

With over 70 parks, 31 lakes, trails, beaches, a clean environment, a College and University, a diversified economy, a beautiful waterfront and citizens who really hold a sense of community, we have a lot to be thankful for right now. We have the most caring and generous citizens, who are always at the ready to help others. While I believe we are great already, we can always be better.

We live in a world of constant change. We must adapt to climate change, economic pressures from abroad, and negative influences on our community over which we have no control. The decisions we make must be in the best interests of North Bay and our citizens.

In my opinion, being our best means taking a community approach. My vision is of a community that is inclusive, caring, safe, vibrant, understanding and respectful. A thriving city must have balance in decision making for social, economic and environment issues. North Bay needs to be a city that is age friendly and provides opportunities for citizen growth and well-being.

To get there, we need to engage community groups and interested citizens. We need to focus on the issues at hand and to plan for the longer term. It will be hard work, but our community is worth it.

Submitted by Mayor Al MacDonald