

Mayoral Candidate Harvey Villneff – Oct 9, 2010

North Bay is a struggling City, as are most cities across our great Country. There never seems to be enough money to go around. It has been proven that Municipal tax dollars are the least wasteful and are more accountable than any other government agency. We need less wasteful spending in the Provincial and Federal governments and to have some of those tax dollars distributed to the Municipal governments. That being said, we must spend within our means.

Basic infrastructure, enough social outlets and our economy are all very important. It takes a great council and Mayor to achieve this and asking them to do this in a 4 year span is not a reasonable goal. It will take many years and possibly many councils, however by working together we can move mountains.

My first plan of action is to work towards a “0” percent freeze on our taxes. Fixing our most aging infrastructures is also a must. Keeping our parklands and as many green spaces helps with clean air and of course I would only allow clean Industries to set up here. We already have beautiful and safe beaches, until we can minimize taxes we may have to put some projects on hold, however wherever there is Provincial or Federal funds to assist then we must look into it. There are also many trails and walkways in North Bay, many more than other cities. A walk through the trails on Otter Lake is a good example of how nature is surviving here.

Communication has been an issue in the past. As your Mayor I would not allow poor communication to exist. I would like to see more Town Hall type meetings to explore the needs of our people and to tap into our Volunteer base.

I hope I have assured you I will work hard to make North Bay a thriving City for all its citizens.

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