

Alnwick-Haldimand Township

2026 Municipal Election

Community Candidate Questionnaire

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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.

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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.

I'm running because I think Alnwick/Haldimand has the potential to do better, and I believe I have the experience and practical mindset to help make that happen.

I've spent my career solving problems, taking on responsibility, and dealing with situations where you have to make decisions and be accountable for the results. I see a lot of the same opportunities at the municipal level. We need to be more careful with how we spend taxpayers' money. We need to make it easier for local businesses to operate, and we need to stop putting off important infrastructure decisions.

I also think residents deserve a council that is accessible and accountable. People should understand why decisions are being made, where their tax dollars are going, and have a real opportunity to be heard.

If elected, I want to focus on practical results. Strengthening our local economy, protecting property rights, improving our community facilities, and bringing more transparency and fiscal discipline to council.

I'm not running because I think government needs more politics. I'm running because I think it needs more common sense, accountability, and actually following through on the things we say we're going to do.

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.

I think my experience has prepared me pretty well for this role because I've spent my career in positions where responsibility, problem solving and accountability really matter.

My time as an RCMP officer taught me how to deal with people, listen carefully, make decisions under pressure and take responsibility for those decisions. As a controls engineer, I spend my time solving problems, managing complex systems and looking for practical solutions instead of just accepting that something can't be done. Both experiences have taught me to look at an issue from different angles before making a decision.

I've also been a volunteer firefighter here in Alnwick/Haldimand, which has given me a different connection to the community. You work alongside your neighbours, you see people when they're having some of their worst days, and you learn pretty quickly that a community works best when people are willing to step up and help each other.

I'm not coming into municipal politics as someone who has spent their career in politics. I actually think that's an advantage. I bring experience from the real world, a strong technical and analytical background, and a genuine connection to this community.

My approach would be pretty simple. Listen to residents, understand the problem, look at the numbers, and then make a decision based on what is actually going to work.

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.

My three priorities would be fiscal accountability, economic growth, and getting our community infrastructure moving forward. Transparency and community involvement need to be part of all three.

First, fiscal accountability. Before we ask residents for more money, I want to make sure we're getting the best value possible from the money we already collect. That means taking a hard look at spending, being cautious about increases to council compensation, and making sure major expenditures are properly discussed and accountable to both council and the public. Municipal government is spending taxpayers' money, and I think we have an obligation to treat every dollar that way.

Second, growing our local economy and broadening the tax base. We can't keep putting more of the burden on residential property owners. Alnwick/Haldimand has a lot of potential when it comes to agriculture, tourism, hospitality and small business, and I want to make it easier for those businesses to invest and grow here. That means reducing unnecessary red tape, supporting local businesses and attracting responsible commercial development that creates jobs and new municipal revenue.

Third, getting our community infrastructure moving forward while rebuilding public trust. Our arena and other community facilities need more than temporary fixes. I want to see a clear plan for the arena, along with better maintenance of the facilities we already have. Just as importantly, I want residents involved in that process. Major decisions about our community shouldn't happen behind closed doors or without meaningful input from the people who are going to live with those decisions.

I also want to bring more transparency to council and give residents better opportunities to actually participate in the process. People should know what the options are, what things are going to cost, and why a particular decision is being made. And their input needs to be heard before decisions are made, not after.

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.

I think rebuilding public confidence starts with recognizing that residents shouldn't have to fight to find out what their government is doing. Transparency shouldn't only happen when it's convenient. It should just be the normal way we operate.

First, I would push for more meaningful public engagement before major decisions are made. If the Township is considering a significant project, expenditure or policy change, residents should have a reasonable opportunity to understand what's being proposed, what it will cost, what the alternatives are, and have a chance to provide input before council makes the decision.

I would also support more virtual town halls and more opportunities for direct communication between residents and council. Not everyone can attend a council meeting on a particular night, and we need to recognize that. People should have more than one way to make their concerns known and to hear directly from the people representing them.

Within council itself, I would push for more transparency around spending and decision making. Major expenditures, conferences and workshops involving elected officials should have proper council oversight rather than being controlled by a single office. Residents should be able to see how those decisions are made and why.

Finally, I think council has to be willing to admit when something isn't working. You build trust by being honest with people, even when the answer isn't what they want to hear. I would rather explain why we made a difficult decision than avoid the conversation altogether.

My goal would be to make residents feel like they have a seat at the table, not that decisions have already been made and they're simply being told about them afterward. Public engagement should be part of the decision making process, not just a box we check once the decision is basically finished.

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.

Yes. Absolutely. I would support returning regular Council meetings to evening hours and I believe it was a mistake to make the change in the first place.

If we want residents to actually be involved in their municipal government, we need to make it reasonably possible for them to participate. A lot of people in Alnwick/Haldimand work regular daytime hours, run businesses, have children or just have other responsibilities during the day.

Holding Council meetings during working hours makes it very difficult for a lot of those people to attend.

And I think there's another important reason for evening meetings. Municipal government should be accessible to working people. Someone shouldn't have to choose between their job and being involved in their community. That applies to residents who want to attend a meeting, but it also applies to people who might want to put their name forward as a candidate someday. We should be making it easier for working people to participate in local government, not making the schedule a barrier.

This is one of those changes that seems pretty simple, but I think it could make a real difference. Evening meetings won't solve every issue with public engagement, but it removes one very obvious barrier.

If we're serious about having a Council that represents the whole community, then residents need to actually have a reasonable opportunity to be there. I think moving regular Council meetings back to the evening is a good place to start.

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.

I understand there are legitimate circumstances where Council needs to meet in camera. There are matters involving personal information, legal advice, and certain property or contractual issues that simply can't be discussed publicly.

But my starting point would always be that Council meetings should be open to the public. Going in camera should be the exception, not the default.

Before supporting a closed session, I would want to know exactly why the matter qualifies under the legislation and whether the discussion really needs to be private. I would also expect Council to clearly explain the general reason for going in camera, as much as the law allows, rather than hiding behind a vague justification.

I think this is especially important because once a matter moves behind closed doors, the public can't hear the discussion or question what's being said. That puts an even greater responsibility on Council members to use good judgement and restraint.

The public should also know what happens afterward. When a matter can legally be discussed in public, Council should report back and make the resulting decision in an open meeting. I

would never support using an in camera meeting simply because a subject is controversial or because a public discussion might be uncomfortable.

If we're serious about rebuilding public trust, we need to be comfortable doing as much of the public's business as possible in public. That should be the expectation, not something we have to ask for.

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.

I think a healthy Council starts with understanding that we don't all have to agree. Actually, I think respectful disagreement is important. Council should have different perspectives around the table, and councillors should be able to challenge an idea without it becoming personal.

During my time in the RCMP, we used the term HIPCAR, which stands for honesty, integrity, professionalism, compassion, accountability and respect. Those are values I still carry with me, and I think they apply just as well around a council table as they do anywhere else.

For me, that means being willing to listen to an opposing viewpoint, asking questions before jumping to conclusions, and being willing to change my position if someone makes a better argument or brings forward information I hadn't considered. It also means being able to disagree with someone without disrespecting them.

I would also try to set the tone through my own conduct. Council members are representing the community, and residents are watching how we conduct ourselves. We should be able to have a tough debate, make our case, vote, and then get back to work together.

I don't think collaboration means avoiding disagreement. It means being able to disagree professionally and still work together toward the best outcome for Alnwick/Haldimand. That's the kind of Council culture I would want to be part of.

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.

I think the first responsibility is to recognize that every dollar the Township spends ultimately comes from taxpayers. We have to maintain essential services and invest in infrastructure, but we also need to be disciplined about how we spend that money.

Before increasing taxes, I would want Council to take a close look at where the money is currently going, whether we're getting good value for it, and whether there are ways to do things more efficiently. That also means looking at long term maintenance instead of continually paying for emergency repairs. Putting off maintenance might save money today, but it usually ends up costing a lot more in the long run.

For larger infrastructure projects, I don't think the answer should automatically be to put the entire cost on local property taxpayers. We should be actively looking for provincial and federal grants, considering appropriate partnerships, and making sure projects are properly planned and phased. At the same time, we need to prioritize. We simply can't do everything at once, and I think residents deserve to know why one project is being moved ahead of another.

I also think growing the commercial and tourism tax base has to be part of the long term solution. If we can attract responsible investment and help existing businesses grow, we can increase municipal revenue without putting all of the pressure on residential property owners.

Ultimately, it's about living within our means while still planning for the future. Responsible financial management doesn't mean refusing to spend money. It means making sure that when we do spend it, we're spending it on things that actually matter, getting the best value we can, and being honest with taxpayers about what it will cost and why we're doing it.

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.

Yes, I would support an independent external financial review. I think there's real value in having an objective set of eyes look at the Township's finances, especially when we're asking taxpayers to have confidence in how their money is being managed.

I would separate that from a forensic audit. A forensic audit is a much more targeted and intensive process, and I don't think we should spend taxpayers' money on one just for the sake of saying we did it. If an independent review found irregularities, significant concerns or something that needed a deeper investigation, then I would absolutely support taking that next step.

The important thing to me is that the review is genuinely independent and that the results are shared openly with residents. I'm not interested in doing a review just to confirm decisions that have already been made. If it finds things the Township is doing well, we should acknowledge that. If it finds problems, we need to deal with them. And if it finds ways we can save money or operate more efficiently, we should take a serious look at those recommendations.

I would also commit to actually doing something with the results. If we're going to spend taxpayers' money on an independent review, it shouldn't just end up sitting on a shelf somewhere.

Ultimately, this isn't about looking backward and assigning blame. It's about getting an honest and objective picture of where we are financially and using that information to make better decisions going forward. I think taxpayers deserve that.

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.

I don't think it would be responsible for me to sit here before taking office and tell residents that one particular type of infrastructure is automatically going to take priority over everything else. I need to understand the Township's current financial position, the condition of our infrastructure, our existing asset management plan and the long term costs associated with maintaining it.

What I would commit to is having a clear and objective process for setting those priorities.

I would want Council to look at the condition and risk of each asset, the cost of repairing it compared to replacing it, the impact on essential services, and what funding opportunities are available. We also need to look at the long term cost to taxpayers. Sometimes spending a little money now to maintain something can prevent a much bigger expense later.

I would also want residents to have a say in those decisions. The community may have different priorities than Council does, and I think we need to understand that before committing significant amounts of taxpayer money.

Once I have the information, I would be prepared to establish clear priorities for the four year term and explain to residents why those priorities were chosen. I don't think it makes sense to make a list today just because we're being asked for one. I'd rather make an informed decision based on the actual condition of our infrastructure, our financial position and the needs of the community.

The one thing I would say with certainty is that we can't keep putting off necessary maintenance. Whether it's a road, bridge, water facility, recreation facility or community hall, we need to take care of the infrastructure we already own while also making smart decisions about what needs to be replaced or upgraded.

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.

I think responsible growth means growing in a way that strengthens Alnwick/Haldimand rather than simply making it bigger.

I'm not opposed to growth. In fact, I think we need some growth if we want to broaden the tax base, support local businesses and maintain a healthy community over the next decade. But growth has to be planned and it has to make financial sense for the people who already live here.

That means looking carefully at where development makes sense, whether our roads and other infrastructure can support it, and what the long term cost will be to the Township. I don't think we should approve development and then figure out how we're going to service it afterward. Growth and infrastructure planning need to happen together. That's also consistent with the role of the Township's Official Plan, which is intended to guide where and how future growth takes place.

I also want to see growth that creates economic opportunities, not just more residential properties. We have agriculture, tourism, hospitality and small businesses that are already a big part of what makes this Township successful. I'd like to see us make it easier for those businesses to expand and attract appropriate new investment.

At the same time, we have to protect the things that make people want to live here in the first place. Our agricultural land, rural character, natural environment and the sense of community we have. Growth shouldn't mean losing the qualities that brought people here.

Most importantly, I think residents need to be part of the conversation. Over the next decade, we're going to make decisions that will shape Alnwick/Haldimand for a very long time. Those decisions need to be transparent, based on good information, and made with the community, not simply done to the community.

To me, responsible growth is planned growth, financially sustainable growth, and growth that actually benefits the people who already call Alnwick/Haldimand home.

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.

I think we can support economic development without losing the rural character that makes Alnwick/Haldimand a great place to live. In fact, I think those two things can work together.

Agriculture should remain a priority. We need to make sure our farmers can continue to operate and grow without unnecessary municipal red tape getting in the way. Agriculture isn't just about producing food either. It's a significant part of our local economy and our rural identity.

I'd take a similar approach with local businesses and tourism. We should make it easier for people who want to start or expand a legitimate business to navigate the Township's processes. Whether that's a farm gate business, an agri tourism operation, a restaurant, a small local service or something else, I don't think our first response should be to put up barriers. The Township's planning framework already recognizes agriculture and tourism as important parts of the local economy.

At the same time, economic development has to be appropriate for the community. I don't want to see growth that gradually takes away agricultural land, our rural landscape or the character that makes Alnwick/Haldimand attractive in the first place. Development should be properly planned, fit with the surrounding community and have the infrastructure to support it.

I'd also like to see the Township work more closely with local businesses, farmers and tourism operators rather than trying to develop economic policy from behind a desk. That's one of the reasons I support creating a Business Advisory Council. I think it would be useful to have an ongoing conversation with the people actually running businesses here.

To me, the goal isn't to choose between economic development and our rural character. It's to find the kind of development that supports the rural community we already have rather than slowly changing it into something it isn't.

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.

I think the Township has an important role to play in encouraging the right kinds of housing opportunities, while also recognizing that there are limits to what municipal government can and should do.

For seniors, young families and first time homebuyers, we need a broader range of housing choices. That could include smaller homes, townhouses, apartments and other forms of

appropriately scaled housing. At the same time, development needs to fit the character of our communities and be supported by the roads, water, wastewater and other infrastructure that are needed.

The Township's role should be to make responsible development easier by having clear and predictable planning policies, identifying appropriate areas for growth, and working constructively with developers and the County to remove unnecessary barriers. Where there are opportunities to use municipal land or work with other levels of government, I think those should be looked at as well.

Most importantly, I don't think housing policy should be one size fits all. Alnwick/Haldimand is a rural township with different communities and different infrastructure limitations. We need to encourage housing that meets local needs without creating development that our infrastructure or taxpayers can't reasonably support.

My goal would be to create more choice. Seniors should have options that allow them to stay in the community they call home, young families should have opportunities to establish themselves here, and first time buyers should have a realistic chance to get into the local housing market.

At the same time, we need to make sure that in trying to create more housing, we don't lose the rural character that makes Alnwick/Haldimand a great place to live.

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.

Having only recently moved back to the Township after being away for a number of years, I think it would be presumptuous for me to say I already know what needs to be improved in every park, facility, trail or community space.

I'd rather talk to the people who actually use them and find out what's working, what isn't, and where we can get the best value for taxpayers' dollars.

I do think maintaining what we already have needs to be a priority. Our parks, trails, libraries and recreation facilities are important to the community, and we should make sure they're safe, accessible and properly maintained before taking on major new projects.

Beyond that, I'd like to look for practical improvements and partnerships with community groups and other levels of government. We don't necessarily have to do everything ourselves, and there may be opportunities to get more done by working with others.

For me, it comes down to listening to residents, understanding the needs of each community, and making responsible decisions about where our limited resources should be spent. I'd rather make a few improvements that people actually use and appreciate than spend money just for the sake of saying we built something new.

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.

Volunteers and community organizations are a huge part of what makes a community work, and I think Council's role should be to make it easier for them to do what they do best.

That starts with communication. We should make sure local groups know what resources, facilities and support are available to them, and that there's a straightforward way to bring issues or ideas to the Township.

Where it makes sense, I'd also like to see the Township work with service clubs and community organizations on projects rather than trying to do everything ourselves. These groups often have the people, experience and local knowledge that government simply doesn't have.

I'd also like to look at whether there are practical ways to reduce some of the administrative or financial burdens on volunteer organizations, particularly smaller groups that may not have much capacity. Sometimes a little support from the Township can make a big difference.

At the end of the day, volunteers are giving their time to make our communities better. Council should be looking for ways to support that effort, not create unnecessary obstacles.

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.

Healthcare is primarily a responsibility of the Province, but I do think the Township has a role to play.

We should work with the County, local healthcare providers and community organizations to understand where the biggest gaps are and see where the Township can help. That could include supporting recruitment efforts, helping promote the community to healthcare professionals, and looking at practical issues like facilities, housing and other things that can make it easier for someone to choose to live and work here.

I also think we need to make better use of the healthcare resources we already have and support local initiatives that improve access for residents.

The Township can't solve the healthcare shortage on its own, but I don't think that should be an excuse to do nothing. Where we can bring people together, remove local barriers and support recruitment efforts, I think we should.

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.

Residents shouldn't have to wait for an election to hear from their elected representatives. If elected, I would make regular communication a priority.

One area I think could be improved is the Township's website. It should be easier for residents to find out what's happening, understand Council decisions, see upcoming projects and meetings, and know how those decisions may affect them. Information that's technically available isn't very useful if residents have a hard time finding it or understanding it.

I'd also use social media and community meetings where appropriate, but I think the Township website should be the reliable, central source of information.

Just as importantly, communication has to go both ways. I want residents to be able to raise concerns, ask questions and provide feedback, and know that they're actually being heard.

My goal would be pretty straightforward. Residents should know what their Council is doing, why we're doing it, and how they can have a say.

18. Listening to Residents

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

Maximum 2,000 characters.

When I was a new RCMP officer, I was preparing to issue a traffic ticket for a relatively minor infraction and my field coach thought I was being too harsh. At the time, my view was pretty simple. If I observed an offence, my job was to enforce the law and issue the ticket.

She challenged that assumption and asked whether writing the ticket was really the goal. At first, I didn't understand what she meant. She explained that enforcement is only one part of policing. Sometimes the best outcome can be achieved through education, discretion and a warning rather than a penalty. Simply stopping someone, discussing the issue and reminding them of the law can be enough to change their behaviour.

Listening to her perspective changed my mind about that particular situation, but it also changed the way I looked at the profession as a whole. It taught me that solving a problem isn't always about taking the most direct or punitive approach. Sometimes you have to look at what you're actually trying to accomplish and choose the approach most likely to get you there.

I think the same principle applies to municipal government. No one person has all the answers, and usually the best decisions come from listening to people with different experiences and perspectives. You have to be willing to consider that there might be a better way of doing something, even when you think you already know the answer.

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.

I think one of the difficult decisions Council will face over the next four years will be balancing the cost of maintaining and improving our infrastructure with the impact those costs have on property taxes.

There will always be more things we'd like to do than there are resources to do them. Roads, bridges, equipment and other infrastructure require significant investment, and delaying necessary work can make it more expensive later.

I also think Council needs to be realistic about projects that have already been planned or committed to. In some cases, going back and cancelling or changing direction could actually cost taxpayers more money. Those decisions need to be looked at carefully rather than simply assuming that stopping a project saves money.

Going forward, my approach would be to look at the facts, prioritize what is most important and consider the long term cost to taxpayers. I'd also want Council to pursue grants, partnerships and other funding opportunities wherever possible.

Some decisions will be difficult, and not everyone will agree. I think our responsibility is to be transparent about those choices and explain to residents not just what we're doing, but why.

20. Working with Others

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

Maximum 2,000 characters.

I don't expect to agree with every decision, and I don't expect my fellow councillors to always agree with me. I think the important thing is to listen and make a genuine effort to understand why someone has a different opinion.

My approach would be to focus on the issue rather than the person, ask questions, and be willing to change my position if someone raises a point I hadn't considered.

At the end of the day, every member of Council has a single voice and a single vote. Once a decision is made, we still have to work together to move the Township forward. I think you can disagree with someone on an issue while still respecting them and working effectively as a team.

21. Measuring Success

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

Maximum 2,000 characters.

At the end of my term, I think residents should ask themselves two simple questions:

Is my quality of life better than it was four years ago?

Is the Township better than it was four years ago?

If the answer to both questions is yes, then I would consider that a successful term.

I'm not looking to measure success by how many projects I can put my name on. I would want to be judged by whether we made responsible decisions, maintained and improved what we already have, and left the Township in a stronger position for the future.

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.

I have lived in Alnwick/Haldimand Township for roughly 37 years. This is my home, and I care deeply about seeing it succeed.

Over the years, I've seen a lot of changes in the Township, and I think we're at an important point. I strongly believe the direction we're currently headed is not a recipe for long term success. We need to take a hard look at where we're going and be willing to make some real changes.

I'm not running because I think I have all the answers. I'm running because I'm willing to ask the difficult questions, listen to residents, look at the facts and make decisions based on what is best for the Township as a whole.

My background has taught me the importance of solving problems, working with others and taking responsibility for difficult decisions. I'd bring that same approach to Council.

I want a Township that is financially responsible, maintains the infrastructure we already depend on, supports our communities and preserves the rural character that makes this place home.

Most importantly, I want residents to feel that their Council is listening to them and working for them.

I believe it's time for real change, and I'm asking for the citizens of this township to vote for me so I can be part of making that happen.

Optional Closing Statement

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

Maximum 2,000 characters.

My father was a Township councillor many years ago, and he always told me that being on Council was a tough and often thankless job. He strongly reiterated that when I told him I was running.

I've thought very carefully about that, and I still want to do it.

I'm running because I firmly believe the voters of Alnwick/Haldimand deserve better. They deserve representatives who will listen to them, ask difficult questions, look at the facts and be willing to make the tough decisions when they're needed.

I know this won't always be an easy job, and I know I won't make everyone happy. But I'm willing to take it on because I care about this Township and I believe it's time for some real change.

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.