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What is your vision for Port Hope at the end of the next four-year Council term?

- OPG at Wesleyville – decision finalized, preliminary studies completed. Port Hope is financially well positioned, supported by strong community engagement, and ready to move forward with thoughtful, well planned infrastructure improvements.
- Create an Engineering Design Standards & Criteria Manual
- Streamline and improve in house services such as customer service and fleet.
- Infrastructure – completing projects and moving forward with a solid asset management plan
- Planning – employment lands identified where municipal services can support development. Attracting and delivering on industrial development.
- Planning – ensuring we are following the rules set forth in Council documents protecting rural hamlets and agricultural lands from irresponsible development.

What do you believe are the greatest opportunities and challenges facing Port Hope's economy?

- OPG at Wesleyville – could provide employment, some supportive industry, and some need for housing.
- Designate lands for employment (Industrial Park) and advertise through our Economic Development staff.
- Global economy is going to provide the biggest challenges – inflation and possible recession

What role should the Municipality play in supporting existing businesses and attracting new investment?

- Proactive growth strategy developed through our Planning staff to identify employment lands that can be serviced with municipal water and sewer.
- Municipal economic development staff actively advertising Port Hope as a viable opportunity.
- Growth and additional support of the tax base will support existing businesses.

How should Port Hope accommodate growth while preserving the qualities that make the community distinctive?

- Port Hope has a beautiful historic downtown – preserve it through solid policy
- Develop a proactive growth strategy – grow within the core of the urban area and expand outward from the core.
- Confirm the capacity of the water treatment and sewage treatment plants. Identify what lands can be serviced with the current capacity.
- Create a long-term growth strategy.
- Update Official Plan and Zoning By-Law documents and follow them ensuring protection of Agricultural and Hamlet areas from urban sprawl and Multi-unit building development.
- Ensure Hydrogeologic studies are completed to determine water capacity prior to consideration of any development.

What municipal services, infrastructure or policies are most important to a healthy business environment?

- All infrastructure is important – roads, water, sewers, utilities, as well as the policies around development.
- Official Plan update
- Zoning By-Law
- It is important to uphold established policies and avoid making ad hoc exceptions to the rules. Planning decisions require careful consideration to ensure that development serves the best interests of the community, not just the developer.

How would you ensure that the needs of businesses across the entire municipality, including the downtown, rural area and home-based businesses, are considered in Council decisions?

- Policies set forth by Council should consider the Municipal interest, our businesses are a staple of the community. Protection of the downtown core to preserve its heritage. Protect the rural areas from urban sprawl and higher density development. Keeping the character and beauty of our spaces is an advantage.
- By being proactive in a growth strategy, we can attract the right development in the right place. Growth will help to keep taxes in control; this aids all businesses and the residents who live and work here.
- Growth will expand to the rural areas, but it needs to be planned to happen in a systematic way, ensuring that services expand outward from the core as development occurs.

What changes, if any, would you support to make Port Hope's planning, building and development processes more efficient and predictable?

- Engineering Design Standards & Criteria Manual – currently Port Hope engineering staff do not have a published document outlining the standards and criteria required to be met. This document would outline specific requirements aiding staff and consultants designing infrastructure for both capital projects and development. When standards & criteria are published it removes ambiguity, confusion and greatly improves productivity.