

Highlands East

Candidate Responses to Questions from CEWF

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Responses herewith from Cheryl Ellis, Cam McKenzie, Jane Russell, Susan Partridge, Ruth Strong

Cheryl Ellis, 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 personally committed to support Upper Trent Water Management Partnership to ensure there would always be consideration for the residents that live on or near our local reservoir lakes. If the water levels are reduced too much their wells dry up and when too much water is held back they flood.

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?

Certainly, I would support better flood plain mapping and flood mitigation planning. I would also support all

initiatives that would help stop flooding the folks that live along the Irondale and Gull rivers.

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?

3a) I tend to look at the bigger picture. Which is we should be practicing water conservation because it helps to preserve our environment.

3b) I am open to any suggestions that will continue to help keep the lakes healthy and fish keep lakes healthy.

Dave Burton, Mayor

Steven Kauffeldt, Councillor, Ward 1, Bicroft

Cam McKenzie, Councillor, Ward 1, Bicroft

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?

I'm in total agreement that Municipalities should be involved in working to improve water management in the Trent River watershed located in Haliburton County. I have and will continue to support 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 spent my working career (37 years) in resource management with MNRF. One of the very basic requirements in resource decision making is accurate, current and detailed data base to work with. I will support any initiative to gather that data/mapping.

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Municipal governments must work with all organizations and the other levels of government who are involved or have an interest in water management on Trent River watershed.

Tourism/cottaging are the backbone of economic activity in Haliburton County. We must do whatever we can to support that industry.

Once again accurate, current and complete data is required for resource management decision making. I was involved early in my career in some Lake Trout spawning bed assessments. That was 40 years ago. We need current information on each lake impacted by water level manipulation on Trent system.

Thank you for giving candidates the opportunity to share their views.

Suzanne Partridge, Councillor, Ward 2, Cardiff

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?

Certainly, the municipalities have a role to play. The 6 municipalities involved all committed to this when we assigned representatives to the Upper Trent Watershed Management Partnership. Being very concerned about watershed management and the lakes in my municipality, I requested to be assigned as the representative for Highlands East. I would definitely

commit to further involvement for the next term of council.

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?

Flood plain mapping is an integral tool to predict and manage flood prone areas as well as areas prone to low water levels during drought conditions. Mapping of flood plains would be very beneficial in future planning for all municipalities.

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If all parties do not work together we have very little chance of success of improving watershed management. Having sat and watched the recreational traffic at one of the locks in the Trent system this past summer, I was dismayed to see how much water was sent down stream to allow one small boat to traverse the

lock system. I would encourage the Trent Severn Waterway to initiate conservation methods of their own. The timing and amount of fall draw downs is critical to the habitat and spawning cycle of our lake trout population. Mapping may very well be a beneficial tool to assist with improving their habitat.

Jane Russell, Councillor, Ward 2, Cardiff

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I do apologise for taking so long to reply back to you. I unfortunately know very little about the water

management for our area. I have done some research but still feel I cannot answer your questions other than the fact I do believe that the municipalities should have a role in working to improve water management in the Haliburton Sector of the Trent River Watershed. I do believe we all need to work together to help preserve what we have in our beautiful area with all the lakes, rivers, streams and forest.

Sincerely

Jane Russell

Cec Ryall, Councillor, Ward 3, Glamorgan – **Acclaimed**

James Deterling, Councillor, Ward 4, Monmouth

Peter Fredricks, Councillor, Ward 4, Monmouth

Bradley Keller, Councillor, Ward 4, Monmouth

Ruth Strong, Councillor, Ward 4, Monmouth

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I do agree that the municipalities have a role to play in working to improve water management in the Haliburton Sector of the Trent River watershed and am personally committed to continued municipal support for the Upper Trent Water Management Partnership.

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To strengthen the flood control and mitigation provisions of our municipality's Official Plan, I would certainly support initiatives to provide flood plain mapping and flood mitigation planning as the basis for decision-making.

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I do 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 the reservoir and flow-through lakes and the connecting rivers. I would be in favour of urging water conservation to support recreational use of the reservoir lakes and the acquisition of lake-specific data with regard to the location and depth of trout spawning beds to improve and protect fish habitat.