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To Kincardine Council and Municipal Staff

Expression of Interest to join Kincardine Municipal Council as a Ward 1 Councillor

Good day: My name is Melville Scott McPherson. I go by my middle name Scott. I have been interested in Municipal Politics for many years. I have been a resident of this municipality for more than 40 years.

I moved to this area when I was employed by Ontario Hydro as a Scaffolder in 1978 for Bruce site which was then known as the Bruce Nuclear Power Development (BNPD). I raised a family here with my late wife Brenda who passed away in 2006, and married my present wife Carrie in 2008 who also raised a family here and worked at Bruce Power until retirement. I retired in 2011 as a journeyman Building Mechanic and I owned a Lawn Maintenance Business for many years. I had many contracts, including municipal contracts.

I was a Past President of the Tiverton Lions Club. I have sat on the Municipal Accessibility Committee the first year it was formed and in 2023.

I have been a volunteer for most of my adult life in one form or another. I believe in service to make the Community and quality of life better for everyone.

I raised a disabled daughter who had multiple disabilities and challenges until her passing this year. I am also a Senior in this community with disabilities so I recognize the challenge many people face living in this community as well as Ontario itself.

I have experience with assisting my previous community by getting costing for different projects, lists of contractors, and suppliers as a member of a Committee for the Board of Directors who applied for New Horizons for Seniors grants. I am very familiar with the AODA and Building Code.

My desire to be a Counsellor comes from a need to see everyone in the Community represented, In the past year I have met many people in their senior years that need to have better services and a community that is in good repair for them to get around. This includes my desire to see the SMART (Saugeen Mobility) contract service expanded so that people who need this service have a more normal quality of life. Seniors who are becoming disabled can be more independent and be part of the greater community and not become shut-ins.

Affordable housing and inclusion for everyone no matter their income level is very important. Longterm Care and the ability to have different varieties of housing to suit different life stages and abilities is also very important to me. We need to recognize the different demographics in our community.

I have made a point over the last few years of attending different presentations, work shops and project planning seminars for the Municipality. I have a good idea thru this process and watching Council Meetings for many years how this municipality works.

I as a councillor if appointed would like this Municipality get the best bang for the buck. When a project is completed, that maintenance is added into the operating budget to maintain those finished projects. We should never allow anything to fall into disrepair because it costs the taxpayers more money. Build once, build to completion and maintain should be the plan.

My previous employer used a 13 week plan for work including call-ups, and deficiency repairs. Nothing here should take years to repair.

I hope that you will consider me for the Ward 1 Councillors position. I have a lot to offer and I have time to work on this communities behalf.

Kindest Regards

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