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I was raised on a farm near Miller Lake. My husband Lance and I raised our family just outside of Tobermory. I have been employed at the "Building Centre" at Miller Lake for over thirty years...on the contractor desk, as General Manager and now part time as Office Manager.

I know that I am lucky to have been raised and live in this area...and its' important to me. I know its also important to many others, whether you are a permanant or seasonal resident.

I do have previous council experience, and I enjoyed it. I was elected to the last council of St Edmunds Twp. I was their councillor rep on the Transition Team that worked together to form an equitable and workable new municipality from Lindsay, Eastnor, Lions Head and St. Edmunds. Amalgamation took place in 1999. I was honoured to be elected

To the inaugural council of the new Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula. While I did not seek another term, I have stayed involved in many ways..Including strategic planning, harbour committee, recreation, school issues, health care fundraising, Parks Advisory (I have kept informed ion this issue since 1983). Legion Ladies Aux. And much more.

Current issues that I feel need addressed by the new council are:

Solutions to Problems caused by increased tourism and cottage activity

-while many people rent responsibly, unfortunately some renters do not take appropriate accountability for their guests; we all know the problem, therefore there is a need for some regulations ..these must be appropriate and enforceable. -more bylaw enforcement, by trained staff, will be needed

-work together with all affected groups to minimize the impact on the area of increased tourism, while promoting a positive experience for visitors

Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw

-before any plan can be ratified, there are definite questions to be answered as to the application of the "enhanced mapping" that has changed the EH and PSW designations

-we should NOT pass the document...and "work out problems later"

-we obviously do need regulations, the quality of our lakes and ground water is paramount, but our current regulations are not allowing rampant destruction of our environment, so lets take the time to do this right

If elected, I am committed to working with all members of council to ensure our ratepayers are represented front and centre as we work to find the best solutions for the challenges facing our municipality