

North Bay is a beautiful and vibrant city and I am proud to live here. We all want to make our city better, but, we have to realize that there is a cost involved in making it better. The effort must be continuous. It won't happen over night.

We must continue to invest in our above and below ground infrastructure. Putting things off will only increase the inevitable costs.

Economic development must be coupled with the support of our amenities such as arts and culture and our transit system. One supports the other.

When we speak of economic development new investments are great, but, we must not forget our present businesses that have invested in North Bay. They need to be protected and assisted.

Hydro rates and the economy are making it very difficult and challenging in our efforts to develop, but our new airport development project coupled with our educational facility accomplishments are getting North Bay noticed.

I am proud to have been a part of a council that has realized the necessity of infrastructure maintenance and renewal. Our infrastructure gap due to delays was beginning to devour us. We are getting things done and we are able to build our reserves which will be very necessary when the needs arise.

Major initiatives such as our airport industrial park, new sports fields, the methane biogas generator at our Merrick Landfill site, the waterfront underpass, and the return of OHL hockey are only a few of the positive initiatives I have been proud to have been a part of.

I realize that in politics, you will never satisfy everybody, and you won't be able to solve all the problems, but, I will continue to be honest and objective and do my homework in regards to council decisions.

The public deserves no less than this from their politicians.

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