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1. Having a **vision** for North Bay's social, economic and environmental future is important.

There are a lot of really exciting projects coming to completion over the next four years. The North Bay Regional Health Centre will open its doors this coming January, Nipissing University is expanding and building several new structures, the next phase of the Waterfront development is scheduled to be finished by next fall, and the Steve Omischl Sports Field Complex will soon be completed.

This newly elected council will witness the completion of the previous council's efforts and have to start planning long-term for what happens next. We have to utilize these existing resources and make this city the best it can be. We have to unlock our full Tourism Potential by making North Bay a destination for local, national and international visitors. It is my opinion that this City can flourish with some hard work and commitment.

2. **Communication** on major issues is a responsibility of City Council.

I have been very vocal about an obvious communication break-down with the current council. Many controversial issues can be avoided by being open and transparent. Community groups need to be heavily involved in the planning and implementation of city events to keep ownership and responsibility in the hands of the people. This town is everyone's job not just the council that gets elected.

How do you, or will you, consult with your constituents when there is controversy?

I am a strong willed individual. I will agree with things that make sense to me but I am not afraid to stand up for what I believe in. If I do not agree with what my constituents are promoting, I will be the only one voting against it. It is healthy to have someone on council who does not automatically vote with the pack.

3. Protecting the **environment** is important e.g. parks, clean air, green space, safe beaches, trails, waste reduction, bike lanes.

I do not want to see any more over-developed park areas in North Bay.

More green space will help to beautify the city without creating more up-keeping costs. The plans for the waterfront development are very cosmetic. There is going to be a high level of ongoing grounds work that goes along with all that landscaping. Where will the money for those new staff be coming from?

If we are going to develop more areas of this community, lets keep it cost effective and environmentally conscious.