

Mayor's Message

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Hi North Kawartha! Mayor Carolyn here with another video update. With the last long weekend of summer upon us I wanted to tell you all about something very important that happens every four years around this time. You may have noticed a number of signs popping up all over North Kawartha and elsewhere for that matter. That's because it's municipal election season!

The nomination period closed on August 19th and I am honoured to be acclaimed for another term as your Mayor. Deputy Mayor Jim Whelan has also been acclaimed, however there are races for the other three seats on Council. Running for Chandos Ward 1 is John Lovatsis and Jim O'Shea. In Burleigh Anstruther Ward 2, Mike Delmastro, Joe McCauley and Colin McLellan are vying for that seat. For the Councillor at Large seat it's between RuthAnne McMoyl and Roman Miszuk.

You can visit www.northkawartha.ca for important information about the election and the candidates. However I wanted to highlight some important facts and dates for all of you.

North Kawartha's election will once again be conducted via internet and telephone. Instructions will be mailed to all eligible electors well before Election Day on Monday October 24, 2022 and the new Council will be sworn in on November 15th.

Now something that continues to surprise me, are the number of cottagers who still don't believe they are eligible to vote in North Kawartha's election! Here's the deal folks: If you are a Canadian citizen of at least 18 years of age and reside in North Kawartha or are a tenant in North Kawartha, or are the owner of land or the spouse of an owner of land in North Kawartha, then you absolutely can vote in North Kawartha's municipal election. The Voter's List will be available September 1st. You can phone, email or drop by the municipal office to make sure you are on the list. Then keep an eye out for your Voter Information Letter in the mail.

An in person All Candidates Meeting hosted by the North Kawartha Lakes Association has been scheduled for Saturday September 24th at the NKCC at 2pm. I plan to attend and listen to what the candidates have to say, to help inform my decision-making. It will be my first time being there as an observer rather than a participant and I am looking forward to it.

It's been 20 years since I was first elected to Council and I am amazed at the positive changes and improvements that have happened in North Kawartha. The health and well-being of our community is growing and it's because of you. When you exercise your right to vote, you are doing one of the most important things a person can do in a civic and civil society. We must be participants in our democracy to ensure that it continues to thrive. And even though I don't have to run in the election this time, my campaign slogan still rings true: Your Vote is Your Voice- SPEAK UP!

Until next time, be well and take care. Thank you.