



2018 Municipal Elections, Candidates' Questionnaire

Councillor Franklin

Candidates: Charles Deacon, Nancy Tapley

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| Charles Deacon | Nancy Tapley | |
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| <p>Via My Families' Heritage, I have been a cottager on & off Lake of Bays since 1949. Now, Lake of Bays is our New Home and primary residence. I am making The Commitment as a Family and Business Man to serve as Councillor for the Franklin Constituents with Forward Fulltime Focus: The Integrity of All Our Heritage Will Shape The Future of Lake Of Bays!!! I will bring a wealth of experience from my former community and business associations served in Unionville/Markham home-town since 1981; Chair: Heart and Stroke Foundation, Church Board of Stewards; Markham Stouffville Hospital Fundraiser/Entertainer; Markham Board of Trade; UNIONVILLE: Main Street Revitalization (OMB & BIA Liaison), Historic Society (UHS)Village Association (UVA), Ratepayers Association(URA), Stiver Mill Restoration/Farmers Market (UVC) ; Markham Regional (8Wards) CouncillorCandidate 2014 Municipal Elections. Since 1972, as a QUEEN'S Honours B.Comm Grad., Dealer-Fleet Automotive Management at the Corporate level led to the startup and incorporation of my Unionville business as an independent Fleet-Finance Dealer in 1986 until 2008 when I semi-retired to the role as an Ontario automotive sales consultant (OMVIC). My successful skill-sets have given me an appreciation of Community Life in which we can Live-Work-Play as caring Citizens to achieve a FEEL-GOOD Quality of Life on Lake Of BAYS.</p> | <p>I've represented Franklin for 20 years and my reasons for doing remain unchanged --this is my home, my community. I want to preserve as best we can the environmental health, and economic well-being of this truly great place, and to help my neighbours. I have been a member of all township committees, the chamber of commerce, HOLD, and Pen Lake Conservation, as well as many others, working to make the community better. I live here, and I value that.</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.

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| <p>My MBO via POAC working style has been successful for most major decision making solutions. Management By Objectives via Planning, Organizing, Activating, Controlling with Thorough Follow-up from the objectives given to Council Will Work. COMMUNITY COMMUNICATION is the essence of what makes sense with clarity, consistency and conscientiousness to the public realm. I have always enjoyed meeting people and finding the common link that facilitates mutual understanding and cooperation. Through my Management By Walk About (MBWA), I have been described as energetic, enthusiastic with an ability to listen and learn. I have been known to make firm decisions based on community priorities; to seek solutions for all with an open transparent “resolving door”; to care about fiscal responsibility. Revered and Reknowned Don Cousens, former Mayor of Markham, my Mentor for the 2014 Municipal Election Campaign Team stated: “Charlie listens to people, he will work hard, and he will get things done.”</p> | <p>Collobarative, with a firm belief that we are stronger together. I strive to listen to all sides, and where possible find compromise. Over my term I have worked with 3 different mayors and several different councillors and staff as well as volunteers</p> | |
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3. Name three priorities for the Township of Lake of Bays and how you will address them.

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| <p>1. Balance the Preservation of our heritage of clean water and beautiful shorelines with sustainable growth through considerate and consistent planning with all stake holders.</p> <p>2. Achieve via my MBWA as a LISTENER; Greater pre-election/voters' awareness and response by Uniting the Diversity (not divisiveness) of seasonal cottagers' and local citizen's' Concerns.</p> <p>3. Provide Direct constant communication between the council/staff and the constituents of How The Days On The Bays Go By !!!</p> | <p>Infrastructure is always a priority. Our Roads Needs is due to be updated, and we must continue to build a contingency fund looking ahead to roads and bridges.</p> <p>streamlining the two by-law, for waterfront and "the rest of us", is another area we can get it simpler and faster for the public, without sacrificing any of the goals of the Official Plan</p> <p>The Township as a whole needs better internet... we must continue to push Bell and other levels of government to enable us to compete</p> <p>Library expansion in Dwight - it's time. (i know, that's 4... I could go on...)</p> | |
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4. How do you or will you balance constituents' interests and staff recommendations?

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| <p>When elected to be part of the decision making process with Staff that affects all of our families and businesses, as your Franklin Ward Councillor, I will stay focussed, balanced and connected with you as we work on the Big decisions that affect us all. Through listening to constituents and when all the facts are apparent to those concerns a consensual decision will be achieved.</p> | <p>Staff must work within the letter of the Official Plan but in many instances there is "wiggle room" for constituents without jeopardizing the environment or the Intent of the plan. You have to hear both sides, and consider the justification. It is imperative that the people be heard, collectively and individually, and keeping in mind that there are certain rights that come with property ownership, and some that don't. I take the staff reports, the constituent's desires, and try to work for a positive outcome</p> | |
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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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| <p>It is truly amazing, the hundreds of volunteers and thousands of hours they have donated to LOBA since 1927 founded by Lester Weaver as its First President followed by 34+ Presidents (including my relatives and associates)! As a LOBA longtime Family Member and donater to other community groups I will give them the very important voice on council, that their hard working people deserve.</p> | <p>LOBA is a very important group, and speaks for a large portion of the waterfront, but I always keep in mind that LOBA does not represent everyone, so I strive to hear the other sides. The work LOBA does on water quality and education (which falls outside the Municipality's scope) is critically important and must be respected and welcomed. This applies to all the Lake Associations. It is very important that their concerns be heard, and that the township works with them in a respectful and not an antagonistic manner to secure outcomes that we can both agree on</p> | |
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6. How will you balance economic development and environmental issues?

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| I will support and maintain LOBA's goals today based on the founding principles constituted in July 1953. Any Economic Development Approvals by Council consensus will include a Plan of sustainable growth supported by infrastructure, such as well funded and maintained municipal services. | The environment comes first. Without clean water, healthy shorelines, air quality there is no reason for any of us to be here, and the economy depends on the environment. | |
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7. What is your position on more clean energy projects in the Township of Lake of Bays?

Charles Deacon

Nancy Tapley

Clean energy project initiatives are vital for all Muskoka communities. As a new councillor on the Township of Lake Of Bays, I will explore with due diligence all avenues that lead to cleaner energy where economically feasible. I look forward to updating my knowledge and resources to resolving these initiatives.

I support green energy. We have three solar installations at Bondi. The end goal is to get off carbon, and onto more sustainable sources. I'm not sure how the provincial government feels about it however. Funding small projects may be an issue, but is still something we have to look at closely.

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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 believe as the planning process progresses it will continue to be open and transparent between developer and municipalities with strict adherence to bylaws and regulations. It is a good example of future challenges and good solutions found will have a long standing impact such as the precedent development of Bigwin Island. I will seek the advice of the majority of constituents and ensure there are no Municipality deals made that will surprise the community. Ongoing communication from Council is the highest priority.</p> | <p>I cannot support it in its current form. There are many features of the Island that are too valuable as heritage/environmentally significant sites, and there needs to be a plan to fully protect these (not leave it up to the future buyers). It seems too much development -- we haven't seen for instance how they will access and service the lots by barge without extensive blasting for landing sites, and septics that need 100% fill brought in. There is old growth on this Island -- perhaps not a huge amount but seeing as we don't have any left except here and on Roothog it must be preserved. How do eagles feel about cottage neighbours? Etc. But that said, there are development rights and I hope we can work with the owners to find a compromise that involves less lots. I'd like to see the Heritage Foundation working with them -- perhaps some of the most significant stretches of the Island could be purchased into Conservation</p> | |
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| <p>I support the expansion of the Dwight Library (Franklin) achieved by Donations/Tax\$ funding. It is a valuable well run resource and place for community activities. Maintaining good level of funding in keeping with the level of population demands is a good goal and can only be value added for our community.</p> | <p>The Libraries are outstanding. They are funded from various sources, including the township , but day-to-day programs often run on donations raised by the Friends of the Library -- these are wonderful creative and giving volunteers, but the programs need a more secure base. Percentage-wise, they don't take much out of the overall budget, and I would support additional funds. As to the expansion, the township should give all the support it can, but this is a very costly project and will need input from Grants and donations as well to make it happen, as it did in Baysville.</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>Charles Deacon</p> | <p>Nancy Tapley</p> | |
| <p>Absolutely, maintaining hospitals in both locations is crucial for support our aging population and will attract new families to our towns due to high level medical care. As in other regions, hospitals have their specific areas of expertise provided by Public/Private funding. The Huntsville Hospital is unique in that it provides services to tremendous transient traffic from Algonquin Park, is this reflected in Provincial funding?</p> | <p>Two hospitals, both full service and fully funded. There is no debate.</p> | |
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| <p>This cost/benefit analysis is a question that can only be answered with any credibility when elected and able to seek the advice of the taxpayers, the public shareholders. Then I will be accountable to the taxpayers with full disclosure of Council's fiscal responsibility and decision processes.</p> | <p>We run a tight budget, and money isn't being wasted. Of course there is ongoing debate with the District about how costs are allocated, and this should be pursued.</p> | |
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| Same answer as above. | Right now I think Parks is underfunded -- there are a lot of capital costs to maintaining our Parks and Rec, and the money is not reliably there at present. | |
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| Analyze the demographics and job growth prospects, especially in the Tourism/Recreational Industries to determine their needs; then work to find available land and funding to support such projects. For local job creation initiatives; Let's promote Lake Of Bays as a world destination - The Gateway To Algonquin Park!!! | Affordable housing needs to be accessible to workplaces -- it makes little sense to have cheap housing way back in the bush where you need a car and all the related costs that go with it, so it should be directed towards the hamlets, especially Baysville where sewer and water would support apartments. Development costs should be looked at for rural areas. I don't see the waterfront properties, thanks to MPAC, becoming affordable anytime soon | |
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| The Integrity of All Our Heritage Will Shape The Future of Lake Of Bays ! Vote Charles DEACON Your Choice of New Voice For Franklin On Lake Of Bays Council . | I bring Experience, Involvement and Commitment. | |
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