

I was born in Haliburton, our family moved westerly by stages and ended up in Northern B.C. where I spent part of my youth. Due to my mother's health, we moved back east, first to Bracebridge area and then to Lochlin. I attended the one room, 8 grade, school SS#12 Snowdon and 4 of my 5 secondary school years at Haliburton High. I trained as a Medical Laboratory Technologist at Civic hospital in Peterborough where I remained for 6 years, moving back to Lochlin area in 1974. Because of my profession, there was an opportunity to establish a testing Laboratory at an existing licence in this area. I worked in this field for over 40 years. We farmed in Snowdon and raised 3 sons, all of whom live and work in the county and are raising a third generation.

I pay taxes in Snowdon as I own close to 80 acres there. I have always been very active in community life and events, as well as farming. I was a founding member of the Haliburton County Farmers' Association and currently president of that as well as Vet Services. I have been a board member of the Lochlin Community centre for over 30 years and the council member of Irondale Community Centre for 8 years. I attend, support and work at events that raise funds for these centres. Until I was elected, these halls did not receive any municipal funding and were threatened with closure. Other committees I work on include : CSD, Events, Festival of the August Moon, Harvest Haliburton, Minden Cat Angels, Communities in Bloom, Doors open, Hike Haliburton and Terry Fox volunteer and a member of Minden Horticultural Society.

A top priority in our community is affordable housing. I would advocate for by-laws to be reviewed regarding minimum size of dwellings as well as construction of tiny homes and garden suites for people wishing to add rental spaces to their homes. There also is a by-law preventing dwellings having 2 complete kitchens, that should also be revisited, allowing basement and accessory buildings to have rental capabilities. These should always be considered with safety and separate entrances as a must.

I am an avid crusader for eliminating waste and deferring / composting all organics from our landfills. Reducing and eliminating plastics, especially single use water bottles. Naturalizing our shorelines and eliminating harmful pollutants into our water is critical. Mandatory septic inspections as well as restricting the number of occupants in shore front dwellings. This doesn't just include rental units but should also include owners that open their residents to several generations of relatives/ coworkers and friends during the year.