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# 2014 Bruce Peninsula Elections for Council

Griffin Salen for Council



I was Born and raised in Tobermory and attended St Edmunds Public School until grade 6. I then moved on to BPDS for middle school and High School.

I attended Johnson and Whales University and Acadia University for Business and Political Science. From a young age I have been interested in politics and how I can to contribute back to a community that has offered me a way of life that I really respect and enjoy.

I now work full time at my family's business, The Blue Heron Company, where I started as a deck hand. I moved up through the ranks to 1st mate and I am now captain of the Flower Pot Express, a 50ft, 85-passenger jet boat that takes residents and visitors on tours of Fathom Five National Park.

The Northern Bruce Peninsula has always been my home, and always will be. I am running for Council to take an active role in the community that I will call home for the rest of my life.

I have a strong passion for improving the community in which I live.

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## • Taxes

- I believe taxes should be raised the minimum amount necessary to sustain a financially sound Municipality. Currently our reserves are healthy, although they were slightly drawn upon this year due to the rare weather circumstances and the need for extra snow removal.

- There has recently been an asset management plan that states our road system is roughly \$1 million under funded annually. The consultants recommend a 2 percent tax increase for the next 10 years to get us on track. This is a very sizeable request on the tax payer as it translates to a 20 percent tax increase in ten years solely to be spent on roads.
- My stance on taxes is that there must be a direct and justifiable reason to raise them, which directly benefits the tax payer and the well being of our community.

- ## New Zoning By-law

- The new proposed zoning has become a hot topic in the last year, since the maps were released. I do not believe the new proposed zoning is an accurate representation of what is best for this Municipality. I do support environmental protection, but it is important to keep a balance between protection, and development. The proposed zoning would create substantial loss in value to many properties in our Municipality.

- ## Municipal Spending

- I support low taxes. I believe the best way to keep taxes low is to be efficient in Municipal spending. All departments must justify their existence, not necessarily on a financial basis but based on community need. It is extremely important to look at all Municipal entities, and determine if they are running at an efficient level, and if not, implement measures to streamline them.

- ## Schools

- These next four years will be a pivotal time for our schools. We must fight to keep them here, and we must aim to increase enrollment. I believe economic development is the way to do this. We need to look at all possibilities to attract families to our community.

- ## Tourism and Parks Canada

- Tourism is the main economic driver in our communities. We have seen rapid growth in this sector over the last 10 years. This industry is extremely important to our economy, and must be grown in a sustainable manner. Most of the tourism growth in Northern Bruce has been during July and August, but we need to extend our season for greater economic sustainability.

- I believe Parks Canada can play a pivotal and leading role in lengthening our season by extending their hours of operation further into the spring and fall seasons, if not all year around. As councillor, I will be calling on the Federal government to re-examine their one size fits all policy on budget cuts to National Parks throughout Canada. We are one of very few growing parks in our country, and we should be supported for our success.

