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**% The Clerk's Office -Municipality of Kincardine**

Dear Municipal Council,

I would like to express my interest as a candidate for the office of Councillor Ward 1.

To this end I could regale you with a dry list of my qualifications and pertinent experience that make me a good candidate for this position. However, I think that I would serve you better by instead providing you with something more tangible: a story about myself.

Without boring you with many details, I will simply state that I have always demonstrated an inquisitive mind and talent for solving technical difficulties and rational problems. For this reason, I gravitated towards education and a career in pure and applied sciences and engineering.

At the end of my graduating year I, along with my classmates, was invited to a ceremony known as "the Calling of an Engineer"; there I learned of both the professional calling itself and its accompanying Obligation. The ceremony recognizes that becoming an engineer is far more encompassing than a mere vocation. It is embracing principles that encompass one's entire life. This event was particularly impactful to me for several reasons, but I would like to elaborate on one in particular here.

It was early in the year 1990. Just a few months previously, in December, the massacre at l'Ecole Polytechnique occurred in my hometown of Montreal, and 12 of my fellow engineering students had been killed simply because they were women following the same calling as myself. As I listened to the ceremony, I could not help but think of their absence and our duty not just towards our calling as professionals and engineers but also towards them and their memory.

It was in this spirit that I began my career, one that has spanned 34 years here in the community of Kincardine. I like to believe that I have honoured the

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memory of those young women and fellow engineers by my actions and achievements both at work and within my day to life. To that end, I take my personal obligations to family, friends, community and our forebears very seriously.

According to the ethics laid out by the Professional Engineers of Ontario, the primary obligation of a professional engineer is “to regard the duty to public welfare as paramount, above their duties to clients or employers.” The first duty listed for Kincardine Council is “To represent the public and consider the well-being and interests of their municipality.” Clearly, these two duties hold to an identical principle. I believe that I was called to be an engineer and to do my utmost to follow my obligations thereto. I see the position of councillor as a natural extension of my obligation forged years ago “upon honour and cold iron.”

I hope my story has given you some insight into my background and the reasoning as to why I am interested in this position. I would like to thank you for your time and consideration in hearing my words and thoughts here today. I look forward to the opportunity to work with you all in these seemingly difficult and divisive times. I would like to express the hope that together, we can lead Kincardine towards success and in so doing bring unity to our community.

Sincerely,



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