

Press Release - Cobourg, Ontario

Deputy-Mayor Henderson Announces Candidacy For Mayor's Position

With the blessings and support of my family, I am announcing my candidacy for Mayor, Town of Cobourg in the upcoming municipal election to be held on October 22, 2018. I acknowledge the mayor's role as being an extremely important one with regards to leadership and working collaboratively with Council members, staff and the public to meet the needs of our community.

I believe that I have first-hand experiences based on twenty-three years being engaged in various Town Advisory Committees, a member as well as the chair of the Cobourg Police Service Board along with two consecutive Council terms as Planning and Development Coordinator and most recently as Deputy Mayor.

Igniting economic and growth opportunities needs be on the forefront of Council's planning, yet we will need to be respectful of our heritage and cultural assets while adapting to enhanced sustainability standards. We will not only face challenges, but also experience many exciting opportunities similar to the recent grand opening of Venture 13 and the unveiling of the Downtown Marketing Partnership Strategy Campaign "Start Here," presently Sarbys on King Street West.

Leadership must be aligned with enhanced communications to ensure a full understanding of the key issues that will face our community over the next four years with one being the Cobourg Waterfront and Headlands.

As mayor I would be committed to listen to Council colleagues, staff and our community while working towards a culture of collaboration, engagement and dialogue. Making decisions that are in the best interest of the community will be my top priority. It is paramount that the outcomes identified within Council's newly adopted Strategic Plan 2018-2022 be achieved.

I truly believe leadership combined with improved communications and public engagement opportunities will result in enhanced accountability, transparency and creditability within our community.

My first step is to get better acquainted with our citizens and having an opportunity to listen to their ideas as to how we can collectively make Cobourg the best community possible. This process must incorporate both dignity and respect for all.

You are invited to share your thoughts with me at: john.henderson09@hotmail.com or 905-372-9340 (home) or 289-251-0215 (cell)

The Mayor's position is certainly a worthy challenge. A personal goal will be to continue to gain your trust and approval as we approach the election voting period October 15-21st with Election Day on October 22nd.

I will close by saying that we together can continue to move forward well into the future. Of note, Money Sense has identified The Town of Cobourg as one of the best places in Ontario to live, work, raise a family and pursue new opportunities.

Our future is bright!