

Alnwick-Haldimand Township

2026 Municipal Election

Community Candidate Questionnaire

Prepared by AHRPA

Purpose

This questionnaire has been developed to provide residents of Alnwick-Haldimand Township with an opportunity to better understand the views, priorities and leadership approach of each municipal candidate.

Every candidate has been asked the same questions and will have the same opportunity to respond. Responses will be published as submitted (subject only to formatting and the 2,000-character limit per question) to help residents make informed decisions at the ballot box.

Candidate Information

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Section 1 – About You

1. Why are you running for municipal office?

What motivated you to seek election, and what do you hope to accomplish if elected?

Maximum 2,000 characters.

We need a change. New minds and new ideas. Be more open and receptive to residence's ideas and opinions. Work on keeping taxes down.

2. What experience has prepared you for this role?

Describe the skills, education, professional experience, volunteer work or community involvement that you believe will help you serve residents effectively.

Maximum 2,000 characters.

Electrician for 62 Yrs. of which 24 yrs as a Master Electrician. Operated two outdoor stores for 12 yrs. President of the Newcastle Girls Ball League for 3 yrs. President of the Pine Ridge Riders Horse club for 2 yrs. Charter Business. Electrical Contractor for 42 yrs. Master Electrician for Torque Contracting. Moose Calling World Champion and World Master Moose Calling Champion.

3. What are your top three priorities?

Please identify the three most important issues you would focus on during your first term and explain why.

Maximum 2,000 characters.

Taxes is definitely a Priority. Open in Dealing with the public (Less in Camera Meetings)
More volunteer committees reporting to Council at meetings for the purpose of giving report and suggestions.

Section 2 – Transparency, Governance & Public Trust

4. Restoring Public Confidence / Engagement

Many residents have expressed a desire for greater openness, accountability and public engagement. What specific actions would you take to improve transparency and rebuild public trust in Township government?

Maximum 2,000 characters.

Engage the public in more volunteer work and committee work reporting directly to council have open meetings in dicussion for the annual Budget.

5. Council Meeting Accessibility

Would you support returning regular Council meetings to evening hours to improve accessibility for working residents, families and business owners? Why or why not?

Maximum 2,000 characters.

I believe we should return to evening meetings with 4 per month and have a 15 minute period at the start of each council meeting for the public to voice their concerns (by a appointment) and the planning meeting should be a separate meeting held in the afternoon or morning.

6. Closed (In-Camera) Meetings

Ontario law permits Council to meet in closed session only under specific circumstances. What principles would guide your decision to move a matter into an in-camera meeting, and how would you ensure those meetings are used only when necessary?

Maximum 2,000 characters.

Closed sessions are to be used with respect in a way to keep topics and issues from the public.

7. Council Culture

Healthy councils rely on respectful discussion and differing viewpoints. How would you contribute to a culture of collaboration, respectful debate and professional conduct around the Council table?

Maximum 2,000 characters.

Treat each issue as it is. Presented to council with an open mind.

Section 3 – Financial Responsibility

8. Financial Stewardship/Efficiency

Property taxes continue to rise while municipalities face growing infrastructure demands. How would you balance maintaining essential services, investing in infrastructure and keeping property taxes affordable?

Maximum 2,000 characters.

Money for unseen projects is hard to manage. But, with some thought it can be done.

9. Independent Financial Accountability

Public confidence in municipal finances is essential to good governance. If elected, would you support commissioning an independent external financial review—or, where justified, a forensic audit—of the Township's finances to provide residents with an objective assessment of the municipality's financial position and financial practices? Why or why not?

Would you commit to implementing appropriate recommendations arising from the review, whether they identify strengths, weaknesses or opportunities for improvement?

Maximum 2,000 characters.

I believe a Financial Forensic Audit is absolutely essential to a clear and open future. There has been too many hidden issues. (as the arena Project)

10. Infrastructure Priorities

Roads, bridges, water treatment facilities, libraries, recreation facilities, municipal buildings and local halls (i.e. – Fenella) and other infrastructure all compete for limited funding. How would you prioritize infrastructure investments over the next four years?

Maximum 2,000 characters.

Treat each project or property as to the need and safety of the public. I don't think we need 2 Halls: Fenella and Alnwick Civic Centre that close together when Fenella has lots of issue because of age.

Section 4 – Growth & Economic Development

11. Responsible Growth

What does responsible growth look like for Alnwick-Haldimand Township over the next decade?

Maximum 2,000 characters.

Very good considering the influx of housing.

12. Supporting Business & Agriculture

How would you support local businesses, agriculture, tourism and economic development while preserving the Township's rural character?

Maximum 2,000 characters.

Restrictions made with common sense.

13. Housing

What role should the Township play in encouraging appropriate housing opportunities for seniors, young families and first-time homebuyers?

Maximum 2,000 characters.

Offer lower development charges. Also, reduced taxes for a set period of time.

Section 5 – Community Services & Quality of Life

14. Recreation & Community Facilities

What improvements would you like to see in Township parks, recreation facilities, trails, libraries and community spaces?

Maximum 2,000 characters.

More committee involvement to help address the issues.
Committee volunteers are eye and ear to a better future.

15. Volunteers & Community Organizations

Volunteers contribute significantly to our community. How can Council better support local volunteers, service clubs and community organizations?

Maximum 2,000 characters.

Give them an ear to listen to all concerns and assist where needed.

16. Healthcare Recruitment

Access to family physicians and other healthcare professionals remains a challenge across Ontario. What role, if any, should the Township play in attracting healthcare professionals and supporting local healthcare initiatives?

Maximum 2,000 characters.

We have No hospital. But, We donate to the N.H.H in Cobourg at this time.

Section 6 – Communication & Leadership

17. Communication

If elected, how will residents hear from you between elections? Please describe how you intend to communicate regularly with the community.

Maximum 2,000 characters.

I will be available 24/7 by phone or e mail and I WILL LISTEN.

18. Listening to Residents

Describe a time when listening to another perspective changed your opinion or improved a decision.

Maximum 2,000 characters.

When you hear a change of opinion on any subject you must make a decision.

19. Difficult Decisions

Tell residents about one difficult decision you expect Council will face during the next four years and how you would approach it.

Maximum 2,000 characters.

"Taxes" through open budget meetings with the public not Closed in Council in Camera.

20. Working with Others

How would you work with fellow councillors whose opinions differ significantly from your own?

Maximum 2,000 characters.

Any and All issues should be discussed with common sense and brought to a mutual conclusion.

21. Measuring Success

At the end of your term, what accomplishments would you hope residents use to judge your performance?

Maximum 2,000 characters.

the ability to hold taxes at a minimum and keep our roads in a safe condition. As well, having our parks and recreation facilities at a good useable condition.

22. Why Should Residents Vote for You?

In 250 words or less, tell residents why you are the best person to represent them.

Maximum 2,000 characters.

Have a lifetime of experience in construction, Retail, Farming, Public relations, managing ball and Horse associations. Life Experiences

Optional Closing Statement

Is there anything else you would like residents to know that was not covered in this questionnaire?

Maximum 2,000 characters.

I'm retired and available 24/7

Submission Guidelines

- Responses exceeding the 2,000-character limit per question may be truncated. All candidates who submit responses by the deadline will be posted on the AHRPA website.
- Responses will be published without endorsement or editorial comment.