

Havelock-Belmont-Methuen

Candidate Responses to Questions from CEWF

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Responses herewith from Jim Collins, David Gerow, Kathy Clement

1. Do you agree that municipalities have a role to play in working to improve water management in the Haliburton Sector of the Trent River watershed? If so, are you personally committed to continued municipal support for the Upper Trent Water Management Partnership?
2. What would you do to strengthen the flood control and mitigation provisions of your municipality's Official Plan? For example, would you support initiatives to provide better flood plain mapping and flood mitigation planning as the basis for decision-making?
3. Do you agree that municipal governments should work with local lake associations, the Trent Severn Waterway (TSW) and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) to further improve water management operations on reservoir and flow-through lakes and the connecting rivers? For example, are you in favour of: a. urging water conservation to support recreational use of the reservoir lakes; and b. the acquisition of lake-specific data with regard to the location and depth of trout spawning beds to improve and protect fish habitat?

Jim Martin, Mayor

Andy Sharpe, Mayor

Jim Collins, Deputy Mayor

1. Do you agree that municipalities have a role to play in working to improve water management in the Haliburton Sector of the Trent River watershed? If so, are you personally committed to continued municipal support for the Upper Trent Water Management Partnership?

Yes, I would be committed to upper Trent management partnership our lakes and waterways are very important to me.

2. What would you do to strengthen the flood control and mitigation provisions of your municipality's Official Plan? For example, would you support initiatives to provide better flood plain mapping and flood mitigation planning as the basis for decision-making?

Yes, I would support mapping and planning for a decision-making process.

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I am a 100% for fish and wildlife and truly believe we need to protect our environment.

David Gerow, Deputy Mayor

1. Do you agree that municipalities have a role to play in working to improve water management in the Haliburton Sector of the Trent River watershed? If so, are you personally committed to continued municipal support for the Upper Trent Water Management Partnership?

Yes, I do agree that municipalities have a role in working with all levels of government who have a vested interest in managing our water. Together we should be partners in the best interest of water. I am personally committed to continue my municipal support for the Upper Trent Water Management Partnership.

2. What would you do to strengthen the flood control and mitigation provisions of your municipality's Official Plan? For example, would you support initiatives to provide better flood plain mapping and flood mitigation planning as the basis for decision-making?

I certainly will support any changes for the better in our upcoming municipal Official Plan. In regards to the flood plain mapping and the flood mitigation planning, we should use these as a tool for decision-making.

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HBM has had a strong relationship for some years with our lake associations. We have the HBMLA (Havelock Belmont Methuen Lake Association) who we work very closely with in regards to water issues. We have and will continue to work with MNRF. I personally do not know of too many occasions that we have dealt with the TSW (Trent Severn Waterway) but the more partners we have in managing our resources in such a way as to benefit everyone could only result in a positive outcome.

(a) I am not sure of what type of water conservation you are speaking of, but I do support maintaining the water levels at a consistent depth so it does not interfere with the recreational use of our reservoirs and lakes and also to protect our aquatics and natural habitat of our shorelines and shoreline species.

(b) Yes, again I feel it is very important to protect the location and depth of trout spawning beds to protect and improve fish habitat in any way that we can.

I would like to thank the CEWF for giving me this opportunity to express my sincere concern for the health, protection and enjoyment of our lakes.

Amanda O'Rourke, Councillor At Large

Hart Webb, Councillor At Large

Larry Ellis, Councillor – Township Ward

Kelly Falls, Councillor – Township Ward

Kathy Clement, Councillor - Village Ward

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I absolutely believe that every level of government has to work to improve water management. I would definitely do my best to work with the CEWF to ensure that we at a local level stay informed and involved.

2. What would you do to strengthen the flood control and mitigation provisions of your municipality's Official Plan? For example, would you support initiatives to provide better flood plain mapping and flood mitigation planning as the basis for decision-making?

I would support initiatives that would benefit better flood plain mapping and flood mitigation. With that being said I would like to have some courses so that I have a better understanding for what is going on.

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I think that the municipal governments should definitely work with the local lake associations, etc. It is to the benefit of everyone and everyone should know that water is our most precious asset.

Barry Pomeroy, Councillor – Village Ward

Jonathan Prosser, Councillor – Village Ward