

2018 Municipal Election

Candidate Responses

To Chamber Member's Questions

We asked, they responded...

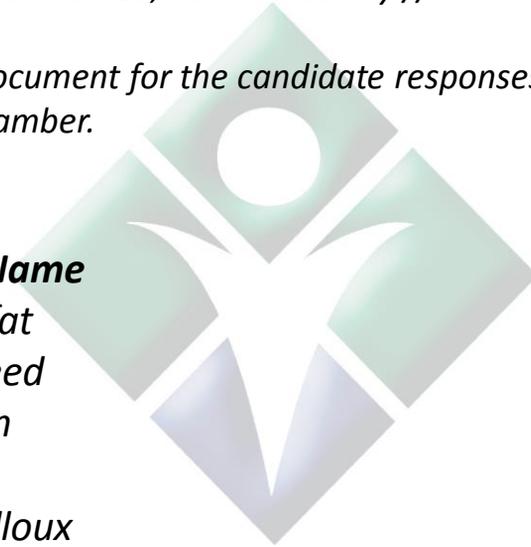
Earlier this month, we asked our members for feedback on what questions they had for their candidates related specifically to business issues. We synthesized these into five main questions covering the themes of: Economic Development, Year-round Prosperity, Housing, Internet and Cell Connectivity, and the Environment.

We posed these questions to all candidates running in the 2018 Municipal Election from each of the four municipalities in Haliburton County. Responses had to be less than 100 words, and would be posted as they were received with no edits. Any responses that exceed the 100-mark were truncated, as indicated by //.

Please see the following document for the candidate responses to each of the five questions posed by the Chamber.

No Response from...

| Office: | Candidate Name |
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| Mayor: | Carroll Moffat |
| Ward 1: | Julia Shortreed |
| Ward 2: | Liz Danielsen |
| Ward 2: | Lisa Barry |
| Ward 3: | Jennifer Dailloux |
| | Brian Lynch |



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Q1

This year, the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce has initiated the #buycloseby project to enhance local business prosperity. In terms of economic development and business and community prosperity, what are your two main priorities for overall improvement on a short- and long-term basis?

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| Ward 1 | David Lawson | Most of the economy in Haliburton depends on the tourist industry by improving communication and internet service we can attract other business opportunities to the Haliburton area, such as PatienNews |
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Q2

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce wants to see every business prosperous year-round. If elected, what will your contributions be to support a healthy economy on a year-round basis, particularly in the off-season?

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| Ward 1 | David Lawson | The tourist industry is primarily in the summer we have to try to come up with ways to extend that season skiing snowshoeing snowmobiling ice fishing |
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Q3

The feedback from member organizations of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce is that many businesses across the County are struggling with staff shortages, and that affordable housing is a significant barrier to bringing additional skilled workers to the area to fill these shortages. How will you address housing affordability and availability in this area, if elected?

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| Ward 1 | David Lawson | I think the problem isn't just affordable housing but housing in general, we could make it easier for people to put income suits into their houses, allow smaller houses to be built, encourage and support organizations like Habitat for Humanity |
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Q4

Businesses across the Highlands are dealing with a lack of service options with regards to internet and cell connectivity, with dead-zones and high-cost options being the norm in much of our County. This can be counter-productive to business success. If elected, what will you do to enhance internet and cell service availability across the County?

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| Ward 1 | David Lawson | This is something that is not going to get fixed fast it is very expensive to expand these services we can encourage small companies like Highland Internet Service to continue to grow |
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Q5

Haliburton County is an area that is rich in natural beauty and resources – our clean waters and pristine wildlands are integral to our economy and to the success of many of our member organizations. If elected, how do you propose to maintain a balance between economic development and environmental sustainability?

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| Ward 1 | David Lawson | We have to pick areas like around the airport to allow development and other areas can be searched out that will have minimal impact on the environment |
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