

To Whom It May Concern,

Re: Nomination for Municipal Councillor – Municipality of Kincardine

Dear Council,

I am writing to submit my nomination for the position of Councillor for the Municipality of Kincardine. Having proudly served this community for the past 23 years, I believe my extensive experience, both professionally and as a community advocate, makes me well-suited to represent and support our town's growth and sustainability.

Experience and Community Contributions

With a career spanning over 35 years in research, government, academia, and the nuclear sector, I bring a deep understanding of problem-solving, policy implementation, and environmental stewardship. Since retiring, I founded the Swajan Samanvay Sanatan Centre, a not-for-profit in Grey-Bruce focused on fostering inclusivity, spirituality and sustainability through community engagement, environmental advocacy, and education.

My dedication to volunteerism is evident through my work in Kincardine, where I founded the **Kincardine Multicultural Celebration** in 2003. This event, which has grown to attract over 1,500 participants annually, aims to promote cultural harmony and strengthen community connections.

As an environmental engineer, I also supported the **Living Snow Fence Project**, planting over 1,000 trees to mitigate the impact of snow on our highways and contribute to climate change resilience. I am committed to continuing this work by supporting initiatives that promote environmental sustainability as Councillor.

Leadership in Civic and Volunteer Roles

Throughout my time in Kincardine, I have taken on numerous leadership roles, allowing me to gain a deep understanding of the needs of our community. Some of my key contributions include:

- **Grey-Bruce Health Care Spiritual Council:** Providing spiritual support to patients and their families during difficult times and working with health care institutions.
- **Kincardine Environmental Advisory Committee:** Advocating for sustainable environmental policies and helping to initiate the Kincardine Community Garden.
- **Kincardine Community Fund Committee:** Raising funds for local enrichment initiatives and engaging seniors in various life related activities.
- **Kincardine Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee:** Enhancing cultural awareness and community engagement.
- **Bluewater District School Board Diversity Committee:** Promoting inclusivity, values-based education, and excellence in our schools for over 20 years.

Additionally, I have served on various school and parent councils, advocating for youth development and educational improvements.

My community work has been recognized through awards such as the **Enbridge Quality of Life Award** (2019), **Canada 150 Commemorative Medal** (2017), the **Municipality of Kincardine Recognition Medal** (2017) and **Award of Excellence as Volunteer- BWDSB**. These honors highlight my dedication to improving residents' lives and promoting Kincardine's vibrant community spirit.

Vision for Kincardine

If elected as Councillor, I will focus on the following priorities:

1. **Improving Public Spaces:** Year-round access for Washroom, well-maintained and safety of beach facilities, upgraded parks and sport facilities, and promote neighborhood clean-up and engagement initiatives.
2. **Fostering Community Engagement:** Host regular events, such as "Tea with the Councillor," to listen to residents' concerns and address them promptly.
3. **Promoting Transparency:** Ensure clear communication and accountability in decision-making, focusing on both major projects and smaller community issues.
4. **Championing Inclusivity:** Strengthen connections across demographics, engage emerging passionate leaders, and address the diverse needs of our community.
5. **Preserving Small-Town Values:** Protect our natural resources, enhance public safety, and promote respect for Kincardine's heritage and values while work for growth.

Commitment to Action

I am passionate about creating a sustainable future for Kincardine that balances growth with the preservation of our town's unique character. By enhancing public spaces, promoting responsible tourism, and ensuring access to health and wellness resources, I aim to improve the quality of life for all residents.

As someone who has successfully led community initiatives such as the **Kincardine Multicultural Festival, Snow Fencing, Cultural Open House, Diversity & Belongingness** and **Spiritual Wellness Workshops**, I am confident in my ability to balance these responsibilities with the demands of being a Councillor. My ongoing work in environmental advocacy, cultural inclusivity, spiritual wellness and community well-being aligns naturally with the role, and I am committed to serving Kincardine with integrity and dedication.

I kindly request your consideration for this nomination. Together, we can build a more vibrant, inclusive, and sustainable Kincardine.

Sincerely,

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