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

My hope is that Council can make steady progress on:

- Approving and starting housing projects, especially affordable and seniors' housing
- Clarifying OPG-related needs for infrastructure and roads
- Planning a new recreation facility with outside funding
- Creating a seniors' health-care strategy
- Supporting a walk-in clinic with weekday and weekend hours
- Moving a new LTC unit forward
- Encouraging local hiring for the OPG project
- Completing the cell tower
- Completing the water tower
- Adding crosswalks in high-traffic areas
- Helping homeowners resolve concerns through Council support.

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

The greatest challenges and opportunity comes from the unknown requirements of the Wesleyville Nuclear if the assessment comes back that this is the best location. This could be a major expansion to the Town in Tax revenue and jobs for local residents, but it could also be a major cost to additional infrastructure if we are not careful and have a stringent plan for all approvals/requests related to this development.

There is still a need for Doctors to the area to deal with the expected population and workforce growth, this should be focused on Family Practice Units. Without healthcare it will deter people from moving here and making Port Hope Home.

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

The Municipality should play a major role in supporting and helping to maintain local businesses while planning and finding additional investment for the community. The municipality could assist business growth through helping find a location, having industrial sites already serviced and by promoting Port Hope as open for business. We should be looking for business that will support our current businesses and look to be on the ground floor of businesses that will locate here to support the Wesleyville Nuclear.

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

Port Hope can support growth by making approvals clearer and faster while ensuring new development fits the character of each neighbourhood. Heritage areas should be protected through careful review of scale, setbacks, design, and materials.

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

A healthy business environment depends on a few key supports:

- **Transportation** — Reliable roads, bridges, access, and tourism connections.
- **Water and wastewater** — Capacity that supports housing, business, and environmental needs.
- **Stormwater management** — Protection from flooding and extreme weather.
- **Broadband** — High-speed internet for businesses of all sizes.
- **Reliable energy** — Stable power for industry and digital work.
- **Parks and recreation** — Amenities that help attract and keep workers.

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?

I would support regular contact with the HBIA, Chamber of Commerce, rural groups, and home-based businesses so Council understands their needs. This would help ensure policies support business rather than create barriers. I believe we could grow an Agri- Business and Agri Tourism with an increased effort to understand the challenges and needs of the rural community. If council was built around Councillor at large system each person would need to understand all aspects of each community and decisions would be more appropriate for each area.

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

I would support a clearer and more efficient process by:

- Shortening permit timelines and accepting proven designs from other municipalities
- Simplifying zoning or designation changes where appropriate
- A simpler process could encourage more ARU applications and help meet near-term housing needs.