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1. Vision

1. I would like to see a site chosen and a developer/operator selected, to build a Long Term Care Facility to replace the aging Hope Terrace and Regency manor facilities.
2. Advance the OPG project at Wesleyville
3. Authorize our Economic Development Department, to actively attract subsidiary business's , to complement the proposed OPG project.

2. Challenges/Opportunities

1. The Wesleyville Project will require ever increasing housing starts, to accommodate the incoming workforce
2. Residents, through the tax levy, will be subject to higher taxes to fund the aging infrastructure, unless we can attract substantial new commercial and industrial business's a
3. Wesleyville, if approved, will provide additional tax dollars and create other economic benefits f or Port Hope

3. Attracting New Business

Our Economic Development Department has, for the past three years, not advanced in supporting the existing business base, nor has nopt attracted new investments, in a meaningful way.

The new, approved direction for Economic Development, outlined in our recent Council meeting, provides a multi year plan , to build from the basic requirements , upward.

4. Growth

To maintain Port Hope's unique qualities, growth will need to occur away from our core. This would have to include residential, commercial and industrial growth.

5. Healthy Business

With the rebuild of Walton Street, we have eliminated one barrier to Port Hope attaining a healthy business environment.

Future planning and development of Mill Street (site of the former Firefighters Museum), the vacant lot by Town Hall and the soon to be acquired Centre Pier will be critical to advancing Port Hope ability to attract new business.

Additionally, equality, fairness and common sense should dictate how we make decisions at Council, be it , for business's large or small and how we treat our residents.

6. Planning

The Planning Department could better serve developers ,by publishing a comprehensive guide for development, to take the subjectivity out of the development application process. Follow the guide and you are good to go. Currently we are treating each development application as unique, which slows down the development process and frustrates those wishing to either renovate or build.