

Elect Tammy McKelvey

Councillor at Large Township of Minden Hills

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About Me

The daughter of the late Bill and Lenore Prentice, owners of Prentice Roads, I was raised and worked in a successful local family business. I grew up here and see the many challenges facing our communities, particularly in the last few years. I am a graduate of HHSS, and further enhanced my education with the successful completion of the Business Administration – Accounting Program with Fleming College.

I enjoyed a 39-year career in Municipal Administration and Treasury, working for the pre-amalgamation Townships of Anson, Hindon and Minden for 20 years starting at reception and working up to the Clerk-Treasurer position. I was appointed as the first CAO/Clerk for the Township of Minden Hills following the amalgamation and went on to be appointed as the CAO for the Municipality of Dysart et al. I finished my successful Municipal career as the Treasurer/Deputy Clerk for the Township of Algonquin Highlands, retiring in 2019.

I have continued my membership, even during retirement, with the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) to keep informed on the changing Municipal landscape.

My spouse Shayne, and I, have been fortunate to call Minden our home our entire lives. Our 2 children and 4 grandchildren live here as well. I know this community and have a vested interest in ensuring Minden Hills is a viable and financially sustainable community for everyone.

Municipal Government has always been of the utmost importance to me, and I am committed to sharing my knowledge and expertise for the betterment of our community.

Key Issues

- The present Council adopted a budget for 2022 which included a substantial amount of borrowing and new staff positions. The result is that the next Council is going to be presented with a **budget increase of 9% before we start**, just from the annualized cost of the new positions and the debenture payments starting in 2023.
- The Asset Management Plan for the Township of Minden Hills is outdated and ineffective.
- Our roads system is falling apart, and it is obvious that the financial priorities have been directed elsewhere.
- There are insufficient waste diversion opportunities.
- Lack of housing is an issue impacting our people, our businesses, and all other opportunities within the Township.

“Common Sense Makes Good Government”



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My Platform

- I have 39 years of Municipal experience which I believe will allow me to hit the ground running as your Councillor from the first meeting, already understanding legislation and municipal policies and procedures.
- I will bring my **experience**, a **voice of reason**, a **common sense approach** and **exemplary municipal financial management skills** to the Council meetings.
- I am a team member, and I will work with my colleagues at the Council table collectively to make effective change.
- I will think outside the box to encourage housing opportunities, within the legislated framework by which we are governed.
- I will advocate for additional waste reduction opportunities for our Township in an effort to extend the life of our Landfill. Waste Management is extremely costly and there are opportunities to reduce these costs through additional waste reduction efforts, such as hard plastic diversion.
- I will advocate for long term sustainable financial management.
- I understand the importance of good Council/Staff Relations.
- I will advocate for staff succession planning that encourages the staff to be trained and mentored to advance their careers within the Township.
- I will advocate for amalgamated service delivery with the County and the 4 lower tier Municipalities. My first focus, in this regard, would be Building and Planning services.

As your representative, I will make my decisions in the best interests of the Municipality and taxpayers. I believe in doing the right thing and not the political thing.

“We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them” – Albert Einstein

