Trent Hills

Trent Hills Council Candidate



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What specific, concrete steps are you prepared to take to support your position on the Alto High Speed Rail project as it relates to Trent Hills?

Continue opposing Alto through lobbying the Federal Government and consultations with Alto management, use all legal means to not cooperate with Alto planning or construction.

Where do you stand on the proposed new bridge in Campbellford and what practical actions will you take to support your position? Explain.

We need a 2nd bridge, we have sunk lots of money and time into Alma / Second St crossing and hopefully it will get built soon with Federal & Provincial grants. To get the grants the project has to be 'shovel ready' and that is why work is still proceeding.

What role should the municipality play in the proposal to build a new hospital?

- Have the planning department prioritize the zoning & permits required to facilitate the hospital planning process
- Help getting the required services to the property
- Financially help via tax dollars

Name one or more specific actions you would take to address voter's concerns related to community safety?

Ongoing engagement with the OPP to improve traffic compliance.

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?

1. Continue working with other Northumberland Municipalities to standardize planning rules.
2. Continue our improvements to the permitting process for timelines.
3. Work with the Northumberland County Housing to find projects that would work in Trent Hills.

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

Development charges are certainly an impediment for new development but discounting development charges would just increase taxes to the current tax base. I believe our planning & building departments have modified our municipalities rules so that both infill and secondary units on the same property have clear steps to get approval.

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

I am not in favour of Strong Mayor Powers

What specific steps would you take to support local business?

Continue to limit tax increases where possible and help create a welcoming environment to help make Trent Hills a preferred area to shop & visit.

What are your plans to support recreational facilities and parks?

Continue to advocate for cost efficient facilities for popular recreation activities, partner with local organizations to support other recreation activities.

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

I would like tax increases to be as close to inflation as possible but we have many ongoing financial pressures many of which are

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

The OPP billings are outside of the control of municipal council, unfortunately we have to continue to advocate to our Provincial Representatives for relief from OPP and other budget drivers. As for creating or joining our 'own' police force, all investigations have found that it would be much higher than continuing with using the current OPP model.

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

As an incumbent, the question would be why did I not get it done in the last 4 years. Continue to advocate for cost effective governance and ensure that the municipality responds to residents concerns in a timely manner.

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

Through my work, service & municipal experience gives me the ability to decide on issues to benefit the entire municipality with favoritism. Strawberry ice cream

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