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Good day,

I'm writing to express interest in the position of Councillor Ward 1 for the Municipality of Kincardine.

I am a lifelong resident of Kincardine. I went to school in this community, I grew up and found work in this community. My extended family lives in this community, and I feel a deep connection to the town and the people who live here.

Over the past 20 years I have witnessed the significant decline in housing affordability within our community, and as a first-time homebuyer, I have felt the anxiety that housing scarcity has imposed on our residents.

I believe that the residents of Kincardine understand the responsibility we have to ensure that future generations can call Kincardine home and experience the same opportunity this town has presented to previous generations.

The Municipal Government has a large role to play in housing development and I see an opportunity to refine and create intelligent policy to address the decline in housing affordability. As a start, I believe a review of housing development charges, barriers to permit approval and incentives for development within the community could bring housing prices down in the short term, and drive increased housing development in the long term.

As a Councillor, I bring a unique skillset in cross-team collaboration and large scale project management.

My work experience is in search and rescue preparedness, and over my career I have built a decade of experience in emergency response, from the tactical level, to the strategic level. I've worked with many partners from all levels of Government, international partners, Indigenous partners and stakeholders, industry partners and academia on search and rescue preparedness programs.

This experience has given me the ability to organize and work efficiently within large teams, forecast and anticipate future issues, and act decisively in critical situations.

I would like to take the drive, problem solving abilities, and deep knowledge of multi-partner collaboration that I developed, and use it to serve my community as Councillor.

Thank you.