

**In 250 words or less, if North Bay was “the best it could be”, what would that look like and how would we get there?**

**A good question...**

**In all the year living in the city of North Bay. I can say with certainty, that we have not reach "the best it could be" . We still have problem in extreme high taxes and low employment. We have many of our people living in poverty . For many it's impossible to get out due to their ability and disability issues.**

**I will admit that I'm in that branch of life. It's not simple . Our city is not concentrating on what is needed to solve the issues. Basic it's brushing it aside or not want to solve it's problem.**

**In my travels to other counties, I have seen many of this problems solved. Governments and cities build apartment building. Giving each family of low income the ability to own a residence and to be part of society . It's a rent to own . It's stop creating a black hole in wish a person is unable to get out ( Endless rent for life ) . Giving a sense of belonging and a way to have the power to make them all feel part of the city with a chance to be more.**

**Our last council work hard to give student new building for their education in turn giving educators a continuing source of income. But nothing was done to lower taxes, help low income and employment.**

**This city of North Bay has to stop asking the working families for more taxes. It's not the solution ! . But with taxes climbing and business not wanted to establish in the city. For our "city to be the best it could be" We need to pay our dept, lower the taxes. Find way's to get individuals a way to be productive and give everyone equal partnership in this city .**

**When we get there the city would have lowers unemployment . Every individual would own a part of this city . Going to work would make you happy . Taxes would be acceptable to a level that would be fair. Our kids would stay in their own city.**

**To finish . It took us many year to get in trouble . It's going to take many year to get out. It's not an over night solution. But let start with the ones who have nothing !**

**Oops! over 250 words.**

**Richard**