

THE BEST IT CAN BE

My ideal North Bay has a perfect balance of beauty and business. Our city is blessed with beautiful lakes, rivers and forests and we must protect our clean air and water by diligent oversight at all levels of government and by community involvement. Business, all types of business, are the lifeblood of the community and offer opportunities for good paying jobs for our youth and to support our families. Population growth is important for the financial sustainability of the City. Taxes that are well managed will keep our city beautiful and strong.

My ideal North Bay is crime and drug free. To get to that goal requires state of the art policing with the technology to match. Law enforcement is expensive in any city and much of the police budget is spent on personnel costs leaving little for upgrades to technology. The solution is in economic growth - the costs cannot be borne by the same number of ratepayers forever, we need new business and residential ratepayers and we need to entice our citizens back from the outlying areas, back into affordable homes in North Bay.

My ideal North Bay appreciates our seniors, welcomes them and ensures their needs are met. One critical need is health care. We have taken a huge step forward in supporting the North Bay Regional Health Centre but our community needs doctors and I believe they can be attracted here by the beauty and lifestyle of our area and then kept here by a city with fair taxation, good fiscal management, strategic planning and a vision that enhances our long term appeal.

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