

## WHO AM I?

Born in Scarborough Ontario I currently live in Gelert along with my wife Sonja and our 8 year old daughter Sarah. I have been a resident of Haliburton County for over 40 years.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Over 30+ years of Sales and Management experience including 13 years with Delta Hotels.
- Former General Manager of Pinestone Resort.
- Owner of the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships, Haliboo MusicFest, World Soap Hockey and Big Fish Derby: MyHaliburtonHighlands.
- Served two years on the Board of Directors of the Ontario Association of Food Banks.



## COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE & VOLUNTEERING

- As a volunteer, authored or co-authored successful grant applications for local not for profits totaling over \$400,000 in the past five years.
- Co-founder and volunteer with Heat Bank Haliburton County – an organization that assists with providing emergency heat for those that run out each winter.
- Active volunteer and supporter of community food banks.



- Creator and promoter of Fill the Truck Food Drive which has raised over 60,000 lbs of food for County Food Banks since 2012.
- Highlander of the Year 2011. Nominated in 2012, 2014.
- Recipient of the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock Canada 150 Award for community service.

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# ELECT

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## COUNCILLOR AT LARGE MINDEN HILLS

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## YOUR Voice on Minden Hills Council

### WHY AM I RUNNING FOR COUNCIL?

I want our daughter to grow up in a community of possibilities. One that is safe, healthy, vibrant and progressive. She, like all kids, should have the choice of where to pursue a career when they grow up.

To do this, we need to instill sound business practices and accountability to the business of operating Minden Hills. A place where wise decisions and good investments are made; people feel valued for their contribution and the community feels it has been heard by it's council.

Most of all, I want to do my part to contribute to a community that reflects the needs of the people that live here or would like to.

### THE ISSUES WE FACE: FROM THE HEADLINES

- An 8.7% tax increase in 2018.
- An annual tax increase that has been higher than our Haliburton County neighbours since 2015.
- Ongoing issues with our landfills (specifically Scotch Line) and the financial and environmental impact it is having on our community.
- Council (July 2018) approval to spend upwards of \$10 million on arena upgrades (that in 2015 could have been done for \$2.4 million) based on estimates of ONE bidder and NO feasibility study.
- A tendering process for major projects that often results in one bidder (arena, firehall etc).
- We need to be better partners with our local businesses and event stakeholders.

### MY MINDEN HILLS

My approach and priorities as your Councillor at Large speaks to the needs of Minden. It's a sensible approach to maximizing our opportunities, providing fiscal responsibility and investing in our community. Please see my website ([www.johnteljeur.com](http://www.johnteljeur.com)) for full details.

### MY MINDEN HILLS

**M**inden Hills Event Opportunities: Did you know? An event, that attracts 1500 people/day over a weekend would generate nearly \$180,000 in economic impact. (source: Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Recreation and Sports) **THE PLAN:** Improve and better utilize the Minden Fairgrounds through a grant application and attract/develop new events. Establish a Minden Hills Events Funding program to invest/enhance current area events (and attract new ones) that demonstrate a solid plan for increasing visitors and economic impact to the Minden Hills community.

**I**vest in our future: **THE PLAN:** Determine the recreation facilities, services (and costs) required to ensure Minden Hills is well positioned as a vibrant community destination for visitors, current and potential residents; Evaluation of projects (pool, splash pad, outdoor skating trail etc), Determine costs and potential sources for funding. Allow the new council to review the feasibility of the renovation plan to S.G Nesbitt Arena to ensure there are no missed opportunities to create a true community centre.

**N**EW Downtown Park: **THE PLAN:** Develop the original Pritchard House site to become a multi functional event green space capable of hosting small music/theatre and other public events.

**D**evelop Housing Solutions: **THE PLAN:** Investigate "tiny homes" or "Granny Flats" options and partner with developers to look at additional housing opportunities on municipal owned lands.

**E**nvironmental Stewardship: **THE PLAN:** We must bring more oversight/accountability to our landfills that are affecting our taxes, our health and environment. Can controlled composting reduce scavengers (seagulls)? We need a simple but effective septic inspection program.

**N**ew Approaches: **THE PLAN:** We cannot continue to have single tenders for large projects; the highest annual tax increases in the County; lose valuable employees or be unable to fulfill a basic function like keep our cemeteries in good condition. We must get back to basics. Council must be transparent and open; be accountable to the taxpayer by making good financial decisions and investments on good information and to provide a positive working environment where people feel their contribution is valued.