

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

I always appreciate the opportunity to talk about my vision for the community.
I believe it is very important to dream big, set goals and work towards achieving them.
The importance of the list below is that it is achievable and more importantly realistic.

Securing at least 1 industrial tenant at the new airport industrial park.

Every piece of this puzzle is coming together – Plan of Subdivision, Storm Water Management Plan and Marketing Plans - all are designed to help us find success in recruiting and growing business in the City.

Enhancing the City's relationship with Nipissing University and Canadore College.

It would be a great opportunity to have co-op student's work along side City staff to help with the management of the City.
Students would benefit for the 'real world' experience and the community can identify unique talents and hopefully keep them in our community.

Completing the waterfront park.

It is also very important to me that we anchor the area with a modern and viable (private sector) 4 season facility. I believe it should not only be a restaurant but a tourism information centre.

Rejuvenating the Government Dock at the waterfront.

Planning must begin on what I foresee as a major capital project. This focal point in our community can become its own attraction much like many southern destinations that have famous piers.

A council that can become cohesive early in the term.

Everyone can have a differing opinion and that is the beauty of our political system ... but a divisive Council is an ineffective Council.

Therefore it is imperative that a general direction be set - this goal must be based on a logical plan that is supported by the majority of Council.

A Council without a plan will certainly fall into the trap of being reactive instead of proactive.

Record attendance at budget meetings.

For 7 years I have attended and contributed to countless budget meetings.

Budget work can begin as early as September.

Public meetings are properly advertised and unfortunately they're rarely attended by anyone!

We usually end up asking an empty room if anyone would like to make a presentation.

Hearing from people in an orderly and public forum is the most effective way to stimulate change – waiting until the budget is passed is too late.

Economic development.

Much like senior levels of government I would like to see Councillors have a designated portfolio such as tourism. This, in my opinion, will enable us to cover 'more ground' and keep everyone more involved in business retention and attraction.

Enhancing our partnership with the North Bay & District Chamber of Commerce to re-energize tourism initiatives.

The Chamber is well positioned to create private sector programs that can help attract tourism dollars. The organization should have our support to achieve these goals.

Connecting Marsh Dr. to Four Mile Lake Rd.

This project is a distinct possibility due to the new airport industrial park.

We will hopefully leverage provincial and federal funding to get the road completed.

This connection will take heavy equipment (trucks, loaders etc.) off Airport Rd. and send them down Highway 11 where the arrester bed is located – much safer.

CFB North Bay.

It's rare that any military base in Canada is expanded but I want to do everything we can to see growth and investment by the federal government in our local base. I want the local base commander to know we will support their community and their initiatives.

Steve Omischl Sports Complex.

The City's Parks and Recreation department must support local organized sport groups secure tournaments. I also want the high school football NDA finals hosted at the new facility.

Getting bikes off the downtown sidewalks.

Completing all 'North Bay' highway entrance signs at a much lower cost.

North Bay Hydro – Energy Conservation and Education Program.

This program has not only seen great success in energy conservation but has translated into huge savings for the City and local businesses.

I will continue to encourage and support this initiative.

Cleaning-up and addressing the problem of people dumping garbage.

Health Unit - Sustainably growing the Low Income Dental Program.

This is a tremendous program that truly helps those who truly deserve the support. I will lobby to secure appropriate provincial funding.

Kid Sport North Bay

I would like to help this group expand their programs.

Money should never be an obstacle to kids participating in sports.

Quarterly meetings with our MP and MPP.

It is imperative that these individuals understand the challenges of our community.

Completing the Methane Electricity Generating Project at the landfill.

Re-establishing a major event like the Heritage Festival & Airshow.

The old St. Joseph's Hospital.

Ideally I would like to see this structure demolished and a new subdivision established in its place.

The ONR.

This Council played a vital role in helping the ONR secure the GO transit bid.

The ONR can greatly benefit from the next expected mining boom – The Ring of Fire.

I want Council to lobby to secure as much work as possible for this vital organization.

Begin the conversation for at least 1 additional ice facility.

This is another huge project but I want to take a look at how it could be done.

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

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

City Council is bound by many processes, including our procedural by-laws.

Communication is always important and the Council communicates as much as possible within those limitations.

However I do believe it is incumbent on each individual Councillor to research each and every topic that is on the agenda and make a decision. I consult and make decisions based on factual information as well as my principles. I have always listened and respected every comment offered to me by constituents – and I intend to continue.

Protecting the environment is important e.g. parks, clean air, green space, safe beaches, trails, waste reduction, bike lanes
How would you address these areas in the next term of Council?

I believe it is important to have parks, clean air, green space, safe beaches, trails, waster reduction and bike lanes.

I have supported, and will continue to support investment in our parks, beaches and trails.

I think waste reduction is a cultural change that the City can take a lead role by ensuring that every department is reducing as much waste as possible that goes to our landfill.

I am a strong advocate, and I will continue to champion the expansion of bike lanes in areas that are most appropriate.