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As a non-partisan organization, the North Bay & District Chamber of Commerce is the voice of business and dedicated to providing the community with the information they need to make their best decisions for themselves and their businesses.

While we reached out to all municipal candidates (mayoral and council) requesting platform information, we did not receive information for each candidate.

If you would like more information for each candidate, please refer to the City of North Bay Election Candidates page that has links to websites, social media links and contact information:

www.northbay.ca/city-government/2022-elections/candidate-information/election-candidates/

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Mayoral Candidates



Johanne Brousseau

I have gained valuable experience during my four years on council combined with my 22 years as a small business owner. I have current understanding and knowledge regarding the inner workings of municipal government.

I have actively served on a wide variety of committees and boards (18 in total). I believe that it is time to elect someone who has a new and fresh approach. I confidently know that I have the ability and desire to lead our community. I pledge to listen, respond and engage with our citizens.

My commitment to you is:

- A common-sense approach to leadership
- Fiscal accountability
- Strong effective two-way communication

As Mayor of North Bay, my leadership for our city is based on three major pillars:

- Community Well-Being
- Innovative Infrastructure
- Economic Prosperity

COMMUNITY WELL-BEING

- Mental health, addictions and homelessness are the three major issues relating to community well-being.
- Each of these areas require individual solutions, but they cannot be looked at in isolation.
- I am committed to working with all agencies to facilitate the development a comprehensive plan that looks at the issues collectively.

INNOVATIVE INFRASTRUCTURE

- Downtown repurposing - My end goal is to create a downtown core that is vibrant and safe. It will require a multi-disciplinary approach that would include bringing all agencies with a vested interest in the issue together, seek out best practices from other areas and create a “made for North Bay” plan.

ECONOMIC PROSPERITY

We have a solid base of strong industries from which we can grow;

- I will collaborate with the Film and Sport and Event tourism industries to ensure that North Bay is an attractive destination and hub.



Peter Chirico

Peter Chirico has been serving his home community of North Bay, in one way or another, for more than 25 years.

As a former Deputy Mayor of nine years, an avid and engaged volunteer, a member of numerous agencies boards and committees, and as President of the Chamber of Commerce, Peter has been involved in initiatives designed to make North Bay a better place to live.

“I believe in the power of involvement and giving back to the community through volunteering. I also believe, when practiced well and with civil debate and collaboration, politics can make a positive impact in our daily lives.”

My priorities:

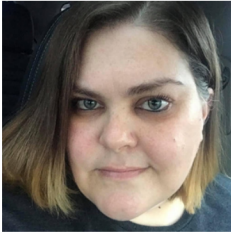
- Change the culture at City Hall
- Review and restructure City operations/services where needed
- Re-imagine and re-invent downtown
- Actively recruit and welcome newcomers
- A clean, green, safe community
- Expand industrial and commercial development parks
- Partner with the Province, the Feds, not for profit and private developers on housing solutions

“I decided to run for Mayor because I truly believe North Bay can be so much better than it is. I have a platform outlining my vision for what our community can become, not just for my generation but for our children and grandchildren. My plan takes the long view but starts with actionable items we can begin to implement on day one. I love North Bay, and I want our citizens to be proud of it once more.”

Visit peterchirico.ca to view Peter’s detailed platform.

At peterchirico.ca you can request a lawn sign, volunteer, make a donation and connect with Peter’s campaign.

Peter and his wife Peggy have three married adult children, Mike, Jay and Tara, 6 grandchildren.



Leslie McVeety

My name is Leslie McVeety and I currently work as a home care PSW. I have spent years advocating for my patients and clients, now it's time to advocate for the residents of North Bay.

It's true I don't have any political experience, but I'm a quick learner with a lot of life experience. My decision to run for mayor came shortly after my house was broken into and destroyed in 2020. I started realizing just how bad North Bay was getting and that I wasn't alone. This was happening to a lot of people throughout the city. Residents need someone who cares and a voice for their concerns – I care, and I can be that voice.

What is my vision?

SECOND CHANCE PROGRAM FOR THE HOMELESS:

- Use money from the casino to either build or purchase tiny homes
- These would either be placed on surplus land, or buy some land and make a "tiny house community"
- Buy some homes and run them similar to group homes – some people may need help with learning life skills
- Random drug tests with zero tolerance
- Stay in these homes up to 6 months – gives them time to find a job and save some money
- \$100/month for rent – this will give them the opportunity to save money for their own place

HELP FOR SENIORS:

- Hire PSW's to help seniors stay in their homes longer
- Low-income seniors pay reduced rate of \$20/hour

HOUSING:

- Turn vacant buildings into low-income housing
- Purchase homes and rent them out at reasonable rates

PANHANDLING:

- Pass by-law to make donating money to panhandlers at intersections a \$50 fine payable to the Food Bank

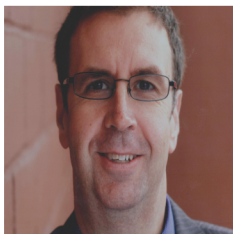
NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAM:

- Make exchanging needles mandatory to receive a new one
- There are way too many used and dirty needles along the streets, beaches, parks, school yards, trails, etc.
- We need to be concerned about public safety from accidental contact with dirty needles

DE-TOX FACILITIES:

- Petition higher levels of government for help to open a facility for the police to bring addicts to that are roaming the streets committing crimes

Council Candidates



Mac Bain

Mac Bain will seek his sixth consecutive term on North Bay City Council this October. Over his time on Council, he has served on every City Agency, Board, and Commission, save the Arts Centre and Nipissing University, often as Chair.

Mac also served as the City's representative on the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) for 16 years, stepping down as Past President in 2020 to become the organization's Executive Director, a position he still holds. Also, for over a decade, he served as a member of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Northern Caucus. On behalf of all Municipalities of Ontario, he Chaired AMO's Waste Management Taskforce, playing an essential role in seeing the Blue Box Transition Legislation passed in Ontario. Also, in that role, he worked with the Ministry of the Environment to create a reasonable Northern Ontario formula for Municipal Organic collection. In addition, as a member of the Northern Caucus, Mac was instrumental in ensuring large Northern Communities like North Bay received OCIF, Gas Tax, NORDS, and additional OMPF. Mac stated, "as a Leader or a team member, I am proud of the work I have done and continue to do." He also commented, "that work means the City of North Bay receives annually millions of dollars in additional revenue and did not have to create a multi-million-dollar program.

Homelessness, Mental Health, and Addiction Crisis is an issue almost everywhere; it's not just in North Bay. However, most in the North that studied the issue realize that the North is experiencing the problem differently. Therefore, FONOM, NOMA, and NOSDA commissioned the Northern Policy Institute to create a policy document, More than Just a Number: Addressing the Homelessness, Addiction, and Mental Health Crisis in the North. This Paper not only shared current data but made eight recommendations. In addition, the NPI has been commissioned to research three of the recommendations. The three organizations will present those findings to the Province in January 2023. While that document is being researched and drafted, the City will continue to play a supportive role to the Agencies that have been funded to help those unfortunate souls.

Looking towards the next term, Mac would be a balanced voice for the new Mayor and Councillors. He wants the next Council to continue its focus on; Growth, ensuring the Safety and Wellbeing Plan continues to be implemented and it stays relevant, move forward with the Waterfront Master Plan, starts the next phase of the Airport Industrial Park, and increase the capital spending by 5% per year for Rural Roads upgrades.

Also, Mac would like to be a part of a committee to work with the Communications Officer on a promotional campaign to remind us why we should be proud to be from North Bay! The pandemic showed many people don't want to live in the southern part of the Province. Those new arrivals and tourists like North Bay. Sometimes we are too busy and close to appreciate what we have in North Bay. This program would remind us all!

Thank you for your consideration



Francine Boulay

Francine Boulay was born and raised in the small town of Témiscaming, Québec about 45 minutes from North Bay. She is bilingual with her primary language being French and English being her second. Francine is a lifelong learner that perseveres through challenges and has developed into a qualified leader.

Growing up spending time at the cottage enjoying family reunions, creating strong family ties, is where Francine developed her passion for swimming at a very young age. Although Francine lived in an area that didn't have a pool, she overcame that challenge when she joined the Swim Team while studying the Programme de Secretariat in Rouyn Noranda. Francine began to see success in her swimming skills while she studied Recreation leadership here in North Bay. She enrolled in Red Cross, Royal Life Saving and entered swim competitions. Today she can boast of swimming over Lake Témiscamingue, a circuit of 10km and Lake Kipawa, a distance of 20km!

Francine's keen interest in teamwork is evidenced in her love of sports. Francine led her intramural volleyball team during her senior high years and then was a captain for her Adult League team. Later, she returned to Coach and lead the Junior Girls Volleyball team to compete in school tournaments. Her success was punctuated with receiving an award for her Great Determination.

Francine furthered her leadership skills when she went to Petawawa to work for the military base pool where she had the honour of training military athletes to become very strong swimmers. She was the lead lifeguard for their military exercises. At age 19, Francine became the Assistant Recreation Director for the Town of Temiskaming and was responsible for planning and delivery of recreation programs such as baseball, outdoor pool, tennis, playgrounds, soccer, etc. She also volunteered as a member on several boards and associations such as The Flowers Association, The 75th Anniversary Committee, St-Jean Baptiste Day Committee as well as planning and organizing a Labour Day party and many others.

Francine's community-based approach to services led to her involvement in raising funds to build a new Recreation Centre in Temiskaming. Her heart was to see that children had the opportunity to learn to swim in a local pool, something she did not have growing up.

Francine has experienced work in both private and public settings providing recreation therapy and activities for seniors. In this capacity she encouraged strong relational connections between the young and older generations. Francine also volunteered with Place Richelieu helping with the facility's monthly special evening events.

Francine had the unique opportunity to work at La Reserve Beauchenes, an exclusive fishing lodge. Here she learned the highest standard of hospitality and housekeeping skills. This experience led Francine to establish a successful commercial cleaning company of her own in 2006, Service Berry Cleaning, in North Bay where she now calls home. Her company takes pride in servicing offices, banks, mining and welding shops and churches, as well as contracting with movie productions coming through North Bay.

As a result of Francine's diligence and business success, Caisse Populaire presented her with their Women's Entrepreneur award in 2017.

It is with the same enthusiasm and leadership that Francine has exemplified throughout her life that she wishes to represent the residents of North Bay as their committed Councillor.



Ralph Celentano

Life-long resident, community builder and a Proven Community Leader:

1. North Bay District Ambulance Service – Advanced Care Paramedic
2. Life Insurance, Financial products Sales Consultant
3. Director of Sales, Director of Marketing, Manager of Alumni Services

Community Leadership:

- Distinguished President (Twice) - Kiwanis Club of North Bay, Kiwanis Club of Nipissing
- Distinguished President, Optimist Club of North Bay
- Vice President, North Bay District Chamber of Commerce
- Campaign Manager, Four Season Regional Tourism Asset (Laurentian Ski Hill) Co-Chair, Optimist Double Diamond Ball Park Campaign Wallace Road Chair, Respect for Law Program Chair, Kiwanis Playworld Inclusive playground with Multi-Generational playspace Chair, Kiwanis Music Festival Event Organizer, Waterfront Concert for Ukraine fundraiser Cleanup Co-ordinator (21 Neighbourhood Team Captains), Clean Green Beautiful North Bay

2022 Platform:

- A) Safety and Well Being – review the established city’s Community Safety and Well-Being Plan and efforts to foster a safe, healthy and inclusive community; develop plans to create Safe Neighbourhoods across our community;
- B) Economic Growth – Seek ‘job creation’ opportunities and support local business so that your children and grandchildren can stay in our city; Study Growth Community Improvement Plan and Visited the Open House to learn about the Downtown Revitalization Phase 2 project
- C) Arts and Culture – Encourage the activities available to our Music and Visual Arts community at all levels;
- D) Respecting your Tax Dollar – Defending the expenditures that make for a better community encouraging provincial investment in infrastructure projects.

For Election Signs or discussions concerning my interest to represent you on council, please contact me:

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Lance Darnell

My name is Lance Darnell and I want to work for you. I was raised in North Bay. Went to Canadore, Nipissing, and first graduated there with distinction in Classical Studies with a minor in Political Science.

I worked in many different fields all over Ontario. I was the assistant curator at the Fanshawe Pioneer Museum in London. I helped restore with historical accuracy the St. Thomas Railroad Station. And I have worked for fifteen years with children with special needs.

I am running because I want the future to be a bright, beautiful place for my two daughters, not one of homelessness, pollution and nepotism. I have researched extensively the many causes of these issues, and I believe I can offer a few new solutions.

My platform consists of Grass Roots Government, Self-Sufficiency in our Green Future, and a more humane approach to those who cant get off the streets.

Grass Roots Government consists of much more participation from the public in both town hall sessions, online forums, polls and q and a's with councillors, and members of the public sitting on more boards and committees. This is how we increase transparency, and more importantly how we get the public to feel more ownership over their city. Everything done in North Bay starts at the volunteer level, so we need to support and utilize these amazing people. We should start introducing high school kids to municipal politics through participation in local volunteer organizations.

I want North Bay to be self-sufficient in the future as well as reach zero-emissions. Because we live in a colder climate and require diesel trucks such as snow plows, it may be quite some time before the city can afford to transfer every single bus, truck, or machine to electric. A self-sufficient, much more emission-friendly option is a Biodiesel Plant. Many larger cities are already jumping onto this, for it can reduce waste from landfills and can produce cleaner fuel. A biodiesel plant uses plants such as switchgrass or hemp, and can finally give North Bay a locally produced fuel. This was we can run all of our current trucks and buses without continuing to create so much emissions.

Once the buses are running on biodiesel, I then want to pilot a zero-fee transit system. Not everyone can afford electric vehicles and this would provide a free and democratic way for people to move throughout the city that is environmentally-friendly.

I want to push for 'housing first' to be a part of North Bay's strategy for dealing with people who are on the streets. Study after study shows that it is a more effective and humane way of approaching the problem and leads to more people off the streets in the long-term. The current model is allowing too many people to fall through the cracks and end up on our streets asking for help. It is terrible for city pride.

Expanding the bus routes and making the system free will allow people to access more of the city, and will open up new housing and rental opportunities. This, along with mainstreaming the idea of tiny homes (granny flats), can expand the supply of available housing, help lower rent and get more people off the streets.

I also want to unify all of the community partners to focus on this issue, for the only way we can trully solve it is with our partners. And that is where the Town Hall meetings and Grass Roots Government can come into play. We empower them and give them what they need.

"The decisions we make today should result in a sustainable world seven generations into the future."
Iroquois Saying

Thank you very much, and on October 24th please give me your vote so I can use my passion and vision to work for you!!

Lance Darnell
Candidate for North Bay Councillor
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Sheldon Forgette

As a former city councillor, deputy mayor, & budget chief on watch between 2014-2018, I'm very honored to be nominated for city council in this fall municipal election. Elected at the age of 22, and what felt like the responsibility of the world sitting on my shoulders, I took this responsibility seriously and gave it my all while running a business and starting my family.

During my watch as budget chief we saw the lowest tax increases in recent North Bay history which were in line with inflation, we saw budget surpluses every year, we saw efficiency's take place as our council & staff synergized as a team, and we saw a record amount of budget and finance meetings take place.

I took the people of North Bay & the responsibilities you bestowed on me seriously while delivering a strong financial position for the city. I was a mover of transparency at city hall by working with council to get our council meetings recorded and streamed on the internet. I worked on a by-law for downtown restaurants & businesses to be able to use a portion of the sidewalks as an extension of their business to help create a by-ward market type of vibe in our downtown.

I listened to our citizens and moved for the creation of a strategic plan for our city. I moved a motion to have a wheelchair & stroller accessibility mat researched & deployed at our waterfront. In 2017, as Chair of General Government I protected history & vetoed a motion that would have shipped the Dionne Quints home out of North Bay to Sunridge.

In 2018 I was nominated to run for mayor and was not successful. If there's one thing 2018 taught me, it was to never give up. Going into this fall election my core focuses are housing, clean & safe streets, economic development and source water protection.

One of the issues that is important to me during this election is to have members of council elected who actually live in North Bay. This has been a problem in the past where members of council, including some mayors, don't even live in North Bay. Currently I live on Peninsula Rd & I invite any member of the media out to my personal residence to verify that I live in North Bay, and challenge every other candidate to do the same. I've lived in every neighborhood in North Bay, I know this city, its people, and you know me.

When I ran for city council in 2014 I was shammed due to lack of experience and age. I shouldered the vicious rumor mill and even got ejected from the social services board because I teleconferenced into meetings. Go figure in 2022 teleconferencing is the modern normal and we need to bring the modern normal to North Bay.

Now in 2022, I present you a Sheldon Forgette with 16 years of Information Technology experience, 11 years of Housing experience, a trust that I built with you as Deputy Mayor, and a perseverance taught to me by my family & circumstances; making me ready to go to work for you.

City council is a full time commitment to you the people of North Bay and to give you accountability on this commitment I will be working on the issue of a ward system for our city and commit to make sure it's a ballot question during the next municipal election to give our residence the choice on the subject.

I invite you to visit my website www.sheldonforgette.ca and email me any issues or concerns you have. This October I humbly ask for your vote so I can go to work for you.



Peter Gregory

I am running for city council because our city is facing a crisis in housing, mental health and addictions. I believe that ideas matter.

As a businessman with over 26 years experience, I have a background that has required me to make difficult decisions. That invaluable experience has given me the know-how and drive to help turn our city around. I have ideas to get people into homes, into recovery, and living stable, healthy and productive lives.

I believe that with fresh, new thinking, our elected council can guide city administration to better align with provincial and federal resources to resolve the housing crisis in our community. To ensure a prosperous future for our city, and all of the varied people that call this wonderful city home, vote for PETER GREGORY for councillor.

My Platform:

- **Get people into homes and off the streets.**

In order to do so, we must develop capacity for peer support in caring and stable residential networks.

- **Get support to people with addictions.**

Our entire country is in the middle of a deadly drug epidemic.

- **Reduce the stigma of mental health.**

We need to integrate, not segregate.

- **Get municipal taxes under control.**

It's time to refocus our council on the needs of the community.

I'm PETER GREGORY.

I have the time, the energy, and the ideas that matter for effective change. This is my plan for a new city council and a better North Bay.



Maggie Horsfield

Maggie Horsfield (nee Margaret Daniel) is a proud lifelong resident of the City of North Bay and ready to represent you as a North Bay City Councillor.

Maggie is solution-driven and will use her energy and experience to address the challenges and opportunities in North Bay. She is a strong listener and develops positive relationships by being approachable, transparent and trustworthy.

Maggie is a dedicated community member, volunteering her time on Boards of Directors with the Near North Crime Stoppers and as Chair of the Lindsay Weld Centre for Children. For several years, she was a St. John's Ambulance Therapy Dog Handler with her dog, Nixon. She has served on the North Bay & District Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and chaired the Young Professionals Committee. In 2020, Maggie received the North Bay & District Chamber of Commerce Young Professional of the Year Award.

Maggie lives with her husband Kody and their pets just outside the downtown core in the West End of North Bay. She has a Nipissing University Bachelor of Arts, (Honours), degree majoring in Political Science and History and a Post Graduate Certificate from the University of Edinburgh in Global Development Challenges. Maggie began working at the University as a Recruitment Officer and moved on to work in various administrative roles in the Office of the President. She is working towards completing her Certified Fund Raising Executive Certification (CFRE). Maggie has worked at locally owned businesses in North Bay including Dawson Shoes and the North Bay Animal Hospital. In her free time, she enjoys exploring the trails in North Bay, kayaking, and learning about the history of the land and people.

Connection

She will meet and listen to individuals and groups to explore ideas and opportunities. She will help break down the silos at City Hall and work towards creating an environment that is equitable and open to the North Bay community. She will respond to communications in a timely manner.

Empathy

She will support the many vibrant cultures and arts communities in North Bay. She will focus on building neighbourhood pride so that everyone feels safe where they live, learn and play. She will advocate for improving the City's strategic plan, including steps and targets that puts the social determinants of health first.

Collaboration

She will engage more voices and acknowledge the perspectives of our community members. She will bring climate change and the environment to the forefront in decision making at City Hall. She will promote opportunity and engage people and organizations to lead initiatives that advocate for our community's wellbeing.



Sara Inch

On October 24th 2022 Vote Sara Inch For City Council.

I listen and I care

It is time for change in City Leadership

Let's get North Bay back on track

For our children and their children

We have seen no progress in the past four years around the crime and social problems in our downtown core. Things have only gotten worse. Our violent crime index jumped by 117% from 2020 to 2021. North Bay needs a council that is ready to face these problems head on instead of pretending everything is okay. We have big city crime here now.

Background and Beliefs

Sara Inch is 46 years old, mother to three boys. Like her late father John Inch, former crown attorney and QC, who spent his life serving our community, Sara is committed to serving the people of North Bay. Like her late mother Bonnie Inch, former physiotherapist /occupational therapist at the North Bay Psychiatric Hospital, Sara believes in public mental health care.

Born and raised in North Bay, a graduate of Chippewa Secondary School French immersion program, Sara attended the University of Western Ontario, then studied Massage Therapy at the D'Arcy Lane Institute before returning home to begin her practice. Sara believes in life-long education and pursued a degree in Philosophy, then Education at Nipissing University. She lived in and taught in Xi'an China and was humbled by what she saw there. "People had very little by our standards yet they persevered through hard work to build a future for their children, and revered their parents and elders."

A small business owner for over two decades, Sara recently moved her practice back downtown North Bay. She chose downtown because she believes that we can reclaim our core and that it is necessary to be present to achieve change in this area. She is positive downtown will get back on track and is happy she gets to play a role in its redevelopment.

Sara believes we need to re-invest in our Police force. She feels we need to the officers who are working hard to keep us safe, and encourage their leaders to be more present and active on a daily basis.

Sara believes we need to increase our recycling services and bring in green bins. This year alone the city earned \$365000.00 in profits from the current recycling program. Currently business owners drop off their recycling, and people who live in multi-residential property (like condominiums) only have recycling if boards arrange for it. Extending the hours of the North Bay Recycling Centre is one small achievable step we can take towards sustainability.

Sara also believes we need to support our community paramedics who help our seniors age in place. We are an ageing society and the time is now to think about where our seniors are going. If we can reinforce existing community supports, many more seniors will be able to age at home, age in place, safely and comfortably.

If elected Sara will insist on transparency and Inclusion (LGTBQIA +) at City Hall, work towards a new arena and community centre, and do her best to see infrastructure remains a priority.



Scott Kile

My name is Scott Kile. I am running for City Council. My wife Ginette and I have 4 children and 8 grandchildren.

On October 24th I will be looking for your vote. My work life and volunteering have provided me with experiences that I feel will serve me well if elected to city council. I have accomplished many things in the past and my successes were always completed with a strong supportive team. I believe that WE are all responsible for the community that we live in. I strongly believe in making decisions that are for the betterment of the community above the individual/group. I am a firm believer that long hours, hard work, and strong teams are all necessary to get things done.

My mission statement for this election is: **“Earning your trust through Transparency”**.

My platform is:

- 1) Mental Health, Seniors, Homelessness and Drug Addiction
- 2) Infrastructure and assets
- 3) Improve sense of Community – make North Bay a destination
- 4) Transparency



Mark King

WE CAN'T AFFORD ANOTHER PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

North Bay City Councillor Mark King is ready to serve another four-year term on city council.

In October 2014, King successfully ran for city council and was re-elected as a Councillor in 2018. He is now seeking his third successive full-term on council.

Now, more than ever, King firmly believes that the City of North Bay needs to hold the line on taxes.

Inflation and interest rates are rising faster than we have seen in decades. Families are feeling the pain of the high cost of inflation, and those who own homes are now paying more interest on their mortgages. Corporations worldwide are scaling back. Local small businesses are also cutting back to survive, and we, as a city, should be no different. The City of North Bay needs to cap spending, reduce waste, and remove unneeded barriers. Finally, we do not need a municipal government that looks down on our citizens by limiting their free speech at the Council Chambers. The citizens must be heard, loud and clear, once again.

King brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to city council, having served on numerous boards and committees. During his successive terms on council, King has served on the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB) for seven years, including five years as Chairman. Mark is currently the Vice Chair of Cassellholme & Cassellholme Arms, North Bay Public Works, and the Northern Ontario Service Delivery Association (NOSDA).

King has also been a Member of the North Bay Planning Advisory Committee, the Blue Sky Economic Growth Corporation, North Bay Hydro Board, the Laurentian Ski Hill Board and Discovery Routes.

Mark was born and raised in North Bay. He spent 23 years with the Canadian National Railway, conducting rail traffic control in the Great Lakes region. In 1998, King assumed ownership of H. Freeman & Co, a wholesale and industrial supply company, which he still owns today. He was also a principal owner of Mark Wood Estates, and in the process, he gained extensive municipal planning and land use experience in the Trout Lake Water Shed.

During the early 2000s, King was the North Bay Chamber of Commerce Director, eventually becoming its President and Past President.

There are several issues that King will address as the campaign proceeds forward, including:

- No municipal tax increases;
- Address local housing deficits through need assessments, innovative local land use planning and development approvals;
- Crisis stabilization through intergovernmental collaboration by the adaptive reuse of vacant and underutilized properties for transitional housing support systems;
- Pledging continual support for Cassellholme redevelopment;
- Upgrade city roads and replace existing infrastructure; and
- Advocate for trust and transparency within City Council and City Hall.

Once again, King is ready and willing to serve the people of North Bay.



Jamie Lowery

I was born and raised in Toronto. In University, I met and then married a North Bay girl. I not only fell in love with her, but with her hometown. Before moving here in 2014, we visited very regularly with our five children.

We have great memories of summers at the beaches, heritage festivals, fall walks at Thanksgiving, downtown lights at Christmas, Easters – enjoying the people and sites of North Bay at every opportunity. In 2014 we made North Bay our home when I became the Chief Executive Officer at Cassellholme.

A lot of people call out to me "Hey! You're that Cassellholme guy". It's true. I've been Chief Executive Officer there for eight years. From day one, my mandate was to ensure the best care possible for the seniors in the Home. And I suppose I did make quite a lot of noise when I felt they weren't getting adequate support.

Some of my pre-Cassellholme experience:

City of Brampton – Commissioner of Community Services

- led 3200+ employees
- managed an annual operating budget of \$150 million
- was responsible for a capital budget that ranged from \$40 million to \$100 million each year

As Commissioner, Brampton City Council counted on me to work with all the stakeholders: the community, partners, agencies and other organizations, to get things done. To increase transparency, we generated a public 'report card' each year. This booklet, showed the citizens of Brampton exactly what their tax dollars paid for. We listed the successes and explained where/how we planned to make improvements. If possible, we included five years of data to show progress over time. This way, the document also helped us plan for the future.

Now, the redevelopment is underway and they're in good, stable hands. I'm retiring from that role to advocate for the whole community as a City Councillor – if you'll have me. You can still call me "that Cassellholme guy" if it reminds you that I'm tenacious and in YOUR corner now.



Justine Mallah

Justine Mallah (she/her) has over eight years of experience in community outreach, political engagement, and health promotion.

Justine works in mental health and is the chair of the Violence Against Women Coordinating Committee of Nipissing, co-chair of the Gambling Harm Reduction Partnership of Nipissing and Parry Sound, and a member of North Bay's Terry Fox Run Planning Committee. Justine is a dedicated supporter of the arts and has facilitated workshops for Art Fix and re-developed the Gateway Theatre Guild's website. Before moving to North Bay, Justine managed a charitable organization called Meagan's Hug, which has raised over \$5 million for research into childhood brain tumours. Justine has a Master of Arts in Communication and a Graduate Diploma in Health: Science, Technology, and Policy from Carleton University. After her schooling, she completed a course in Spain focusing on community development under Dr. Bengt Lindstrom, a leading researcher in the field. In this course, Justine gained tools to help cities identify what is really working (the strengths) and to build, promote, and maximize these strengths to create more community. Justine will bring this knowledge to Council and she will work for you.

Build a stronger, more resilient North Bay

- Work collaboratively to increase affordable housing options
- Address homeless and addiction issues through evidence-informed interventions

Increase transparency and accountability

- Explain how and why decisions are being made
- Listen to and support your needs and put the public interest first

Make getting around the city safer

- Lay down more sidewalks
- Ensure potholes are fixed quickly
- Tackle crime effectively so people feel safer

Create a more sustainable city

- Expand recycling for businesses
- Explore implementation of more yard waste and composting depots

Collaborate to implement more specialized services

- Share resources to increase recreational activities for older adults, youth, and families
- Make it easier for organizations and businesses to hold events
- Promote intergenerational programming opportunities



Chris Mayne

As candidate for re-election to your City Council it has been my pleasure this past sixteen years to represent and be involved with many of the issues people in North Bay feel are important.

In speaking with friends, neighbours and people around the City, this is what you have told me:

- our tax dollars must be raised fairly and spent wisely;
- protection of our source drinking water is vital to the long-term health of our community;
- seniors are a growing and vulnerable part of our community and deserve our strong support with long-term care and more independent living units.
- recreation and green spaces are a vital part of the quality of life in our community and must be preserved.

I look forward to the opportunity of being your voice on Council and to work towards making North Bay the best place to live and work that it can be.

On Election Day, Monday, October 24, 2022, Please vote for Chris Mayne.

www.chrismayne.ca
705 474 1532 (daytime)



Dave Mendicino

We know Mendo!

We know that he's part of the council that saw increased job and population growth, new community safety initiatives, an elevated creative sector, revitalization of the downtown and Waterfront, and the creation of the Business Retention & Expansion Program.

Now, he's seeking another term to continue the hard work. Focused on Community Safety & Wellbeing, Affordability, and Accountability, he's ready to build on his track record and deliver again.

Dave believes in bringing positive change to North Bay as an elected representative, serving the people of North Bay and working as a team player with other decision makers. Dave is proud of his years of experience on council and is always ready to adapt to best serve the needs of North Bay.

Born and raised in North Bay, Dave loves the city and wants to see it grow. His parents, Mario and Teresa, gave him and his siblings, Gerry, Vince and Maria, a wonderful childhood full of family and friends. An Italian home like theirs was always full of laughter and activity, food and fun.

Dave studied marketing at Fanshawe College in London. After several years of living in various cities working for Toronto Dominion Bank, he returned to North Bay in 1993 to continue his banking career. Since his time on council, Dave's love for North Bay only continues to grow each and every day.

Platform:

Dave's is focused on three key pillars: Community Safety & Wellbeing, Affordability, and Accountability.

The Provincially-legislated Community Safety & Wellbeing Plan was voted on by council in 2021, and the work has already started. There is still more to do, and Dave will continue to work to keep North Bay a safe place to work and live based on the evidence-based recommendations found in the plan.

Dave's plan for keeping North Bay affordable involves developing and expanding the amenities needed to grow North Bay's tax base, continuing to attract new citizens to North Bay to strengthen the city's labour market, and ensuring existing and new businesses are able to attract a skilled labour force.

Dave has always believed that as a City Councillor, he is accountable to the citizens of North Bay. If re-elected, he expects to hold himself accountable to the standards set by the citizens of North Bay, and to keep his campaign promises.



Lana Mitchell

I want to see North Bay thrive socially and economically. We all need the basics. Employment and Business opportunities, access to a family doctor, clean water, the security of a home, the opportunity to engage within our community and to reside in a safe environment.

We need solutions. We are experiencing a public Health Crisis that has to be addressed. We need to re-evaluate how we support people with Mental Health and Addictions challenges. We need to develop and implement safe homes within a wellness centre that supports all depths of need. The current status quo is no longer acceptable.

North Bay has incredible drive and caring citizens. I would like the opportunity to be involved at the municipal level to simply make things better. I have learned that there is a role for all of us to keep our amazing community moving forward.

I have worked hard in community and social development for more than 35 years touching more than 3,000 households a year and working with all levels of government. I have built homes, supported households and neighborhoods through crisis, ensured that Youth had access to recreational and opportunities of interest within our community. I have managed the community Toy Drive and worked with the North Bay Santa Fund. I value all input.

I want to be part of a municipal council that makes things better. A Council that wants solutions, not excuses. When it is important to our citizens, it is important to us.

Council needs to be a team that works hard to learn, plan, implement, evaluate and learn again while respecting all the people that keep our community functioning.

We can't know everything but together we can do anything.

Mental Health and Addictions

The current state of Mental Health & Addictions in our community is devastating. The status quo is not working. We do not have the tools we need to begin to address the current state of addiction and significant mental health. We need solutions. While Health is a provincial jurisdiction, municipalities are the ones that must stand up and start ensuring that we have wellness centres and the ability to address the fallout of past policy decisions that have created the current void. It is dangerous and unsafe for all involved.

Economic Growth

Economic Growth and Community Expansion happens when leaders recognize the collective needs of all citizens. Implementing inclusive plans and working to provide opportunities at all levels is critical. Services have to work for the people that rely on them from public transportation to water and sewage, roads and recreational, and long-term care facilities. Families, Businesses and Non-Profits alike must plan, prioritize and save for the future, while ensuring that they have the capacity to respond as challenges or crisis arises. The municipality is no different. Infrastructure needs to be maintained and sometimes replaced.

Fiscal accountability, budgeting and sometimes having to make the difficult decisions about needs versus wants and prioritizing our city budget allocations is part of managing a strong, healthy community.

Sports and Leisure

- Ensure that Youth have access to sports, recreation and community engagement activities and have the transportation and equipment required
- Maintain community playgrounds, beaches, public spaces and parks
- Continue with the expansion of bike paths.
- Maintain sports fields with inclusive access and locations



Eric Morgan

I have lived in the city of North Bay my entire life. I grew up downtown on Second Ave and Fisher St in a single income family. I graduated from St Joseph Scollard Hall in 1994.

I have been coaching North Bay Bulldogs summer rep football since 2013 & St Joseph Scollard Hall Bears since 2015. I have a successful 20 year career in the Insurance industry at Demarco-Lucenti Insurance Brokers, where my job is to help people and businesses navigate rules, laws and regulations making sure they have the right coverage during claims. I believe this experience will help me on Council because just like the Insurance industry if you don't ask the questions, you don't know what your client needs.

As a city councilor I will ask the questions that you the voters want to know, you will be able to contact me anytime through social media or email me directly with your concerns or questions about any topic that comes up. Beyond breaking any privacy rules, I will be completely transparent and honest in my answers to you the voter.

Downtown

I will work with all stakeholders to make this a place that we can feel safe going to again. I want to see residents and visitors enjoying our downtown.

Seniors

I will work with agencies to help build on existing options to offer more programs to ensure a comfortable retirement. We have to make sure we are taking care of those who took care of us and helped build our city.

Taxes

As council members it is our responsibility to find any and all inefficiencies in the city operations before turning to the taxpayer for more. I will work to ensure this happens and will support any unnecessary spending in a time where the cost of living increases have hurt and continue to hurt so many people.



Terry Parolin

PAROLIN FOR COUNCIL RESULTS MATTER!

I have lived in North Bay my entire life, operating T E Parolin for the last 36 years. Accountability to the customer, respect of others' views, prudent financial management and adoption of technology are the hallmarks of my business.

I commit to ACCOUNTABILITY, COLLABORATION and TRANSPARENCY. I will question poorly conceived and executed projects and grandiose plans with no accountability on cost. We need to properly prioritize projects and employ proper contract management.

I will support projects that modernize and run city services more efficiently, initiatives that reduce red tape, a downtown revitalization plan and a review of how best to proceed with a twin pad.

I want to insure the necessary collaboration between all the services that taxpayers fund. The Federal and Provincial governments can't solve our problems downtown. This is OUR community, WE as the owners must get involved. The number of citizens who want to engage in these efforts grow daily. These efforts have already made a difference.

I have engaged with many of the stakeholders downtown to understand their issues. These include the health Unit, the Canadian Mental Health Association, Chief Scott Tod, police officers, property owners, business owners and those who are homeless. We will not solve this problem, but I believe what that we can manage it in a way that the 50,000 citizens will feel safe to shop and dine downtown.

My proposals will look at the financial resources available and a much greater coordination among the 30 plus agencies involved. I propose 24 hour police patrols along with a satellite station downtown. This requires 1.6 million dollars which can be funded through Casino revenues and efficiencies. Law enforcement has cited our lack of a bylaw, which many communities have, against tent cities. I would support such a bylaw and consider a designated area on Municipal land.

We have attracted the interest and talent of people from outside North Bay who see our potential. They are investing in Downtown and bringing high tech businesses here. The private sector has banded together to create a revolutionary plan to create a vibrant core. Proper coordination, with City staff, is imperative to fulfill this vision. A Council with more practical business experience is required to interface with the private sector and remove roadblocks. A HOW CAN WE attitude must be implemented from the top down.

I will advocate for restoring proper access, for citizens, to make presentations to Council. It's outrageous that this has been restricted in the way it has. The use of "in camera" must be reduced to the bare minimum. There are legitimate uses, but this Council has repeatedly abused this to hide information. I will vote to invite Justice Valin, with no conditions, to speak to Council at the earliest opportunity.

The proposed twin pad is a unique design at an exorbitant cost. When first proposed, the cost to Taxpayers was \$10 million, now it's more than \$50 million. There has never been a business plan, as required from Council, to assess the amount of yearly cost that will be required to operate this facility. There are numerous examples of functional twin pads built all over North America. The Sault has just completed one for approximately \$30 million. I have consulted with people who have built such facilities, they assure me it can be done here. We do not have to reinvent the wheel.

We have good people working at City Hall but there needs to be a leader who supports instituting a culture of customer service. We must change "What not to do and how not to do it" to "We will find a way to help you accomplish your goals". Modern IT systems and processes must be implemented to improve efficiency, customer service and reducing costs. More services need to be online. Hiring procedures must be instituted to ensure the CAO and senior staff have proven experience at the municipal level, have demonstrated the ability to transform an organization's culture, technology and operations.

We can make change happen quickly I am committing to the citizens of North Bay to help make the changes necessary to improve OUR City. Join me to use all our talents and energy to make North Bay better than ever. RESULTS MATTER!

For more information email terry@teparolin.ca



David Poliquin

Community

Our city and its citizens deserve to be heard, cared for, and feel safe.

- Promote more mental health services, community programs and social services.
- Advocate for more supportive housing to help those living unhoused across North Bay.
- Work with the community and developers to create more affordable housing in and around the city that respect the character of our neighbourhoods.

Sustainability

It is our responsibility to preserve the natural beauty of our city.

- Create a long-term sustainability plan that takes into consideration the threat posed by climate change.
- Creating a city that is safe and accommodating to alternatives modes of transportation.
- Work towards building a residential Green Bin program to offset waste sent to the landfill.

Local Business

Local small businesses are the heart of our city.

- Focus on making the main corridors safe and welcoming to visitors and local consumers.
- Support local businesses through urban beautification to help attract foot traffic and new customers.
- Promote and support shopping and eating at local small businesses.

Transparency and Trust

The citizens of this city deserve to be heard and informed about where their tax dollars are going.

- Increase transparency in the council decision making process.
- Listen and support the community and the issues they care about.
- Uphold the integrity of public office and openly share information to strengthen the public's trust and confidence in city council decision making.

For more details go to: www.davidpoliquin.ca

For more information visit davidpoliquin.ca



Deric Reichstein

I was born, raised and now am a parent raising my family in North Bay. I've decided to run for council to keep North Bay a wonderful place to live and make it even better.

I want my children and everyone from North Bay to be proud of our beautiful city in the north. I'm running for council because so many times while discussing politics with friends and family the sentiment has come to mind that, 'I could do a better job of this and make good decisions for our city'. So, I'm putting my efforts forward to do just that.

Green Policies - Environmentally conscious government is important. I would like to see the City implement a green-bin program to reduce waste sent to our landfill. Switching to electric vehicles when purchasing new, and when replacing old vehicles in municipal fleets.

Outdoor Recreation – Development of outdoor spaces and programs for family friendly activities is a priority.

Jobs and City Growth - North Bay has not grown in 40 years; I believe continued progress and implementations of policies that would attract new business and growth to North Bay to be a priority for the next City Council.

Accountability – The North Bay Council won the 2020 Code of Silence Award for Outstanding Achievement in Government Secrecy by the Canadian Association of Journalists (CAJ), the Centre for Free Expression at Ryerson University (CFE), News Media Canada, and Canadian Journalists for Free Expression (CJFE). I feel this does not represent how a council should report to its constituents. I will always strive for transparency and approachability should I be elected to your North Bay city council

Homelessness and Mental Health Crisis - I will not pretend to be an expert in these areas, but I am willing to defer to experts in mental health to address these problems. I will work diligently to ensure North Bay is gathering assistance and funding from Provincial and Federal government to address these very real issues.

Thank you for your time reading, and consideration.

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Derek Shogren

With a strong record of private sector achievement, running one of Canada's busiest Canadian Tire Stores, and more than 25 years of public service as a volunteer on numerous boards and as an elected member of North Bay City Council I have the experience needed to work on your behalf. I know what it takes to work with the Provincial and Federal governments, with developers and the private sector, not for profits and the broader community.

North Bay is a great place to live. I'm proud to call North Bay home. Lynn and I raised our daughter, Brooke, here and I want to be part of the team elected in October to get North Bay back on track.

I have proudly served our community as a volunteer:

- Chair - Labour Market Group
- Chair of Finance - District Health Unit
- Chair - Heritage Festival
- Vice Chair - General Government C.N.B.
- President - Chamber of Commerce
- President - Rebuilt Resources
- Member - YMCA Board
- Member - Board of Governors Nipissing University

As a North Bay City Councillor my focus will be on:

- Affordability
- Safety
- Infrastructure
- Housing
- Leadership

I give 100% effort to everything I take on, and my promise to you is simple, if you give me your vote, I will give you a voice.



Darryl Skinner

North Bay Council Platform

"Affordable living/housing"

"Local Business – Industry"

"Homelessness"

Affordable Living – I will fight for affordable living in North Bay and affordable housing for our seniors, maintaining affordable taxes, responsible City spending through balanced budgets and utilize all provincial and federal financial support.

Local Business – Industry – I will support current local businesses & downtown, while looking at ways to bring new business and industry to the area. We need to keep our community spending local.

Homelessness – Like many communities, we are seeing an increase in homelessness. As a responsible community, we must make sure to work with all levels of government, residents and our local support partners to address this growing concern.

Continued Priorities :

Tourism - We need to make sure we don't lose focus on what draws visitors to our community.

Municipal Police Services - Support our local Police Services by making sure they have the tools they need

Clean Community – keeping North Bay clean and beautiful. Protecting our resources.

Experience I will bring to Council

- City of Dryden - Councillor
- Dryden Committee of Adjustments
- Dryden Non-Profit Housing Board
- Patricia Area Community Endeavors (Board of Directors)
- Common Voice (Transportation Task Force NWO)
- Director Fort Frances Chamber of Commerce
- Director Motion Picture Association
- Over 30 years experience in Budgeting, Business & Customer service
- Extensive budgeting and expense control experience for multi-million dollar businesses (up to \$70 mil)



Michael Taylor

My name is Michael Taylor and I live in Ferris. I'm the fourth generation of my family to live in the city. My grandfather was George Coombes, he was the Reeve of Ferris when Ferris amalgamated with the City of North Bay.

My mom and dad are Ruth and Bill Taylor. My mom was a teacher at West Ferris and my dad was the vice principal at Widefield. I worked in the information technology field before returning 12 years ago to provide aging at home care for my parents. I am currently enrolled in a Master of Arts Counselling Psychology graduate program and my intent is to become a registered psychotherapist. My chosen concentration is co-occurring challenges. I love North Bay, I feel we deserve better, we can do better and can be better. I have three areas about which I am focused as well as a key municipal initiative and one change in ethos.

My first area of interest is the downtown core. I feel to resolve the challenges, we need to discern WHY people have nowhere to live. Not all people living on the street are involved with illicit drugs, alcohol, or criminal activity. Some, like others, were living one paycheck away from disaster, and disaster happened. Others simply can't afford the rent in North Bay, and others still, can't get a place to live, because they're on a do not rent list. For the ones who don't have anywhere to live because they can't afford the cost of rent in the city, and that's quite a few people too.

My second area of concern is sustainable business development, and business operations in general. I believe that we should review some of our current processes. I would like to see it become a little less complicated for folks interested in starting a small business to get up and running. I would also like to see incentives extended to local business in response to city contracts.

My third area of focus focused on green energy projects, and is broader in scope than the first two, in that it is more a montage of similar initiatives, all green energy, or food security and sustainability forward.

My key municipal initiative is cost effective municipal housing. A minimum of six, five story apartment buildings, situated strategically around the city. It is the right time to build. The federal and provincial governments have already acknowledged an emergent housing shortage. With municipal housing, there is a better opportunity for rent control. Bachelors at \$600, single bedrooms at \$750, and doubles at \$900. This housing wouldn't just accommodate persons in recovery, or on OW or ODSP; it would accommodate anyone that's working and earning less than \$25/hr, which is the officially calculated amount for a single person to be able to afford to live in North Bay in a one-bedroom apartment, with amenities/utilities, and personal effect. This does not include vacations, or savings.

I feel city hall should include elements of the village model in its ethos. City council should be a conduit between the people of North Bay, and the people that operate the business of North Bay. With the village model, every decision is based on the health, prosperity, and contentment of the majority. People who serve, on city council, should do so, not to gain benefit, but because it's a privilege to serve.



Randall Tilander

My reason for running for City Hall is a hope for change. When I first sought the nomination, I was frustrated. I was frustrated at the plight of the homeless. I was frustrated at the crime in my neighbourhood. I was frustrated by the lack of transparency in government.

I was frustrated at the lack of respect with which my tax dollars were being treated. My hope now is that I can end some of the disfunction at City Hall and make North Bay more respectful of its taxpayers.

The straw that broke the camel's back dropped in early April. I was walking the dog. I saw water coming up from the edge of my neighbour's lawn. The water was seeping through the sand and running down the gutters and into the storm sewer. There was enough water to fill a swimming pool being wasted every day. I had a strong suspicion that we had a broken water main. Like any concerned citizen, I sent an email to the mayor. He told me that nothing was broken, that this was just a routine maintenance procedure. I then talked to my neighbour who had reported the break to the city water department. The official there told him not to worry because if it was a break, the break occurred before his water meter and so, he wasn't being charged for the wasted treated water. It took us a full month of persistent effort to get the city to investigate simply the possibility that there might be a problem. The pipe was eventually fixed after six weeks. The roadwork necessary to complete the job took another four months. I am concerned at this indifference to the wastage. I am running so that we, the taxpayers, can finally see some value for money.

We are where we are because our city government is not functioning as it should. Homelessness is a key issue which, if addressed, would relieve some of the crime, mental illness, and drug abuse. Transparency would do much to restore confidence in government. Fiscal responsibility would allow city budgets to address those issues which citizens believe to be important.



Ed Valenti

I was born and raised in North Bay with family roots in the city dating back to 1914. As a long-time realtor for 39 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:

- North Bay City Councillor since September 2021
- Chair of Dionne Quints Heritage Board (2017 – Present)
- Treasurer of Davedi Club (2014 – Present)
- Board Director - North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority (2021 – Present)
- Past President of North Bay Real Estate Board (2014)
- PAC (2004-2017) ... North Bay's Planning and Advisory Committee
- 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:

Adopt a “Downtown & Core Stabilization Initiative”

- Construct a new Satellite police station downtown
- Full-time police officer on foot patrol - covering the downtown waterfront areas
- Officer on Bike patrol – covering a larger area, including Cassells Street corridor
- Camera-based 24-hr monitoring (at Satellite station) covering commercial zoned areas, including downtown, waterfront and Cassells Street.
- Operations subsidized with \$500,000 from Casino payments

As a city, we need to address the concerns of safety, and perceptions of safety – providing a more likeable opportunity for growth. This was identified in the Baylor Report, which I believe we should revisit.

Twin Pad Arena

I am in favour of a new twin pad arena; however, I have concerns with the current proposal.

- The Trident shaped design is not practical.
- The typical “Box-style” design that is predominant throughout Ontario, is a much better option.
- The Trident model is projected to cost \$52 million or more.
- SSM is currently building a “Box-style” designed Twin pad arena for \$32 million.
- Tournaments require a large common area - a “middle ground”. As do Trade shows, Fundraisers, Exhibitions, and more. The issue of “nocentre”, is why the North Bay model is flawed, and SSM's is not.

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.



Bill Vrebosch

Bill was born and raised in the City of North Bay. He has served on Council for the City of North Bay since 2018, but prior to that, Bill served as Mayor and Deputy Mayor of East Ferris for over 40 years, with over 20 years of provincial experience as the Chair of the Rural Ontario Municipal Association and as a Rural Caucus Member.

"All of my experience with these boards has been fundamental throughout my years in municipal politics. It gives me the opportunity to lobby higher levels of government on issues that matter to North Bay. In addition, it provides invaluable access to municipal resources and information from across the province."

Bill and his wife Gisele (Gravelle) have been married for over 50 years. They live in the heart of the City and have 4 children, Lisa, Louise, Billy and Tanya and 8 grandchildren. Bill's grandfather and father worked for the TNO and ONR since the 1900's. They lived in the East End of North Bay, where Bill grew up.

Bill worked in banking and finance prior to his joining the Nipissing Catholic District 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.

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 is why he has always worked using principles such as honesty, integrity and fiscal responsibility as his guide. "Your opinion will always inform my response."

A recent example of Bill's proactive and personal approach to governance occurred when Bill worked with his daughter, Deputy Mayor Tanya Vrebosch, to help resolve the Bavarian Meats disaster. Experience really mattered in getting results.

Bill is proud to have been part of one of the most progressive North Bay municipal councils this past term. "We studied the issues, listened to the people, took the vote and moved on." The result of this progressive council has seen population and job growth. The downward trend has been reversed. It is predicted that we will need up to 600 houses in the next 10 years. **We're number 1 in Canada as the 'Best Place to Invest'.**

Bill recently went to a meeting with some of the new provincial Ministers to discuss rising health costs, the Eco line that has been handcuffing our builders, our Downtown and Government dock needs, as well as the Airport Industrial Expansion.

Working with Tanya on the General Government Committee, we created "Committees of the Whole" which means ALL councillors are on ALL Committees. Once again... EXPERIENCE MATTERS.

We have instituted a new asset renewal plan that will identify capital needs and allow the City to be proactive with future decision-making. Once again... EXPERIENCE MATTERS.

Our Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan has been filed and we have been working with our police, public housing and health agencies to work on our homelessness and drug problems. This is a local, provincial and national problem.

Many potential candidates say they are going to build housing with municipal dollars, but Bill asks "where are you going to get the money? The taxpayer can't afford to subsidize the province and federal governments that are already taxing them for housing."

If you have taken the time to read all of this, then you will know why you need to RE-ELECT BILL because – EXPERIENCE MATTERS.



Tanya Vrebosch

Tanya (she/her) is the current Deputy Mayor for the City of North Bay and has served the citizens of North Bay for the last 15 years. Born and raised in Corbeil, she has proudly called North Bay home since 18. She and her better half Dan Nogueira have 2 beautiful daughters, Danielle and Sydney. She is the daughter of Bill and Gisele Vrebosch.

Her day job is with DNSSAB as a Supervisor for Ontario Works. Her philosophy is to always listen and make sure people feel heard. Her guiding principles are fiscal responsibility with a social conscience.

As many of you know, the "Vrebosch" name, and the family that I am so proud to be a part of, is synonymous with our commitment to public service, community well-being and the greater good. I have been guided by my parents, Bill and Gisele, who both lovingly and wholeheartedly taught me and my siblings, Lisa, Louise and Billy, to stop, listen and learn at every opportunity; to be the voice for the voiceless; and to share and lend a helping hand whenever and wherever I can. These are simple tenets but I have carried them with me throughout my time on North Bay's City Council as both Councillor and Deputy Mayor as I've advocated for fiscal responsibility with a social conscience.

Politics is in my blood, and I want to continue to serve and represent the citizens of North Bay for another term.

This last term, we had a council that worked very well together and got things done. It is one of the best councils I have worked with.

We saw an increase in our population and assessment during a worldwide pandemic; we have a strong balance sheet with an AA-2 stable credit rating; all-time record construction numbers; North Bay was named Fastest Growing City 2 years in a row; record-breaking bike lane and sidewalk creation; built a multi-use outdoor court, soon to start a new skateboard park/pump track and more. We didn't always get along or agree, but we were always able to move forward. Our mandate of growth was a success. Growing our assessment base will help lower taxes (more people paying part of the pie). We need to keep the momentum going!

With all of these good things come struggles. Struggles that are being faced by municipalities across the Province - Mental Health, Addictions, Housing and Homelessness. I can build you a facility and staff it, and to do this, I would have to raise your taxes significantly. But what I can't do is force the person on the street to go and stay there. The challenges we are facing with extreme mental health and addiction need intervention and action by the Provincial and Federal Governments. Municipalities across the Province are all begging for help to deal with these issues.

We need to have strong voice that continues to advocate for change to the Mental Health Act and for a real and timely intervention from the upper levels of government.

The City has hired a Community and Safety Well-Being Planner to make sure our CSWB Plan doesn't sit on the shelf. We need to make sure that we are there to provide local agencies with support and identify the gaps with a unified and loud voice to the upper levels of government. At the same time, we are going to have to look at things more seriously, such as needle pickups in public spaces, public washroom cleanliness and safety, continuous involvement in tent cities on public property etc. We need to make sure that we are looking at the rights and the safety of all citizens. Mental Health and Addiction issues are one of my top priorities. I have seen our landscape change over the last several years and we (collectively) need help to address it. Experience will matter to continue this fight.

What will you get if you re-elect me?

You will get the same strong work ethic, direct approach and personal attention to your issues and concerns that you've come to know over the last 15 years. You will get someone that continues to do her homework, balances pros and cons and the various ideas and opinions that have been put forward when making her decisions. You will get someone that loves this City as much as you do and will continue to fight for it. "Politics is a game. A game that can be silly. You can't play it alone and you need to be able to work with others to move the City along and be progressive. We need to elect a council that will work together and continue the momentum we had.... The momentum that other municipal leaders, citizens and businesses have been asking us "how are you doing it?" Look at other municipalities and the challenges they have been facing when their councils don't get along and there was always constant infighting. EXPERIENCE MATTERS.

Thank you for your support over the last 15 years and I hope I am lucky enough to represent you for another 4.

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(Not in attendance for event)

Levi Besserer

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WHERE, WHEN, HOW TO VOTE ELECTION DAY



ELECTION DAY SUPER POLLS

Oct. 24 — 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Memorial Gardens
100 Chippewa Street

West Ferris Arena
42 Gertrude Street East

Davedi Club
313 Airport Road

Vincent Massey (Annex)
15 Janey Avenue

Canadore College (Commerce Court)
60 Commerce Crescent

ONLINE

Starting Oct. 13 @ 10 a.m.

Ending Oct. 24 @ 8 p.m.

Computers will be available for public access for Online Voting at City Hall, main lobby on the following dates:

Oct. 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Please ensure to have your Voter Information Letter with you as you will require that to be able to log in and vote.

IN PERSON ADVANCED POLLS

West Ferris Arena

42 Gertrude Street East — Oct. 12 @ 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Castle Arms II

400 Olive Street West — Oct. 14 @ 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Memorial Gardens

100 Chippewa Street — Oct. 17 @ 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

