

Written response requested by August 11th

To: All candidates for Municipal Council in Havelock Belmont Methuen

Dear candidates,

The member associations of the Havelock Belmont Methuen Lake Association (Jacks, Methuen, Kasshabog, Twin, Oak, Cordova, Round, Belmont and Crowe) represent a large number of residents in this community. Our collective interests are important to local Council, as our residents and their contributions to overall property taxes and to the local economy are vital to HBM.

Local government matters to our members.

In the upcoming term of Council we have identified a number of priorities that we feel are important to ensure we have a functional and healthy community:

- Healthy waterfront environments
- Fiscal responsibility and investing in our community wisely
- A collaborative working relationship with local council, with regular two-way communications
- Ensuring the Township is able to retain effective, competent and professional staff

Specifically, we are requesting your **written** comments be provided to HBMLA, indicating how you think HBMLA can help local Council in the upcoming term, and your perspectives and plans related to:

- Regular water testing on local lakes
- Septic reinspection program
- Plans to target tax increases at or near the level of inflation
- Setting a fixed review period for municipal budget setting to allow for citizen participation
- Working productively with other levels of government (Peterborough County, Province of Ontario, Government of Canada) to support HBM priorities
- Implementing a renewed/updated Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw

Your written comments will be circulated to the members of the HBMLA lake associations for their consideration in advance of the upcoming municipal election, and will be made publicly available to all voters and members of the public.

All candidates' meetings

The format of these meetings will be a moderated panel approach. The moderator of the meetings will be Terry Rees, from Lake Kasshabog.

Each candidate will be given 3 minutes to provide a personal/professional introduction and some overall comments on the position you seek on council and/ or specific priorities you feel should be highlighted.

Once introductions are done, the audience will be encouraged to ask questions of the candidates (or of specific candidates). We will encourage lots of dialogue but will respectfully set limits on the length of questions or answers so that one or two issues or items doesn't dominate our time together to the exclusion of other issues.

- August 18, Round Lake Hall 10am until noon (brought to you by HBMLA)
- August 25, Kasshabog Library (Peninsula Road) 1pm until 3pm (brought to you by HBMLA)
- September 18, Women's Institute, (Highway 7 and 6th line) 7pm until 9pm (brought to you by the Women's Institute)

If you have any questions about the meetings above, you can contact Terry at treemobile@gmail.com.

Many thanks for your commitment to run for a council position, and we look forward to seeing you on the above dates.