

- What relationship would you like to see and work towards between permanent residents, seasonal residents, and the Teme Augama Anishinabek and Teme-Augama Anishnabai? How would you help to facilitate this?

Temagami is made up of many different communities, including permanent and seasonal residents, Lake Temagami and surrounding lake residents, Marten River, Temagami North, and the TAA. Each will have different needs, but everyone deserves to be heard and respected. As a Councillor, I would focus on being fully informed, seeking input and consultation directly from those affected, keeping communication open, and listening to different perspectives when decisions affect our communities, lands or interests. I would like to see a relationship built on understanding, respect and communication.

- For you, what does positive and sustainable economic development look like for Temagami in the short and longer term?

In the short term, I would like to see Council to continue working with economic development organizations, Northern Ontario agencies, our TAA community, existing businesses, and potential investors to identify what types of industries are realistically suited to Temagami and what we can offer them. That means taking a hard look at our available commercial and industrial properties, zoning, infrastructure, hydro capacity, roads, broadband, municipal processes, and any other barriers that could prevent a business from locating here. If something is preventing a good business opportunity from coming to Temagami, I want Council to understand exactly what that barrier is and determine whether it can reasonably be addressed. I would focus on supporting our existing businesses, attracting year-round businesses and skilled-trade jobs, and creating more opportunities for young families to live and work here.

Longer term, I would like to see a stronger and more diverse tax base by attracting young families which in turn means more affordable housing, and a workforce that supports local businesses. I believe we need to grow, but we also need to make sure that growth is practical, responsible and sustainable for our community.

I think we also need to ask how we can build the workforce those businesses will need. Could we partner with a college, local contractors, tourism operators and our TAA partners to bring satellite training here in areas like construction, tourism, forestry and resource-related skills?

- As an incoming member of Council, what would be the one accomplishment you wish to achieve that would impact Lake Temagami and seasonal residents?

The microburst on the South Arm of Lake Temagami highlighted the need for us to look at our emergency response plans and make sure we are prepared for events like this. We can't always predict when severe weather will happen, but we can make sure we have a plan in place for how we respond when it does. I believe this is something Council should review with

our emergency services and community partners, identify any gaps, and make sure residents know what to do and where to turn for help when an emergency occurs.

- Should safeguarding Lake Temagami's water quality and natural ecosystems be a priority for Municipal Council?

I believe protecting all of the Lakes in the municipalities geographic area, water quality and natural environment should be a priority for Council. I think Council needs to balance responsible development with protecting the lake and surrounding ecosystems for the long term. That means making informed decisions, following environmental requirements, and working with the appropriate organizations and experts when needed.

- Would you support the Municipality pursuing solutions to abate invasive species, including the development of boat-washing station(s)?

Yes. I would support the Municipality looking at practical ways to help prevent and control invasive species, including exploring boat-washing stations.

This has actually been brought forward to Council in June, and I understand that options around invasive-species prevention and a wash station were being explored. Council has also supported invasive-species education and signage.

I would want Council to continue looking at the costs, funding opportunities, location, maintenance and effectiveness of a wash station. I also think education and cooperation with lake residents, cottagers, businesses and visitors need to be part of the solution.

Protecting our lakes is very important, but we also need to make sure whatever we do is practical and sustainable for the Municipality.

- What is your position regarding the preservation of Lake Temagami's mainland?

I think we need to protect what makes Lake Temagami special while taking a balanced and responsible approach to its future. I believe the mainland surrounding Lake Temagami is an important part of the lake's character, environment and future and should be preserved.

- Do you support upgrading the Lake Temagami Access Road and Access Road Landing to better address the needs of heavy vehicular traffic and many activities – working in consultation with the Teme Augama Anishinabek and Teme-Augama Anishnabai?

The Access Road is a major financial challenge for a municipality our size. Bringing it up to the standard needed for the amount of heavy traffic it now sees would be a very significant undertaking. I don't believe the Municipality can carry that cost on its own. We need to be looking for funding and partnerships with governments or agencies that have the financial

capacity to help. I think this needs to be done carefully and in consultation with the TAA. I think the landing is a logical place to start. The Municipality's current planning documents identify the Lake Temagami Access Point as an approved access point, and Council has been working on the Land Use Permit with the Ministry of Natural Resources. Something that needs to be cleared up before moving forward.

- Are you in favour of the Municipality charging for parking on Municipal property? If so, would you support a fair and reasonable exemption for Lake property owners at Lake Temagami landings?

I would be open to the Municipality charging for parking on municipal property, but I think it needs to be fair and reasonable and based on the purpose of the parking.

When it comes to Lake Temagami landings, I would support an exemption for Lake Temagami property owners who are using the landing to access their own properties. I think that situation is different from someone simply using municipal parking for convenience.

- Would you support a stronger, more coordinated, Municipal emergency-response system for remote cottage areas within the Municipality?

I think this is an area Council should take seriously, particularly because many of our residents are in remote cottage areas where access and communication can be more difficult.

I believe this is something Council should review with our emergency services and community partners, identify any gaps, and make sure residents know what to do and where to turn for help when an emergency occurs. I actually started a conversation with a local OPP officer about how we could improve the response to something like this.

If something similar happens again, I would like to see a clear process in place so that, when appropriate, the OPP can be contacted quickly to assist with wellness checks in the affected area, particularly where residents may be isolated or difficult to reach.

- Do you support starting the process of developing a comprehensive Zoning By-law to implement the Municipality's new Official Plan, which was approved in March 2026?

Yes, I would support starting the process, but I think public consultation is very important.

This new Official Plan is a large document with a lot of information for Council to understand and for the community to wrap their heads around. I would want to understand what changes are being proposed and how they could affect residents, property owners and businesses before making decisions.

My husband and I have built two homes here, and we've also owned and operated businesses in Temagami, so I understand some of the challenges that can come with development and navigating the process.

I think people need an opportunity to understand the changes and provide input. I would want Council to do its homework, listen to the community, and make sure the new Zoning By-law is practical and workable for Temagami.

I appreciate this opportunity.

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