

You asked: If North Bay was the best it could be, what would we see and how would we get there?

Limited to 250 words, here are my hopes:

1. Taxes that take into account the average citizen's "ability to pay" ....I believe our current fiscal plan is too aggressive. We get here by adjusting our current tax-plan, and finding a better balance, working on essential projects and deferring non-essential.
2. Multi-culturalism everywhere! We get there by continuing to work with the multi-cultural centre and supporting permanent residents being able to vote.
3. A flourishing airport industrial park: We need to advertise across the province, and continue to leverage economic development partnerships.
4. More entry level level & "boomer" homes (smaller development units--1200 sq feet). We get there through reduced development fees.
5. Safe water for the future! In a perfect world we lobby the pipeline people to move their plan AROUND Trout Lake. Our water MUST be protected.
6. Balanced development: we ensure parkland is not sold or developed, and neighbourhoods input is truly heard.
7. Continued support of the arts: more support of culture, and continuing to leverage tax breaks that bring filming and movie projects here (like the big screen thriller "The Colony").
8. Being truly age friendly. While we don't want to be a retirement community, we need to have planning principles that are aware of the needs of seniors, as well as healthy youth and adults.