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Municipal Election October 22, 2018

City of North Bay

**Mayoral & Council
Candidates**

Meet & Greet

September 11, 2018



Sheldon FORGETTE

History:

Sheldon was born and raised in North Bay, Ontario by his single mother Julie. Sheldon was taught computers by his uncle Eric at PC Solutions and was so interested in computers that he wrote his CompTIA IT Professional exam

while still in high school. At the age of 18 Sheldon purchased his first rental property and started his company On The Spot Computer Repair to which he re-branded in 2013 to Computer Doctors. Sheldon moved to Ottawa when he was 19 for work and while he was there he had a close friend named Hannah who introduced him to politics by inviting Sheldon to her Political Science courses at the University of Ottawa. Sheldon gained a great passion for politics during this period, so much so that in 2014 at the age of 21 he decided to run for North Bay City Council. Sheldon was running for a council seat at large and garnered the most votes which gave him the appointment of Deputy Mayor, Budget Chief and Chair of General Government. Sheldon is an extremely motivated individual, he lived in poverty during his youth and swore that he would rise above and help people anyway he could.

Current:

- Deputy Mayor / City of North Bay - 2014 to Present
- Director / Big Brothers & Big Sisters - 2014 to Present
- Chairman / North Bay Computer Doctors - 2008 to Present
- President / Kiwanis Nipissing - 2015/16 & 17/18
- Director / North Bay Hydro - 2014 to Present

<http://sheldonforgette.ca/>



Gary GARDINER

Gary Gardiner was born in Chatham, Ontario in 1954. He attended high school in Waterloo, then went to Simon Fraser University in British Columbia on a wrestling scholarship.

After graduating with a BSC in Kinesiology and Computer Science, Gary pursued a career in high performance sport. His career culminated as National Team Director of Wrestling Canada and CEO of Judo Canada.

In 1997, Gary moved from Ottawa to North Bay to be with his partner Catharine Hunter. After renovating their first home, he realized that he had an ability and love for building. Gary has since received his licenses to build and design homes and has enjoyed a successful second career.

Over the years in North Bay, Gary has gradually become involved in the local political scene. As he was reading the Nugget one night and ranting as usual he was told, “You can’t just continually complain unless you are going to do something about it.” So Gary did. He fought the inequalities in the water billing system when water meters were first introduced, he is trying to save King’s Landing Wharf and most importantly he is trying to ensure that our city is run openly and honestly and often presents at council.

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AI MCDONALD

Al McDonald is the son of an air force pilot and spent most of his youth moving from various military bases from Comox, B.C. to Goose Bay, Labrador and points in-between.

All these moves provided Al with the opportunity to meet and associate with people from many places, many cultures, and various religions.

"It is because of my connection to the military that I learned to accept new surroundings and new people, to be open to differences and to celebrate the things that make us a community."

North Bay became more than just another military move for Al, in 1976 North Bay became home.

"Those military moves gave me a unique perspective of our country. When I think about North Bay I see it in relation to so many other places and I know how fortunate we are to live here."

Through the years, Al has served the community as a member of council, as Deputy Mayor, and as the Progressive Conservative Member of Provincial Parliament. As M.P.P. Al was the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Enterprise. Al has also served on numerous boards, agencies and committees, and given thousands of volunteer hours to community projects both big and small. A generous supporter of numerous causes, Al even donated the original building used for The Gathering Place.

A graduate of Widdifield High School, Al is a successful entrepreneur founding and owning several prosperous businesses. Al is also proud to have mentored young entrepreneurs who have gone on to create successful businesses of their own. But it's through community involvement that Al has made his most significant contributions and has found his greatest rewards.

"I believe very strongly in giving back to the community, in supporting local causes that make a positive difference and standing up for North Bay to make it a better place."

Al has always had an open door policy and is very happy to meet with citizens, both formally at City Hall and informally at events in the community.

"My wife, Wendy, and I have attended thousands of events from anniversary and birthday celebrations to graduation ceremonies and galas and I love every minute of them. Meeting people from all walks of life helps me recharge, it's an opportunity to connect with my neighbours across the community and to hear first hand the concerns they have."

Here's a short list of some of the things Al has been involved with:

Co-Chair – Gathering Place Capital Campaign	Co-Chair – 6M MRI Capital Campaign
Co-Chair – Regional Robotics Competition	Co-Chair – ONE PLEDGE Campaign
Co-Chair – Coldest Night of the Year Fundraiser	North Bay's Newsmaker of the Year 2010
North Bay's Citizen of the Year 2010	North Bay's Newsmaker of the Year 2002
President – North Bay Humane Society	Chair – North Bay Heritage Festival
President – North Bay & District Chamber	Chair – Save the Cents Committee
Member – The Learning Library Capital Campaign	Chair – Save the Ski Hill Committee
Chair and Founder – North Bay Walk of Fame	Chair – North Bay Citizen of the Year
Director – Kiwanis Club of North Bay	Co-Chair – "Live on the Red Carpet"
Member – North Bay Police Services Board	Founder – Lacrosse North Bay
Director – Halfway House North Bay	Co-Chair – North Bay in a Box
Lead Donor – The Gathering Place Soup Kitchen	Member – North Bay Millennium Committee
Co-Chair – MRI Capital Campaign	Founder – Nipissing Laker Hockey Club
Member – North Bay Economic Development Commission	
Co-Chair – "Top Secret" Fundraiser for the Capitol Centre	

Al will be releasing his platform over the course of the campaign.

"Being Mayor of North Bay and representing everyone who calls North Bay home is a great honour for me. I feel blessed to have this opportunity. I love this city. I love giving back to the City and will continue to do so."

Reminder:
Mark your calendars
for the
Mayoral Debate
Thursday, October 4, 2018
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Live on



Channel 12 or 700

Council candidates have been given the opportunity to tape a three-minute interview with YourTV North Bay. This will be produced into a program, and replayed numerous times on YourTV channel 12 or 700 prior to the election.

The Mayoral Debate will also be replayed numerous times as well; check <https://www.yourtvtv/northbay> for dates and times.

For those that don't subscribe to YourTV (Cogeco), you have the opportunity to watch the debate live at:



Or it will be streamed the following day on the YourTV website as shown above.

Do you have questions for the Mayoral Candidates?

***Submit them in advance by this coming Friday, September 14, 2018
by 4 pm on the Chamber website www.nbdcc.ca***



Mike ANTHONY

VOTE MIKE ANTHONY 2018

I OFFER YOU A ONE-PROMISE CAMPAIGN

I'm sure that once again in this campaign, you'll hear lots of big promises and impossible promises. I only offer you ONE promise - you give me your vote, I will give you my best.

WHAT I STAND FOR

I'm not here to raise your taxes or slash your services. But I am here to unlock the power of the private sector, to push for sustainable costs while doing it, and to support small business. I want to help create the environment that creates jobs - and the affordability - so that you, your sons and daughters, and your grandkids can prosper here in North Bay.

I WORK FOR YOU, NOT CITY HALL

I believe that sometimes people see city hall as "us versus them". I see myself as a representative of average citizens trying to find ways to improve the community and balance the costs.

I respect our staff, their expertise, and their opinion... but community input is also important, so your opinion and feedback are always considered.

MY 10 POINT PLATFORM

Visit my website www.VoteMikeAnthony.com for a full explanation on each of the planks in my platform. Here's a list of the 10 points I believe we need to focus on:

- 1-Attracting Online & E-entrepreneurs
- 2-Engaging the energy of Millennials (creating a youth focused advisory committee)
- 3-Balancing the age spectrum (leveraging the impact of seniors just as much as we do students)
- 4-Focus on adding Ferris to Community Improvement Plan (CIP)
- 5-Selling our community better - we must constantly adapt
- 6-Grabbing opportunity based on our location as a "crossroads city"
- 7-Continuing to support the local film & television industry, which pumped \$8-million into the local economy in 2016, and a whopping \$22.7-million in 2017
- 8-Respecting taxpayer's ability to pay
- 9-Balancing a fiscal-first approach with still investing in the future, and projects that are needed
- 10-Improved accessibility and age-friendly initiatives

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Mac BAIN

I became a Funeral Director to help members of my community at a difficult time in their lives; serving as a City Councillor is an extension of that for me. It is a way for me to help both my community and the larger region.

I believe North Bay is better today –financially, environmentally, and socially –than it was 15 years ago when I was first elected to Council. In order to be successful the next Council will need to have a cohesive mix of new and experienced members and I believe my experience and demonstrated ability to embrace new ideas and work cooperatively will serve Council well. I also find the positive experience of representing our citizens a great and rewarding counterbalance to the stress associated with my chosen profession.

I am the new 1st Vice President of the Federation of Northeastern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) and have been re-elected to the Board of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO). My work at FONOM and AMO, give me the insight to the larger issues we may face here in North Bay. I have taken leadership roles with both organizations, working on committees that have directly benefited the amount funding we have received from the Province and cost avoidance as well. As a member of these Organizations, I will continue to utilize my relationships. I will continue to get North Bay a higher profile in the Northern Ontario and indeed the Province.



Johanne BROUSSEAU

After my post secondary education, I was fortunate to find employment at Lee Jeans as a pattern maker. In 1986, the plant closed and Création Unique was born, I created employment for myself and others. After 22 years as owner, I sold the business in 2007. For the next 7 years, I worked as a national free lance sewing educator, I now have part time flexible employment.

I am a community minded person, I love North Bay, I started volunteering at the YMCA at the age of 12. For the last 20 years, I have volunteered on 3 boards: 14 years at *Caisse Populaire North Bay*, 4 years at *L'Alliance des Caisses Populaire de l' Ontario* and for the last 10 years, I have served on the YMCA Board. For a detailed Bio visit vote4Jo.com. I know that all the skills learned and applied from volunteering for the last 50 years will be an asset to City Council.

Running for City Council, has been in the back of my mind for about 5 years, in March of 2018, I decided to pursue the idea seriously, it was to be now or never. So with family encouragement, I decided to run. I will be an asset and bring civility, co-operation and respect to City Council.

I will bring a fresh perspective, a new look, a new voice to council, from the view of a small business entrepreneur and a community volunteer. I know how hard it is to earn a dollar, I am financially responsible. I will never compromise or jeopardize infrastructure or safety as a cost saving measure. I do not represent the agenda of any organizations, I will work for the greater good of the community. I promise to read materials and be prepared for meetings. Prior to making decisions, I will ask questions, listen and learn. I know that success is a team effort and I have a proven record as a positive team player. I will support staff as they move projects forward in a positive manner.

It is important for Council to help and encourage growth of our economic and population base. We need to continue to prioritize our spending needs and continue with our existing infrastructure and upgrade program. We need to entice, help existing industries, businesses to expand. We need to encourage business start ups. We need to sell our quality of life, to solicit employers to relocate to our city, attract new residents by making North Bay one of the healthiest (social, physical, emotional) cities in Canada. I believe we need to work on the social imbalances within our city. We need to continue to foster a safe and healthy community.

Good things are happening in North Bay, let's make them better, yes I have concerns, but there are always solutions. We cannot change the past, lets learn from it and put policies in place so mistakes are not repeated, let's not dwell. Let's respect the democratic process and move on and continue working for the greater good, at the end of the day I will be there for you.

I have your interests at heart,
Johanne Brousseau
North Bay Council Candidate



Cindy CIANCIO

I am passionate about the City of North Bay as I am a life long resident with many family members still residing here. Although I do not have any experience in politics, I believe I have skills to bring to the council table that will assist with the planning of the city.

1976 to 1986 worked at the Continental Hotel in the Elba/Madams lounge. 1986 to 1990 attended Nipissing University where I achieved an honors BA in Psychology. My research using the bars and bar patrons in North Bay was published by the Journal of Clinical Psychology. I worked for First Step Health Foundation where I completed assessments, referrals, and aftercare planning for people with alcohol, drugs, and eating disorders. I have worked in Employment Supports, Adult Protection in the Muskoka/Parry Sound districts, and 23 years with LIPI working on homelessness, poverty, and community development. I stopped working in 2017.

I would like to discover LOGICAL solutions to problems identified. Restoring credibility to the city and using a community development model. I have seen great things happen in this city when we all work together. Increased transparency and accountability has to be achieved.

I believe that council can balance the budget and a zero tax increase. Using basic budget practices, for example, paying down the debt first, and identifying projects on infrastructure and improvements on existing structures as a NEED or a WANT. Looking at ways of reducing the expenditures without cutting any services. Explore ways of increasing revenues for the City.

I believe that city council could provide a leadership role in working with all members, groups, agencies, non profits, churches, and government in trying to find solutions to assist with the mental health, addictions, homelessness issues that are prevalent in most cities today.

I believe that city council needs to continue to support our many clubs and groups who volunteer their time and their funds to make our City a healthier place to reside.

I believe that city council can also assist with Strategic Workforce and Economic Development. Water, sewage, snow removal, and garbage issues need to be addressed. Council should look for ways to measure our progress, be accountable and celebrate our success. It takes a COMMUNITY to BUILD a CITY.

Thank you for taking the time to read my bio and platform. If you have any questions I can be reached at (705) 474-9106 or email cindyciancio@gmail.com



Rene GIROUX

I want to be your voice on the council, and to this end I will be engaging with North Bay residents in several ways, including the old fashioned door-to-door canvas. I look forward to talking to you and your neighbours over the next few months.

I am a long time resident of our beautiful city and I really want to give back to it in my own way. So if I am elected to the council, I will donate half of my salary to the following charities:

The Nipissing Hospice
The North Bay and District Humane Society
Low Income People Involvement of Nipissing

I have some personal interest and opinions on some issues. More specifically:

Poverty

Poverty is not something to aspire to, for citizens, or for our city. My initiative is to brainstorm with our local partners to see how we can reduce poverty in North Bay with the resources at hand. Special consideration will be given to interactions with other domains like addiction, mental health, and education.

Aging Population

North Bay is above the provincial average in this area, and I believe this will only become more prominent in the future. We must embrace this fact and work with it for the greater good of all North Bay citizens, young and old. Highlighted areas should be accessibility and inclusion for our aged population.

Small Businesses

I realize that small business is a key economic driver for any municipality. We need to foster new and existing businesses. This can be achieved by listening and working with our small business partners from our city centre outwards.

Environmental Protection

North Bay is a gem for its citizens and visitors. We must foster and protect this for future generations by making environmental mindfulness a cornerstone of public policies and initiatives.

Participation

We must create and protect values that keep our citizens active and engaged in their community. This will help support the physical, emotional, and mental health of city residents.

In general, I think that it is important to note that as an elected official, I will be doing my best to represent the interests of the people who elected me to office. So over the next few months, I intend to engage and listen (really listen) to people's opinions and ideas.

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Peter GREGORY

As a long-time resident and businessman in the city of North Bay, I have a strong sense of commitment to seeing our City grow and prosper. As a father of two daughters, I also look forward to what could lie ahead for them.

My campaign is based on three core ideas.
IDEAS MATTER!

First, as the Baylor Report highlighted, business growth is best achieved by helping local companies expand and grow. For too long the City has focused on attracting that “big fish” while ignoring support for those businesses who already contribute to our prosperity. I would like to see the focus move to helping them. For example, attending trade shows often leads to new contracts. However, the costs associated with them are often too high for most small businesses. I would like to help defray some of those costs. New contracts mean new JOBS and new PROSPERITY!

Second, there is a growing rift between landlords and tenants. This is also true for relations between tenants and their neighbors. My plan would include building a stronger relationship between the City, Nipissing University and Canadore College to address some of these issues. I would also like a similar board established to look at the issue of improving low income and geared to income housing in the City. More housing is an absolute requirement, but there needs to be measures put in place to protect the landlords and their investment, as well as the tenants. All parties need to be on board.

Finally, good Councils get elected on NEEDS, not WANTS. That must come first! We need to meet the NEEDS of our community in a fiscally responsible manner.

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Sylvie HOTTE

PEOPLE FIRST – PRIORITE AUX GENS. “NORTH BAY IS THE ONE THING WE ALL HAVE IN COMMON.” On October 22 I Sylvie Hotte respectfully ask for your vote. Thank you- Merci

COLLABORATION, TEAMWORK, STRONG LEADERSHIP

It begins with strong leadership. Achieving a vision that is sustainable, meets the basic needs of the population today and lays the groundwork for the generation of tomorrow. The dynamic amongst the Team at Council will be key to its productivity.

THE PRIORITY – Earning and winning back your trust. Achieving a vision of a transparent and accountable North Bay where decision-making is informed by input from the community. When we all do better, we all do better.

ENVIRONMENTAL WELLNESS

We all have a moral responsibility to assist to enhance the emotional, mental, physical, social and spiritual well being of our community. To enable people to reach their personal potential and contribute to North Bay. Let's listen to everyone's needs.

INCLUSIVITY works to create a fair environment, accepting of diversity.

Let's take concrete steps towards wellness. Have zero tolerance for oppression, discrimination and ignorance. Let's prioritize learning from, including and supporting our indigenous community.

LET'S PRIORITIZE GROWING ON OUR EXISTING SUPPORTS

Let's implement health measures and grow supports that will improve the standard of living and quality of life for everyone. We have great resources right here, working hard for us. They deserve our attention.

CONSIDERATION TO THE WORSE OFF

Let's be considerate of not contributing to the stigma of mental illness and addiction by educating ourselves and others. When there is a crisis in our community we are all affected.

VOCATIONAL WELL-BEING

Good work opportunities are vital to residents of North Bay in being able to afford basic necessities, healthy eating, access to leisure activities that promote health and personal satisfaction. Let's team up with our employment resources.

NORTH BAY COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

It's you the people of North Bay that shape our city and it is imperative that you have an opportunity to be increasingly engaged in decision-making for projects, strategy development, Budget allocation and the events that have for purpose of creating connections in our community.



Mark KING

Mark King was appointed to North Bay Council in 2013 following the resignation of Sean Lawlor. In the municipal election of 2014 King was subsequently elected to continue in that role for the next 4 years. During this time he served on numerous boards and commissions including the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board as Chair (DNSSAB), Chair of Community Services and Vice Chair of the Cassellholme Board working diligently to put the pieces in place for the rebuilding of the long term care facility.

Mark was born and raised in North Bay and is currently the owner and President of H. Freeman & Co. since 1998. Prior to business ownership Mark enjoyed a 23 year career in rail traffic control with CN Rail during which he was recognized for his work in centralizing rail freight traffic in the Great Lakes Region to the Toronto Core, a system that operates successfully to this day throughout Ontario from the Quebec border to the Manitoba border. A study of traffic systems throughout Canada were the building blocks for his supervision of work programs in the Great Lakes Region and eventual responsibility for traffic control in North Eastern and Northwestern Ontario and the GTA, including GO Transit.

As a principal of Markwood Estates, Mark gained extensive municipal planning and land use experience with the successful development and construction of a 32 lot subdivision on Trout Lake. He later joined the North Bay Planning Board and held an executive position with Almaguin Nipissing Travel Association (ANTA).

His interest in the community affairs began with membership in the North Bay and District Chamber of Commerce where he served as a Director, as President and for a term as Past President. Chairing both the Tourism and Government Affairs Committees provided valuable insight into both the assets and challenges of North Bay and area. Mark brings a wealth of relevant experience from a number of committees including his directorship of Discovery Routes and the Blue Sky Economic Growth Corporation. This, together with his work with the Chamber, the North Bay Civic League and North Bay Hydro Services earned him the honour of Outstanding Volunteer, Province of Ontario 2003. He was a founding member of the North Bay Taxpayers' Association in 2012 and continues to believe that citizens should be engaged in promoting responsible municipal fiscal management.

Platform:

- No Tax Increases without demonstrated economic improvement
- Cassellholme re-build and affordable housing for seniors
- Initiate a task force to thwart North Bay's drug crisis
- Third party value-for-money review of city departments and services
- New community centre in West Ferris
- Target local job growth
- Upgrade city roads and infrastructure



George MAROOSIS

North Bay has always had a diverse economy... it has been our strength and our biggest opportunity...

Council must implement the Baylor Report and become more engaged with our Economic Development Department and assist them to keep in touch with and help our established businesses prosper and expand. We must give our newest initiative Invest North Bay the opportunity to attract new business and industry.

I have lived change... succeeded in leading change and always embrace positive change at City Hall and in the Community.

I have over 30 years experience as a City Councillor and in the Community. The list includes the Nipissing District Social Services Administration Board, the Crisis Centre, LIPI, Cassellholme Home, the Health Unit, the North Bay Waterfront Advisory Committee, North Bay & District Chamber of Commerce, Ontario Chamber of Commerce... and others.

In the last term I was honoured to be appointed as the Chair of the Operational Review Committee.

The cooperation between the Committee which included the Mayor, Councillors and Staff was phenomenal. It was a great learning experience which contributed to positive changes in operations and attitudes. After 48 meetings we've drilled down to some key areas for further examination. I believe in continuous improvement and innovation of City Operations.

Growth means different things to different people... to me sustainable growth equates to maintaining our quality of life and more quality jobs for our citizens.

We must concentrate on providing excellent core municipal services. Our services must continue to meet the standards of best practices which include environmental and safety considerations.



Chris MAYNE

If re-elected to Council this will be my fourth term serving the community as a City Councilor and I still enjoy being involved with issues and the people I meet and discuss issues within the community.

The Casselholme re-development has been one of the most significant issues I have been involved with in recent years and with the strong support of our MPP Vic Fedeli we are now optimistic that the re-development will commence in the near future.

The pending closure of the West Ferris arena, combined with a slowing economy in West Ferris, I believe is an opportunity to replace the arena and incent the West Ferris economy at the same time. In being a member of the arena relocation committee and I look forward to more information being brought forward soon towards making a final decision.

While I am aware of the potential for conflict-of-interest issues and so declare when appropriate, as a long-time family business person in the downtown area, I believe the downtown is the heart of our community. Working to keep the downtown safe, clean and thriving, as many local bricks and mortar businesses face the challenges of the new online economy, is still important to the future of our community. Toward that end, and as appropriate, I have enjoyed working with the Heritage North Bay Committee, the Dionne Quints' Heritage Board and supporting the waterfront redevelopment.

As a long-time citizen of North Bay, having gone to school here, raised a family, worked in a family business and been fairly involved in the community, I believe I have a reasonable sense of what we are looking for in our community in terms of the services we want, balanced with our ability to pay for them, and am prepared to commit the time to work toward it. I also appreciate no single person can make a decision for council. You need to have sound, thoughtful arguments to bring a proposal forward and that good working relationships with other members of council, city staff and others in our community are important to finding constructive solutions to the issues we face.

On Monday, October 22, North Bay voters have ten choices they can make for their choice on Council. I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to be re-elected and will do my best to serve the community of North Bay, to be open and transparent in my discussions, and to see that North Bay continues as a great place to live, work and play, for now and for our future.

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Neal MCNAMARA

BIO:

Neal McNamara is an Entrepreneur, Columnist, Canadian Armed Forces Veteran, and Retired Police Officer. Neal grew up in North Bay and has attended numerous post-secondary and professional institutions, including North Bay's own Nipissing University, Canadore College, and CTS Canadian Career College.

Injured on duty while serving in Afghanistan and again back in Canada, Neal transitioned from front line policing duties to support operations and eventually took over numerous senior positions at 22 Wing CFB North Bay including the MP Security Officer overseeing a team of over 50 security supervisors, Criminal Intelligence Co-coordinator, and was involved in the mentoring and training of police officers and military members for many years.

Neal is a volunteer and peer mentor with the Veteran Family Program working with injured and medically releasing military members, veterans, and their families. He is running for North Bay Council because Neal believes in giving back to the community he grew up in and sharing his outside the box perspective to help others achieve their goals, to never give up, and stand up for what they believe in.

PLATFORM:

An agent of change, Neal McNamara will bring to the council table his leadership and years of experience in investigations, innovation, and team building, to implement some new and innovative ideas that will:

1. Eliminate Wasteful City Spending
2. Bring Jobs To The City
3. Increase Revenues Through Investing
4. Reduce/Eliminate The Long Term Debt
5. Implement A 4 Year Freeze on Property Tax (Levy) Increases
6. Improve Summer In The Park
7. Take Action/Moratorium On Cash Advance/Payday Loan Stores
8. Fully Utilize Invest North Bay
9. Find Efficiencies At City Hall
10. Provide Financial Literacy To The People
11. Improve Road Maintenance
12. Bring Accountability and Transparency to City Hall

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Dave MENDICINO

I was born and raised in North Bay. My parents, Mario and Teresa gave my brothers Gerry and Vince and my sister Maria and I a wonderful childhood full of family and friends. An Italian home like ours was always full of laughter and activity, food and fun.

I attended Scollard Hall high school and then Fanshaw College in London, Ontario where I studied Marketing. When I graduated from Fanshaw I was hired into the management training program with Toronto Dominion Bank and spent several years moving through numerous cities and up the management chain. I learned a lot about finance and working with a variety of people in those years. I was thrilled to be able to return to North Bay in 1993 and continue my banking career. Currently I am working as the Fundraising Coordinator for the Nipissing Serenity Hospice.

In 2003 I was elected to North Bay city council and re-elected for two additional terms. As a member of council for 11 years I had the honour of representing the people of this city on numerous boards and committees.

Currently I am Chair of the North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority, and KidSport North Bay.

Being on City council is a privilege. A privilege I will not take for granted. A privilege, that will drive me every day to bring more positive change to our Community.

I bring experience, hard work, dedication, a desire to serve, a willingness to listen and a commitment to doing the job.

I WILL:

Create a new and comprehensive Business Retention and Expansion Strategy v.2.0 to do more for local business wanting to stay and expand and I will support Invest North Bay with a results focused plan to attract new business and new employment.

Address mental health and addiction issues facing North Bay. I will lead a coordinated effort with Provincial and Federal initiatives to find a solution.

Renew and revise North Bay's Cultural Plan and work with the city's many talented, grass roots, arts and culture groups to ensure this vibrant part of our community thrives.

Work with council, and the tourism sector, to develop a Detailed Tourism Strategy bringing the same success generated from the Sport Tourism Strategy I lead when Chair of Community Services.

I PROMISE TO:

Be a team player. Far too much time has been wasted on infighting. It's time to do the job and I have a track record of getting things done.

Update the strategic plan and budget review process so council has a clear direction moving forward. Dollars will be matched to projects and will align with goals in the strategic plan. North Bay must be competitive. We must show we are open for business.

Forecast our future with openness and transparency outlining what can and can't be accomplished based on community needs and budget.



Arlene PHILLIPS

North Bay is my home town. I started working part-time at the age of thirteen. Chippewa was my high school and I participated in many clubs and activities (band, Olympics of the Mind, stage crew for the drama club, etc.). My education continued at Laurentian University (this was before Nipissing became a University in it's own right). When I was seeking summer working experience to correspond with my education, I was told that I needed experience to apply. I decided to attend University of Toronto,

and graduated as a part-time student, while working full-time. With my skill set, I worked in Toronto, Sault Ste. Marie, Barrie, Sudbury and North Bay, positions included Managing Offices, Business Analyst and Business Support Analyst. Challenges included a \$5.5 million budget, for Simcoe/Muskoka Court House, which came in on target. I eventually worked my way home, back to North Bay to raise my child, close to my family. I divorced, and became a single parent to one beautiful human being. Canadore College was where I received my Alternate Resolution Diploma, from my father (as he taught at the Commerce Court Campus).

My activities, include being involved in the labour movement, raising my own food (working towards sustainable living), volunteering at the Capital Centre, Victim Crisis Assistance Referral Services, Labour Day Activities and others. Union involvement and working for the Ontario Government has helped prepare for Municipal politics. The combination of both my employment and union experience is valuable in working towards the common good for the people of Ontario. The definition of government is "the organization, machinery, or agency through which a political unit exercises authority and performs functions and which is usually classified according to the distribution of power within it She works for the federal government" from the on-line Marriam-Webster dictionary.

I decided to run for North Bay City Council, as I saw one woman on council and many business people elected. I want to bring balance, bring the whole of our community's issues to the table. I want to attract and retain people, such as the college and university students for the long term, by assisting them in creating their own jobs (also working with YES, Ontario Government funded, to not duplicate what is already in place, but to assist in missing pieces). I want to have public spaces, as people spaces, throughout North Bay, improve transportation methods. I want our arts and culture recognized and supported.

As an introvert, coming into the public eye is a very serious challenge and definitely outside my comfort zone, knowing that you also know that I am serious about being on the North Bay City Council. Although by nature I am a quiet person, I feel the need to speak up and be a voice for our community. I am looking forward to your support for me to represent you.



Don RENNICK

I have been a resident of North Bay for the majority of my life. I am a Chartered Accountant and during my time here I have been a partner or owner of a number of businesses including North Bay Chrysler and Print Three.

My experience in financial matters has also included ten years in public auditing verifying the accounting records of various companies. My strength has always been in finances and most importantly I am aware of the responsibilities involved in handling other people's money and the importance of obtaining value for money spent.

Previously, I volunteered at PhoneBusters, now known as the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre, providing victims with advice on how to avoid unscrupulous scam artists.

Since 2010, I have donated considerable time as an intervenor during North Bay Hydro hearings at the Ontario Energy Board regarding increases in local electricity delivery rates.

Being retired allows me time as a council member to safeguard the interests of taxpayers and I intend to make that my main focus for the next four years.



Scott ROBERTSON

I am a resident and homeowner in downtown North Bay and having lived here for just under a decade, I am proud to say that this is my home. I am a parent, a spouse, a volunteer and a passionate advocate for progress. I graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from Carleton University where I studied Economics, History, and French. I am fluently bilingual in English and French.

I was born in Timmins, Ontario and spent the following three decades moving all over Canada. I served a brief stint in the Canadian Forces as an infantry reservist, worked in the forestry industry, and travelled four continents. After a year spent in South Korea, my wife and I looked forward to creating a more settled life. We wanted a town that was small but not too small and north but not too north. My acceptance letter to the Bachelor of Education at Nipissing University was our invitation to the life we had dreamed about. There is not a day that goes by that we aren't thankful for the life we've made and acknowledge the incredible privilege we've been given.

Now, we want to continue to give back to the community that welcomed us with open arms. It's time to elect a City Council that is committed to a vision for North Bay that will allow us to reach our potential. I'm humbly asking for your vote on October 22, 2018 and I'm confident that, together, we can move North Bay forward -- beyond this 4-year term -- and into a future that, from my perspective, is bright.

My campaign is focused on implementing the vision and recommendations of the Baylor Report. These world-class MBAs and their mentors spent over 5000 hours objectively analysing our economic outlook, comparing North Bay to over 100 communities with similar characteristics and outlining a vision to promote growth and prosperity. Their report emphasizes a 21st century approach to economic development. It told us that in the modern economy, by improving the sense of community, the quality of life as well as leveraging our public assets, we will attract people. We will create jobs by strengthening and championing our existing local businesses and encouraging young start-ups.

In sum, North Bay is at a promising crossroad. We have incredible grassroots involvement, a vibrant creative and business sector, and most importantly, people who love living here. If we elect candidates like me, who are forward-thinking and understand that community-building is the essence of modern economic development, together we can Move North Bay Forward.

I'm always happy when residents reach out with comments and questions. I really believe that by elevating the grassroots voices, we can build our community from the bottom-up. Please don't hesitate to contact me using whichever medium you prefer.

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Jeff J. SERRAN

My name is **Jeff J. Serran** and I am a lifetime resident of North Bay. My family was raised here; my father still lives in the same house I was born in. My wife Tammy & I raised our children here – we are proud to have stake in this community.

I am currently the executive director of Downtown North Bay (The Downtown Improvement Area) – a not-for-profit organization whose mission statement is to preserve and develop the heart of North Bay. The passion that I have for the heart (and of course to the city as a whole) continues my drive that I bring as a City Councillor.

I am completing my first term as a city councillor (and all of the committees I served with over the past four years) and my other political experience comes via the Near North District School Board where I served as their Vice-Chair. I am a former director with the North Bay & District Chamber of Commerce and served as a director/treasurer on the provincial board of the Ontario Business Improvement Area Association (OBIAA).

My platform for this election continues to be simple, honest and straight forward – I want to continue to be the voice of the citizens of North Bay – whom all are my neighbours. I work for the citizens of North Bay and will guide my decisions for a better North Bay with common sense and doing what is best for all.

My focus during my first term will be (*but not limited to*):

OPEN & TRANSPARENT WORK – I believe in accountability and transparency. Just like my second term on council (I believe) we need a city that has proper governance and a group that will openly work together as a team;

WEST FERRIS REDEVELOPMENT – and **infilling** of our business nodes throughout the city – look at our current stock – and fill in those vacancies. This will help drive our job growth that will give our citizens employment opportunities;

TAXES – we need to look at what we are doing to the citizens, and businesses, with the increases we have received over the past several years. We need to realize that the majority of our community cannot afford continual increases. We need to get work done, but with strong fiscal management and responsible decisions;

ARTS & CULTURE – North Bay has many talented individuals. We need to foster our artists (of all types), promote and support them. This is an economic driver that will not only stimulate our economy, but will promote North Bay as a destination place;

YOUTH – stop the out-migration of this valuable resource. Listen to them and give them a reason to want to stay in this great city. Make us an AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY for ALL AGES;

TOURISM – we need to make our great city a four season destination spot – work with the experts in the field;

You can reach me via my email jeffserranforcouncil@gmail.com or at my home (705) 495-1573.

On October 22, 2018 I humbly ask for your support and re-elect me to city council.



Derek SHOGREN

One of my main reasons for running for council is that I believe in North Bay and want it to be the best place for young people, families and seniors to Live, Work, and Play.

My family has been in North Bay for almost a century. My grandfather Dr. Ralph Foster set up a dental practice on Main Street in what is now the Capitol Centre. He practiced dentistry there for 48 years. My mother started her career at the ONTC and my father was a proud member of the RCAF for 37 years with two postings to the base here in North Bay. My spouse and daughter were both born in North Bay and my daughter, Brooke, currently is finishing her last year of high school at Algonquin.

"Making a better life for families is a priority for me. Ensuring that council recognizes the challenges families go through everyday needs to be a key part of our policy decisions at City Hall."

A PLAN FOR THE FUTURE YOU CAN TRUST

It's important that you know you can trust I have a practical vision for our city. My main priorities and platform for the next four years are:

1. Ensuring a unified direction focusing on common ground and defined priorities: uniting council with a common vision is a key issue right from the beginning. Once accomplished then gaining community support and focusing on key priorities will help us achieve our goals. It is important we all understand that city council cannot work in isolation from the community.
2. We must establish a long-term sustainable capital plan with infrastructure investments that target the "bread and butter" issues first such as roads, sidewalks and potholes.
3. Focusing on economic development, job creation and building community capacity. Although council and government, in general, cannot create jobs, it is our role to create the atmosphere and positive climate that promotes the city and region for development. We need strong relationships with existing industry such as mining and small manufacturing to assist continued operation and expansion. I am an advocate for dedicating resources to our economic development department as well as establishing stronger relationships with industry, with other communities and with organizations like the Chamber of Commerce. It is vital we work together and focus our energy on common interests.
4. Listen, and lead. We need to listen to people and give them hope for a better tomorrow.
5. Bring greater accountability for your tax dollars.
6. Put North Bay front and centre on the provincial and national stages.
7. Protect the quality of life we all enjoy.

"I love our community and want to make it better. The difference between a manager and a leader is a manager does things right but a leader does the right thing. We need to do the right thing more often and we need strong capable individuals on council that can hit the ground running."

<https://www.derekshogren.ca/>



David THOMPSON

First of all, I am a son to Geneva and the late George (Bud) and younger brother to Stephen, a father of an amazing young woman Abbey and partner to Linda for the past 7 years.

As a third generation North Bay citizen, I take pride in my family's connection to the area since the early 1900's. I was born, raised and educated in North Bay as I am a proud Nipissing University alumnus. My professional background is in commercial property management, development, and sales in both the public and private sectors. As well; I have worked in rural economic development and as a Canadore College business instructor. Recently, I have begun mentoring post-secondary graduates and providing expertise to rural school boards.

Since 1995, I have been very involved in several volunteer capacities and sectors that are important to many of our residents. I am past Chair of the North Bay Parade Committee, which hosts and organizes the annual Canada Day and Santa Claus Parades. As well, I was co-founder of the Family First New Year's Eve Celebration, which has become a long-standing tradition in our community due to its dedicated volunteers and sponsors.

At the provincial level, I was past Chair of the former Nipissing Housing Authority and Vice Chair former Nipissing Parry Sound CCAC, which administered social housing and home health care services respectively in our community.

Finally, since 2006 I have been honoured to represent the City of North Bay and West Nipissing as an elected public school trustee with the Near North District School Board. The past four years, I have been the Chair of the Board and Budget Chair that oversees \$153 million budget that funds 10,000 students and 2,500 employees.

After 12 years as a publically elected trustee, I have become very concerned with the direction of our City regarding population decrease, city hall spending and the lack of vision.

It is a fact that our youth are not staying or returning home - which is contributing to the city's overall population decrease. That is one of the main reasons why I chose to switch gears and run for city council. I was witness to the negative impact of our declining population through the discouraging school closures as NNDSB trustee. Now I want to be part of the solution at the city level. It is discouraging in seeing schools close because the city's strategies are not working in terms of stabilizing and growing the population. If we keep going in this downward direction we will not have enough youth to rejuvenate our city. That is why I would like to be part of the next council so we can work together to proactively change this demographic shift.

I will bring to the table a new and experienced voice of reason.



Marcus TIGNANELLI

For me it's all about coming home! I left North Bay after high school as so many do. I always had the dream to return, but I have witnessed my dream slowly slip away with limited growth opportunities in North Bay.

I could have chosen to live a wonderfully successful life in Toronto and ignore the problems back home or face these issues head on and stand up for what I believe in.

I refuse to contribute to the mass migration and neglect of North Bay residents.

An entrepreneur for as long as one can remember; I was a lawn cutter and snow shoveller before I turned ten. It is not about reinventing the wheel but rather looking with fresh perspective. I have been fortunate to travel the world extensively learning the customs and traditions of communities. The experience gained is invaluable to an understanding, accepting, and listening councillor. My hungry blood has developed in the international city of Toronto; I work in the hairstyling industry and in my spare time I have been taking night classes in marketing from the University of Toronto. I have been able to directly apply this in a manager's position for a company of seventy employees. Above all I have developed Tignanelli Trade Development, a program designed to educate and provide opportunity to the most vulnerable students. This education venture has been extremely humbling and ultimately pushed me to run for council after witnessing the positive impacts I had on a small percentage of our society.

The future is now, I Marcus Tignanelli am Your Voice for Change. For more information please visit marcustignanelli.ca



Ed VALENTI

I was born and raised in North Bay with family roots (in North Bay) dating back to 1914. As a long-time realtor for 35 years, I have been with Century 21 Blue Sky Region Realty since 2003. My involvement with various Boards and Committees over the years, has given me insight into the issues and expectations of the citizens of North Bay. These Boards and Committees include:

- PAC (2004-2017) ... North Bay's Planning and Advisory Committee - a public forum for citizens to have a healthy discussion about rezoning and development applications prior to City Council presentation.
- President of North Bay Real Estate Board (2014)
- Member of North Bay Real Estate Board's consultation committee for the city's adoption of secondary apartment units in single family homes.
- Current chair of Dionne Quints Heritage Board – which has allowed me to explore in greater detail, the cultural side of North Bay.
- Former president of various sports groups including North Bay Sportsman's Hockey League, and founder of the North Bay Ultimate Frisbee (originally known as the North Bay Frisbee Football League).

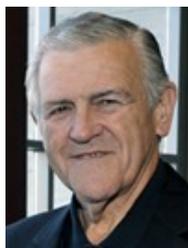
Policies that I would propose, explore or support include:

- A "West Ferris Rejuvenation plan" that focuses on potential initiatives including construction of change rooms at Omischl Fields; a full commitment for a twin pad arena in Ferris; five-lane widening for specific areas of Lakeshore Drive; and exploratory talks with federal and provincial governments for an additional entrance to Ferris.
- Adopt a "Downtown Stabilization Initiative" that puts a police officer on foot from dusk to dawn in the downtown waterfront region, possibly accompanied by a mental health / addictions counsellor using provincial funds recently earmarked for first responders. As a city, we need to address the concerns of safety, and perceptions of safety – providing a more likeable opportunity for growth.
- Tourism -- North Bay is a city with a strong tourism past that has drifted from that prominence. While we have current options that are promoting North Bay, I believe the city itself needs to bring a more significant role to the table.
- Further implementation of the Baylor Report recommendations that focus on a healthy downtown, embracing history like the Dionne Quints Museum, and job growth initiated by start-up firms.
- Review current disclosure policies. Transparency is a core value of a public entity and is vital in not only engaging the citizens of North Bay, but in streamlining the use of staff time. A revamped website and a Communications & Strategic Development Officer would help improve communications between City Hall and the citizens of North Bay.
- Focus growth on small and medium businesses, including a review of current application policies and guidelines. We need to ensure a level of fairness that balances the city's liability with unencumbered growth.
- Reduce the number of program & policy deferrals that are relegated to *further study*, consuming staff time that would be better spent on other projects.

Elect Ed Valenti

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Bill VREBOSCH

Bill is born and raised in the City of North Bay. Bill can offer a different perspective.

His wife Gisele (Gravelle) was born and raised in Corbeil. They have been married for 46 years. They have recently relocated to North Bay as their house outgrew them. They have downsized and moved to the ONR building on Oak St East.

Bill and Gisele have 4 children, Lisa, Louise, Billy and Tanya.

Gisele worked in the family business, Gravelle's Meat Market, for almost her entire life. Bill told Gisele that 5 years after they were married that he would run for politics in some capacity. In 1976, 5 years after they were married, Bill ran for council in East Ferris where he topped the polls and became the first Deputy Mayor for East Ferris. He went on to succeed Paul Rochefort as Mayor and continued as Mayor and Deputy Mayor in East Ferris for the last 40 years.

Realizing that East Ferris could not exist alone, Bill sought provincial seats on the Association for Municipalities of Ontario Executive and the Rural Caucus. He has been successfully elected to the board since the late 90's.

Bill worked in banking and finance prior to joining the Nipissing District Catholic School Board. He taught music to over 17,000 kids in the Nipissing District over 30 years. Bill has a University Degree in Social Sciences and Population Geography.

You may also have known Bill with his band Bill Vrebosch and the Descendants of Tyme. They produced records called Cara Mia and Duke the Toque (North Bay Winter Carnival Theme Song).

Bill's grandfather and father, worked for the TNO and ONR since the 1900s. They lived in the East End of North Bay where Bill grew up.

Before living in Corbeil, Bill and Gisele lived in North Bay in West Ferris. Bill understands what it means to work hard. He worked his full time job as a teacher, took courses towards his degrees and then worked 6 nights a week with his band in order to make a living to support his wife and children.

Bill has over 40 years of local municipal experience as the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of East Ferris and over 20 years of provincial experience as the Chair of ROMA and as a Rural Caucus Member. All my experience with these boards has been fundamental in my political knowledge. They give me the opportunity to lobby higher levels of government on issues that matter to East Ferris and North Bay. In addition, they provide invaluable access to municipal resources and information across the province.

Bill has always worked hard to make people feel comfortable with contacting him if they have a problem or a suggestion. "Politicians aren't your enemy, we're here to go to meetings, study issues, get advice and make decisions on your behalf. I have always been guided by my conscience." That's why he's always worked using principles such as honesty, integrity and fiscal responsibility as his guide.

Bill believes the negative images put forward over the years have been harmful to the overall image of North Bay.

People draw jobs. You must create a new positive image for the city that will draw people to it. One of the biggest problems we have is the lack of population and population retention. We need to protect what we have and create a positive image. He sees that in some ways this trend is reversing. Many people his children's ages are coming back to North Bay, or at least looking to come back. The negative attitudes that have been put forth in the last few years have to change. If we have healthy existing businesses, they will help attract new ancillary businesses to the City. The word will get out that this is GOOD place to live and set up your business. We must support the people in our community who are committed to making it better and building it up.



Tanya VREBOSCH

Tanya was born in Corbeil and has lived in North Bay since she was 18. She's always had strong roots in the city, graduating from St. Joseph Scollard Hall and then Canadore College after that.

Tanya's been a hard worker since she was young, working every job from A-Z (literally, she's been everything from an Administrative Assistant to a Zamboni Driver). Her drive to help others and to give back has led her to significant involvement with LIPI, the Santa Fund, and her career as a Case Manager at Ontario Works.

Tanya has served on city council for the last 11 years where she's a proven fighter and known for getting things done. The only thing that pulled her away from council for any length of time was childbirth, and even that didn't keep her away for long.

She has two beautiful young children in five-year old Sydney and 7-month old Danielle (Dani), and is proud to raise them with her better half, Dan Nogueira.

Her parents are Bill and Gisele Vrebosch. She has 3 siblings, Lisa, Louise and Billy.

When Tanya is making decisions on council, she understands the importance of making sure North Bay is a great place for families and that she's inspired to make sure her children can grow up proud of their community.

Giving broad promises that she can't be held accountable to isn't her way – it's not the way her parents raised her and it's not the way she carries herself through life.

Tanya has 11 years of municipal experience with the City of North Bay. She was elected 11th out of 17 candidates in the 2006 Municipal Election. In February of 2008, she was sworn in as the youngest member of North Bay City Council (at the time).

She is the current Chair of Engineering, Public Works and Environmental Services. She sits on the Waste Resource Liaison Committee, Cassellholme, Heritage North Bay, and the Nipissing Parry Sound District Health Unit.

Tanya has served as Chair of Engineering and Public Works, Deputy Mayor, Budget Chief, and Chair of General Government at different points throughout her time on City Council.

She has previously sat on the General Government Committee, Board Member with the Capitol Centre, the North Bay Public Library, the Planning Advisory Committee, the Concerned Citizens of North Bay and Area Committee and the North Bay police Services Board.

Her previous work experience in economic development, coupled with her education in recreation and leisure services along with her current experience with social services gives her a well-rounded approach when making her decisions.

Tanya has been a strong advocate for infrastructure investments and maintenance. "The investments that we've continued to make over the years have saved us money. We are investing in fixing it properly and maintaining it rather than putting a band-aid on it or waiting until it's past the point of repair and needs full reconstruction."

The only promises Tanya will make are to work hard, do her homework, be honest and vote her conscience.

Visit www.votevrebosch.com for more information on who Tanya is and what she believes in.

VOTE

Municipal Election October 22, 2018

10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Various locations - check your voters card to see where you are registered to vote.

Make sure you are registered to vote at: www.voterlookup.ca

Or vote at the Advanced Polls

Date	Location	Times
Wednesday, October 3	Memorial Gardens	10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 4	Memorial Gardens	Noon to 7:00 p.m.
Friday, October 5	Memorial Gardens	10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 6	Memorial Gardens	10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 10	Castle Arms II, 480 Olive Street	10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 11	PHARA, 280 Oakwood Avenue	10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Friday, October 12	Place Richelieu, 340 Lakeshore Drive	10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.