

VOTE GARY DUNN FOR ELBOW MAYOR

Friends and Neighbours

It has been an honour to serve as a village of Elbow councilor for the past seven years. Being part of the Elbow Council requires some personal time commitment and the ability to put the town ahead of any personal agenda. Mayor Bill Nike served our town well and I was sorry to see him leave council. I thank Bill for his commitment to bettering the Village of Elbow. I am pleased council has approved a zero tolerance of abuse policy and procedure in respect to employees, Mayor and Council

Elbow is enjoying a housing boom, and taxes are relatively stable. While there is much to celebrate there are daily challenges to keep Elbow running smoothly. Friends have been urging me to seek the Mayor's office for several years. Our Village is such an outstanding place to live and we needed to take great care of it. This pamphlet is to let you know I will be running as a candidate as Mayor in the upcoming 2013 election.

What I see as the top village issues for the next three years?

-Elbow needs to be future ready. With recent housing developments in our immediate area the lagoon is nearing its capacity. Town residents should, of course, pay for our own capacity needs. I believe our Council should ensure that other lagoon users pay their fair share of the lagoon present and future development costs. Elbow ratepayers should not be asked to pay more. Ideally a regional lagoon should be developed to meet future challenges.

-Should Elbow annex any property from the R.M. of Loreburn the same principle should apply to these properties. All costs and liabilities need to be identified and arrangements made to protect Elbow's financial situation.

-Taxes. Most of us would like to pay fewer taxes. I will try my best to reduce or hold taxes of village residents by putting more onus on speculative landowners. This year reassessment that is beyond our control, has increased property values significantly. I urged the new council to adjust the mill rate so the net tax gain/loss is zero for village residence. I also suggested that all properties be reassessed to minimize discrepancies among similar Elbow properties.

-Roads need attention as do older water and sewer lines. There are several streets that hold water and must be raised and compacted. I will work with the new council to identify and rebuild these problem streets and improve the life expectancy of the village infrastructure.

-Elbow needs to be beautified, especially the main street. I will openly work to develop a cost effective plan that will attract new visitors.

-I will engage councilors to utilize all their talents. Before making any choice about major local improvement I will involve all ratepayers. I will openly share the information and ask for village residents' opinions.

The next three years will be interesting and challenging. Thank you for considering my ideas. I welcome your ideas and respectfully ask for your vote October 9th (Advance Poll) or October 16th, 2013. Please call me with your ideas and concerns at home (306) 856-3002.

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