

If North Bay were the 'best it could be', it would operate as a good neighbour would - in a respectful and trustworthy fashion with open and complete transparency; with a level of trust that could only be established when everyone can see how the city operates, examine how civil servants and civic leaders make decisions, and have our voices heard when we feel something is amiss.

For us to be confident - now and in the future - that projects and programs are in our best interest, we have to first have in place the processes that allow us to check (and re-check) the decision making that went into each of those projects.

I believe that before we engage in projects like Kings Wharf rehabilitation, a new wastewater treatment facility, or a new recreational facility we must first put in place those transparency and accountability tools that can give us confidence that all projects are being well managed; so that we can trust that the city is looking out for us - that the city is being a good neighbour.

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