

David Briggs – Oct 21, 2010

1. How would you address these areas in the next term of Council? The main thing is that decisions need to be balanced across the board. No decision should be made purely based on one facet (financial, environmental, social, etc) without considering the impact on the other facets. Furthermore, I wish to look for 'outside the box' solutions to improve the quality of life for citizens without asking them to pay more in taxes as a result of those improvements. This is no easy task, but the end result will be worth it. One example I point to is Council partnering with Ontera to provide veterans with bus passes. In the end, the taxpayers were not on the hook for a single dime, the veterans received their bus passes, and Ontera demonstrates that it is a great corporate citizen. I want to look for those types of solutions to address the need for an off-leash dog park, a permanent skateboard park, etc.

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

First off all, I will consult with constituents when there is controversy the same way I will consult with constituents when there isn't.

From my website (www.davidbriggs.ca):

I plan to use social media such as Facebook to conduct polls as often as possible, and especially before a hot-button topic is debated or voted on. I want to know what the people want to see happen on these issues, and social media is a great way to get the information from a wide variety of demographics. I want to be "Voice of the People!"