



2018 Municipal Elections, Candidates' Questionnaire
Town of Huntsville, Councillor Brunel
Candidates: Daniel Armour, Ken Inglis

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1. Why do you want to be a Town of Huntsville councillor? Highlight work and community experience that has prepared you for this position and the skills you bring to the role.

Daniel Armour	Ken Inglis	
<p>I am excited about this opportunity for a second term as Brunel Ward Councillor and look forward to continuing to working for you. I am confident we can work together to come to a resolution on any issue, even the most difficult ones. What Brunel Ward has been missing is longevity, continuity and commitment and that's what I bring to Brunel Ward by being elected for a second term. From 1987 to 2008 I was a volunteer Fire Fighter for the Town of Huntsville and this is where I first became interested in politics. I was elected by the members as their Secretary Treasurer for the Association. As the secretary for 19 years I was directly involved with the Fire Advisory Committee for the Town of Huntsville and worked closely with councillors' and Mayors' on this committee. I continue to canvas for the Canadian Cancer Society and volunteer for the Salvation Army food drive. My position today is a Commander with Muskoka Paramedic Service my portfolio includes Procurement, Fleet Services, Asset Management, Physical Resources, Emergency Planning, budgeting, day to day operations and I am a certified Health and Safety Officer.</p>	<p>Having been born and raised in Brunel, I am very familiar with evolving changes in Brunel twp and Huntsville. I have been on the original Algonquin boat and Portage Railway as well as waiting for the swing bridge to swing back long ago! My past work related professional experiences will bring an informed voice to the table in several areas of my knowledge.</p>	
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2. What is your working style? Describe how you work to ensure productive discussion and resolution of issues and how co-workers and colleagues describe your working style.

Daniel Armour	Ken Inglis	
My working style has always been by addressing issues head on. The easiest way to be productive is to be educated in the issues, talk to the people and be open for advice. My colleagues know they can trust me and that I will give them an honest answer to their questions. I'm reasonable, trustworthy and approachable	I have always been dedicated to whatever endeavour that I have taken on and always taken the positive side...sometimes referred to as tenacious.	
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3. Name three priorities for the Town of Huntsville and how you will address them.

Daniel Armour	Ken Inglis	
<p>Even with the recent announcement from the Hospital Task Force and the MAHC endorsement we need to continue to advocate for Acute and Emergency Hospital services, this is only the halfway point of stage 1. The 2nd half deals with services like Stoke Center, OBS and the building design. The redevelopment of Fairvern Nursing Home is in the beginning stage of building our health hub in Huntsville. Investing in active transportation infrastructure, downtown revitalization project, and a solid plan for infrastructure by continuing to invest in roads, bridges, culverts and trails with affordable increases in our annual roads budget.</p>	<p>1) Supporting our hospital to handle the increasing needs of our aging, retiring population. 2) Controlling tax increases to provide best bang for our bucks. 3) Planning carefully to ensure a harmony with development, environment, and our small town image.</p>	
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4. How do you or will you balance constituents' interests and staff recommendations?

Daniel Armour	Ken Inglis	
I will work with the constituents and staff to resolve issues that arise, resolutions can be found if we work together.	Listening carefully to both constituent and staff concerns and doing some research of their concerns.	
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5. How will you work with the Lake of Bays Association, its members and other community groups?

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I continue to make myself available to the association, other community groups and work with them if needed. We are a close family and need to find ways to resolve issues that benefit each community.

As Brunel ward and Lake of Bays are integral, I share the same environmental and planning concerns and will work to retain our common links.

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6. How will you balance economic development and environmental issues?

Daniel Armour	Ken Inglis	
<p>Our primary commodity is our beautiful environment. We need to sustain our community with a responsible moderate growth, while protecting the environment. We will keep our community economically sound by creating jobs for the people who live here. Our community needs to maintain our small town feel, so tourist economics can continue. People come from all over the world to see our beautiful community and we have a responsibility to protect that for generations to come. Our lakes and rivers need to be kept safe from over development, erosion of our shore lines needs to be monitored and a plan put in place to maintain our treasures</p>	<p>Development must adhere to environmental protection measures and requires responsible planning to preserve our heritage.</p>	
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7. What is your position on more clean energy projects in the Town of Huntsville?

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Being conscious of energy use and understanding conservation efforts will help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and build a more resilient and economically sustainable community. We have been working on clean energy projects by upgrading technology to provide clean energy. Things like replacing our current street lights and summit Centre lights to LED and by supporting new initiatives on projects with clean energy that are investigating solar, wind and thermal.

Any clean energy projects must be done with care, and no more attempts to install unneeded installations at any of our Locks and dams or rapids.

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8. Do you support or oppose the as-proposed development of Langmaid’s Island into 36 lots, and two mainland parking sites? Why?

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<p>I do not support the current proposed development or the development of mainland parking. The current bushed lot needs to be left in it current state and I will not support any type of parking request or dock system there. The proposed development just does not fit, it’s too large and the eco system of LOB cannot support this type of development. I do not believe that we can stop all development on the island but we certainly work with the LOB planning committee to find a resolution and a development that will fit.</p>	<p>No, I would not support such a development as presented. Several areas of the OP do not comply. As well, I believe that it would compromise the environmental integrity of both the island and mainland shoreline and residents.</p>	
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<p>9. What is your position on funding for the day-to-day operations of the Town of Huntsville library?</p>		
<p>Daniel Armour</p>	<p>Ken Inglis</p>	
<p>The library is a vital component of our community history and future. I will continue to support the team at the library and their needs.</p>	<p>I am not familiar with library funding, but I know that we must support and preserve this essential element to our society. This can be the only place for people to do research and stuff when they don't internet or computer access.</p>	
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<p>10. What is your position on hospital reform in Muskoka and do you support maintaining hospitals in each of Bracebridge and Huntsville?</p>		
<p>Daniel Armour</p>	<p>Ken Inglis</p>	
<p>There is only one answer to this question, two Acute care facility's in Muskoka. I support the task force and its recommendation for two sites and thankful that the Board at MAHC endorsed the recommendation. This is only the halfway mark of stage one planning, the Acute Sites service delivery model will be formalized through a submission to the North Simcoe Muskoka LHIN outlining service envisioned for the future. Part B of the stage one is to concentrate on design and services to be provided.</p>	<p>I strongly support our hospital with the ever increasing aging population. We must now plan properly, now that we know we will have both hospitals and our energy can now be used for action rather than bickering.</p>	
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11. What area(s) of Town of Huntsville spending do you think is given too much funding? Why?		
Daniel Armour	Ken Inglis	
Personally, I do not believe we have a department that is given too much money. Each department is currently working within their budget and encouraged to find savings. There is a cost to doing business and we strive to keep our department budgets as low as possible. We have consolidated positions within the town and that has contributed to the savings in departments.	I cannot accurately say where spending occurs until I am actually involved with the budgeting process.	
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<p>Our infrastructure funding is always a struggle. We have been increasing the funding annually and I will advocate to continue this. We had a road and bridge needs study completed in 2015 and it told us we need to invest \$75 million in the next 10 years. Well this is not possible but as chair of the public works department we have dissected the study and have developed a 10 year plan. When I was elected in 2014 the town would complete around 10 to 13 km of road work each year. I am proud to say that over the last 2 years we are completing 30 to 35 km annual, at this rate we will service the 412 km in the next 10 to 12 years without major tax increases.</p>	<p>I would like to see permanent, rather than continual pothole repairs. Streets and sidewalks have been neglected until just recently with some much needed paving going on.</p>	
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13. What ways would you work to increase affordable housing in the Town of Huntsville?		
Daniel Armour	Ken Inglis	
<p>Affordable housing plays a critical role in the stability and security of many individuals and families in the community. Housing offers a meaningful place to call home and a safe place for families to grow. When housing is affordable in a community it will create stability for residents. We need to work with local developers to build our affordable housing needs. This can be accomplished by giving incentives like reducing build permit fees, supplying town owned land, property tax breaks, and working together in the planning stages.</p>	<p>I am an advocate for affordable housing, but I will have to learn actually what that means before committing to suggestions.</p>	
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Daniel Armour	Ken Inglis	
<p>I just don't want to be passenger on the bus I want to drive, I have been working hard for our community over the last 4 years and will continue too do so. I am excited about this opportunity for a second term as Brunel Ward Councillor and thechance to finish the the projects we have started. Things like improving our infrastructure, working on af fordable housing for the residents and completing the long term plan for our health hub in Huntsville. We are just in the beginning stages of the streetscape project that will inprove our down town core and make us even a more vibrant community. What Brunel Ward has been missing is longevity, continuity and commitment and that's what I bring to Brunel Ward by being elected for a second term .</p>	<p>I care about protecting and preserving our heritage and small town image as well as promoting harmony with our many visitors to further enhance life in our cottage country.</p>	
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