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ASSOCIATION

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The purpose of the Lake of Bays Association is to promote, sustain and enhance a clean and healthy natural environment, a well-serviced community and a safe and peaceful Lake of Bays.

## the ELECTION ISSUE

**T**he Lake of Bays Association has been very active over the course of this election cycle, hosting all-candidates meetings, questioning the candidates about issues of concern to you, and communicating to our membership. In this issue, we are sharing the candidates' answers to a questionnaire we sent them. Due to space limitations, we have not been able to print the answers to all of the questions, but you will find the answers in full at our website [loba.ca](http://loba.ca) under the 2018 Municipal Elections tab. Seasonal and permanent residents of the Township of Lake of Bays and Town of Huntsville have no excuse not to vote in the upcoming municipal elections. Election Day is **October 22**, but you are able to vote from **October 12 - October 22** by internet or telephone from wherever you are in the world. Anyone requiring assistance can go to their township or town office.

**It's never been easier to vote!**

**Read what  
the candidates  
have to say**



**It's never been more important to vote! With a recent reduction in the power of the Ontario Municipal Board, it is clear that local municipal Councils hold huge influence. With recent development proposals, it is clear that Lake of Bays is a target for developers and investors.**

**Everyone should study the choices and participate in this election for the following reasons:**

- To protect Lake of Bays and Huntsville Township's natural character for future generations.
  - To ensure responsible and sustainable development.
  - To protect services such as public access docks, libraries, roads, hospitals and emergency responders.
  - To elect responsible decision-makers who collaborate with each other and their constituents in a positive way.
- Our elected officials must find more ways for both seasonal and year-round residents to live and prosper as one community, each benefiting from the contributions of the other.

### Who can vote?

- ✓ Lake of Bays township or Town of Huntsville property owner AND their spouse.
  - ✓ A person who rents property in Lake of Bays or Huntsville, for **6+** weeks in 2018, AND their spouse.
  - ✓ Canadian citizen, **18+** years old.
- If you are not sure you are on the voters list, contact the Township of Lake of Bays **705-635-2272** or Town of Huntsville **705-789-1751**, option **0**.

### Who am I voting for?

#### Township of Lake of Bays

- 1 mayor
- 1 District councillor in your ward - Franklin/Sinclair or Ridout/McLean
- 1 ward councillor in your ward - Franklin, McLean, Ridout or Sinclair

#### Town of Huntsville

- 1 mayor
- 3 town and district councillors, at large
- 1 ward councillor in your ward

Not sure of your ward? Check out the ward maps under the 2018 Municipal Elections tab on the LOBA website, or contact the Township of Lake of Bays **705-635-2272** or Town of Huntsville **705-789-1751** option **0**.



# THE CANDIDATES HAVE SPOKEN!

**T**o help our members understand the opinions and views of our local candidates, each was sent a questionnaire. We have selected some of their responses to reprint here— you can read the answers in full on our website. We hope this information will help you evaluate the candidates and make decisions about your voting preferences. LOBA will not be endorsing or supporting any particular candidates as we look forward to working with the next Township and Town councils, regardless of their composition.

**Please note:** All but three candidates responded. All responses are reprinted verbatim which may include spelling and grammatical errors.

## Your 2018 **Mayoral** Candidates



**Charles Cooper**



**Terry Glover**



**Robert Young**

**Q** Why do you want to be the Township of Lake of Bays Mayor? Highlight work and community experience that has prepared you for this position and the skills you bring to the role.

### **Charles Cooper**

**A** I believe in inclusive and strong communities and have volunteered through out my life, including President of the Tasso, Toad, Blue and Camp lake cottagers association for six years and briefly volunteer Firefighter for the Lake of Bays. I currently run a business in Lake of Bays and employ local individuals. Other notable experience include Past Chair for Peel Senior Link, Rotary Club of Oakville and Ski instructor for Ontario Track 3 Association

### **Terry Glover**

**A** I want to apply my experience as a local business owner and eight years on Council to be an energetic and collaborative Mayor who works with everyone in our community to achieve our full potential. My qualifications include: Business success: I have owned and operated several successful businesses in Lake

of Bays and area where I have employed local staff for a number of years. Like many local people, my whole family has been a part of these businesses. Experience: I have the experience for getting things done. I have worked in and around politics for 11 years. My experience in business along with serving on the economic development committee and library board keeps me up to date on the latest challenges faced by constituents in Lake of Bays. Energy: I have an enormous amount of energy that fuels my passion for helping people and developing ideas for Township initiatives and improvements. Collaboration: I enjoy people. Working in municipal politics and food service, I have an extensive record of collaboration with people on numerous projects. I have had great success chairing community projects and creating large and small events for friends and families all over Lake of Bays.

### **Robert Young**

**A** I have had the honour of serving as your Mayor for the last 7<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> years. We have made many accomplishments including solving a deficit, bringing fiscal management and prudence, developing a knowledgeable, responsive and courteous staff, setting up a Health Hub in Dorset, managing the rebuild of our bricks and mortar infrastructure, the improvement of our roads, and so much more. But there still remain some key activities which will require an experienced touch—I want to devote my third term to addressing those issues—Housing that people can afford, expanding High Speed Internet and Managing District towards a more equitable treatment of the Townships.

**Q** 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.

### Charles Cooper

**A** I hire smart people that I can trust, ensure they understand the goals, get them the resources they require and then get out of their way. We as the team is then held accountable for the outcome.

### Terry Glover

**A** My working style is to pursue an efficient and collaborative exchange of ideas in a positive environment. People know that I listen and respect everyone's opinion. I have chaired many boards and had great success with discussion and bringing forth resolution. It is important that meetings are carried out in a timely manner, however sometimes a meeting can take a little longer to get everyone's view and cover all points of interest. I have been awarded for my board leadership and effectiveness. I have attended council meetings outside of Lake of Bays and discovered excellent techniques to exchange ideas that would foster a much improved team effort amongst council and staff.

### Robert Young

**A** I like working with people. I try to be totally inclusive, sharing as much data and information as possible and being accountable and transparent to the public. I pride myself in running tight, focused meetings to allow everyone to reach their own solutions efficiently and effectively. I have an open door policy at my office in the Township and answer every telephone call and email from constituents and staff.

**Q** Name three priorities for the Township of Lake of Bays and how you will address them.

### Charles Cooper

**A** Internet, Housing and Health care. Lake of Bays is very challenged with internet access, often too slow to support many applications. Internet needs to be considered a utility with access to reliable high speed service for everyone. Lack of reliable Internet service isolates people, limits the development of our children, puts business at a competitive disadvantage and impairs access to government services. Both Eastern Ontario, [www.ERON.ca](http://www.ERON.ca) and Western Ontario, [www.SWIFTNETWORK.ca](http://www.SWIFTNETWORK.ca) received

sizable grants to deliver rural internet services. Why was the District of Muskoka missed? I spent my entire career building Internet Service Providers including one purchased by Bell Canada and another by Rogers. The level of conversation with the carriers, Provincial Government and Federal representatives needs to change. I can shape that conversation. For Housing my plan is to create more community zones (non waterfront) that can environmentally and economically support more attainable housing options. This includes smaller lot sizes and less restrictive multi housing rules. For health care, Council has done a great job with the Health Hub in Dorset but needs to work tighter with the local Hospitals to create a community wide system that provides better health care, improved chronic condition management and recruit more health care professionals.

### Terry Glover

**A** There are many priorities that are very important to Lake of Bays but three of them could be listed as follows: Affordable housing. Our Township and most of Muskoka needs affordable housing solutions. This problem effects young families, our workforce, our senior's retention and ultimately puts the future of our tax base at risk. Solutions can be found through a mutual collaborative effort by all governments and stakeholders. Internet improvements. Our high speed is very inconsistent throughout the township. We have some properties with no option for internet at all. I have been approached by business owners wishing to relocate if high speed could be improved. Our elected provincial M.P.P. is now in government and has made promises so we should work together. Our growth depends on improvements. Understanding our new climate reality: Municipalities need to better understand how climate change is affecting our communities. This includes protecting the natural qualities and how service costs may change. Road repairs, storm damage and changes to water quality are examples of issues to better understand so can be adding people and businesses to our tax base for sustainable growth.

### Robert Young

**A** 1) Housing that people can afford—I will direct efforts to analyze the 3 major components of cost (land, regulation, and materials) and see where the Township can make local housing more affordable. I will work with specialists and see if we can bring an affordable

housing project to Baysville (on sewer and water). 2) High Speed Internet—Continue and further the work already commenced. I have recently reached out to the 3 principal suppliers of services (Bell, Rogers and Lakeland) and will continue to encourage them to begin local connections. I will look for a model which will encourage them to do so, perhaps even with Township funds. I will work with the Regional provider cooperatives (SWIFT and EORN) to build on their successes. 3) Finally, Managing District towards equitable treatment, I will continue the work I have been doing as Chair of the Council Composition Committee at District to come up with a model for the future based upon representation by population, equitable treatment of the Townships and a smaller Council.

**Q** How do you or will you balance constituents' interests and staff recommendations?

### Charles Cooper

**A** That is one of the biggest challenge with municipal government. Municipalities are controlled by various legislation set by the province including Municipal Affairs. Local staff have very little freedom regarding interpretation of the various legislations and the local bylaws when making their recommendation. Majority of the time their recommendation is suitable to the situation at hand. When there is disagreement with the recommendation, this is where council has some ability to consider context and suggest alternative outcomes from the staff recommendations, which should be the exception, not the rule.

### Terry Glover

**A** It can be difficult to balance staff recommendations and our constituent's interests for decisions made by council. I think the solution is to create a channel of dialogue between constituents and council so that issues can be clearly defined where by all parties understand the limitations and implications of any decision made by council. I intend to improve this by inviting regular discussion with lake associations and interest groups for better communication and to develop strong working relationships. Fortunately there are 7 elected members of council at the voting table. Each councilor will bring their constituents concerns and should be equally heard and listened to so that we can all work together to find a winning solution.

**Robert Young**

**A** Staff have the expertise and know the by-laws governing the operations of the Township. Councillors bring the interests of their local constituents. As Mayor, and the leader of Council, I ensure that both voices are heard and the implications of all possible actions are recognized so that mutually beneficial decisions can be made with all of the facts.

**Q** How will you work with the Lake of Bays Association, its members and other community groups?

**Charles Cooper**

**A** I believe an ongoing conversation with all community groups has great value. I plan on having regular meetings that include representatives of all community groups and cottager associations. I would like to propose a bi monthly schedule to meet and discuss current issues.

**Terry Glover**

**A** My platform is based on collaboration, and that includes with volunteers from LOBA and other groups. Volunteers do so much, and the Township should work with them. I will invite volunteer experts in chosen fields to advise Council around matters affecting Lake of Bays. This theory has recently been put to practice where I was approached by an expert in bylaws. I passed along my invitation to collaborate to our CEO and ultimately our bylaw official and this lawyer worked together to avoid mistakes and improve service. I see our community groups and volunteers as a very powerful resource and welcome all new ideas.

**Robert Young**

**A** With respect and cooperation for the benefit of the Township as a whole. I attend many of the Lake Association AGMs and keep a close working relationship with a variety of Boards. I encourage them to contact Staff or myself if they have any issues. A community is made great by the participation of all of its members.

**Q** How will you balance economic development and environmental issues?

**Charles Cooper**

**A** Economic development does not imply that environmental issues are trampled. With the correct oversight and rules, Economic development can improve the environment, through simple activities, like better insulation, improved windows, clean energy, green roofs etc. Water quality is the most important environmental is-

sue in the Lake of Bays. We need to maintain the current set backs, ensure low density lot coverage, naturalized shorelines, minimal lawn maintenance and fully functional septic systems. I support more development on non waterfront lots. This would be through the creation of community zones, with smaller lot size and multi residential units.

**Terry Glover**

**A** Economic development and environmental issues can be balanced by sustainable planning and a common-sense approach. Our environment is our most important resource and it must be protected and developed using the best possible practices. Lake of Bays has protected our lake shorelines and other natural areas, and this must continue. We have seen huge projects in neighboring towns such as the large development in Minnet. We must slow down and consider the character of the area without rushing through development.

**Robert Young**

**A** This should not be difficult—GOOD economic Development should be synonymous with GOOD environmental protection. Each case will need to be carefully and completely analyzed on its own merits. One of the Township's greatest assets is the natural Muskoka environment so its health is directly connected to good economic development.

**Q** What is your position on more clean energy projects in the Township of Lake of Bays?

**Charles Cooper**

**A** The entire world needs more clean energy projects, not only the Township of Lake of Bays. The Lake of Bays is rich in many resources utilized by clean energy including sun, water and biomass (forests). Township council needs to encourage more clean energy on existing properties and in new developments particularly those that compliment any future carbon pricing regime.

**Terry Glover**

**A** I believe that the township should consider clean energy projects as we improve infrastructure. We have a current solar project operating in Baysville, thanks in large part to dedicated volunteers. This cooperative project is now generating a profit producing solar energy and feeding back to the grid. Our current provincial government has suspended any new clean energy builds, but we should lay the groundwork for better solutions for the future.

**Robert Young**

**A** We really only have one—solar panels on the Baysville Arena roof. If economically feasible, I support green energy—with the caveat that it does not negatively affect the environment, and is not forced upon a community. It does not appear that there will be any Provincial support for such projects in the near future, but I am always open to listening about new initiatives.

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

**Charles Cooper**

**A** I support this development. This is private property and the developer is proposing densities that do not differ significantly from other waterfront lots in the area. I agree the island may lose some of its charm, but this property owner should have the right to develop their land to the same level as the neighbours. We should all consider it a gift that the island was left naturalized for so long.

**Terry Glover**

**A** I do not support the current Langmaid's Island development as proposed. I am hopeful the new owners have listened to the many opinions expressed by concerned residents around this development. The current proposal is very intense for the island. I would also like to see a meaningful and genuine heritage designated area to protect natural habitat and wildlife. A reduction in lots would eliminate the need for the second parking lot along with cutting back the impact of the larger lot and boat traffic. The boat traffic concerns are real, and the proposed shuttle should be very restricted in the narrows. I would like to see the new owners invite independent planners onto the property to give a full and proper assessment and present their findings.

**Robert Young**

**A** It is premature to support or oppose the Langmaids Island project. An applicant has submitted his proposal, the Township has invited and encouraged public input and now we await the response of the applicant to see what his revised proposal will be. Township Staff will review the revised application and make a recommendation based upon sound land use planning principles. Council will have a chance to ask questions of Staff on their recommendation and then we will make a well informed decision.

**Q** What is your position on funding for the day-to-day operations of the Township of Lake of Bays libraries in Dwight and Baysville? Highlight whether you feel the current funding level is appropriate, and if not, how would you modify it; as well as whether you support Township of Lake of Bays funding to expand the Dwight library?

### Charles Cooper

**A** The libraries are very important to the community and contribute to the level of knowledge of our youth (and those young at heart). I feel there is more the libraries can do to foster innovation, including 3d printing, Maker Faire events, Tedx conferences, Andriano / Raspberry PI demos. Many libraries around Muskoka and the globe are already offering similar programs and the cost is minimal, yet will bring much needed innovation to the community. Our community deserve access to a global base of ideas. I want to ensure everyone in the community can succeed by giving them the best platform for knowledge. Lake of Bays Libraries and community centres can lead this charge.

### Terry Glover

**A** I am currently the Councilor sitting on the Library Board. Libraries in Lake of Bays are the cornerstone of education and culture in our township, but they have been underfunded. Provincial funding has been cut for a number of years and local funding has been left to the "Friends" groups working with the township to keep the lights on. The Friends volunteer groups are asked to do a lot. We should lobby our MPP for improved funding and present to council a budget that would improve Township support to continue programming as it currently exists. Our libraries are utilized by children, tourists, seasonal residents, seniors and permanent residents. Libraries also add to economic development and are important to retention of residents. I am in favor of the Dwight expansion and support a public-private collaboration in raising funds.

### Robert Young

**A** I believe that the level of operational support by the Township for the libraries is appropriate at \$352,241 (2018 Budget). This represents 5.2% of the total expenses of the Township. After the mandatory, must do items (Roads, Fire, Staff, Finance, Building, Planning, etc.), the discretionary funds available to Council for all pro-

grams is only \$1,208,857 (2018 Budget). The library operational budget represent 27% of the discretionary spending, which is significant. The Dwight Library desperately needs more space to continue with its expanded programming—I support an expansion.

**Q** What area(s) of Township of Lake of Bays spending do you think is given too much funding? Why?

### Charles Cooper

**A** District of Muskoka is a significant drain on the revenue the Township of Lake of Bays collects. I come from the world defined in the book "Lean CEO" and found the efficiencies and speed of the organization improved greatly when "Lean Techniques" were utilized. Lean is both tried and tested in the private sector and, more recently, has proven successful across all levels of the public sector. Increasing numbers of municipalities are leveraging the power of Lean thinking within their organizations and are experiencing improvements in their input costs, quality, and service, as well as improved pride of ownership of their staff. I plan to introduce the District of Muskoka Management to the benefits of Lean and help minimize the Districts appetite for dollars.

### Terry Glover

**A** Currently we spend too much on various district levies. They need a fairer method of allocation. Our Township along with the other townships at District are at a distinct disadvantage when it comes to votes. Towns (Huntsville, Gravenhurst and Bracebridge) control the vote and we pay too much when dividing up the costs like O.P.P. This matter has had discussion with no agreeable solution. We need to further explore new approaches, formulas and coalitions.

### Robert Young

**A** I believe the expenditures on local items is appropriate in the 2018 Budget. However, we are paying too much to the District of Muskoka for Policing, Ambulance Services, District Roads Maintenance, Planning, the Airport and Community Services.

**Q** What area(s) of Township of Lake of Bays spending do you think is given too little funding? Why?

### Charles Cooper

**A** Public works needs more funding. Although it is the largest budget item today, the roads in the Township need more work, there are areas

in the Township where emergency vehicles have difficulty transversing township owned roads. There needs to be a plan to upgrade any seasonal road (Class 5 or 6) if there are full time residences on that road section. Their property tax has the same weighting as others. This seasonal classification of roads in Lake of Bays hinders GDP growth and directly impacts the health, safety and property of those in our community. This will be an expensive proposition but why do we have Volunteer firefighters, who live here full time protecting our community and the Township will not seasonally maintain the road they live on?

### Terry Glover

**A** I would like to see a portion of funds directed at a climate change task force in Lake of Bays that expands on the new approach being started at the district. We live in an area totally dependent on the environment and a new and better managed approach to the changing climate must be addressed. We can't continue to ignore changing weather patterns and temperatures as they are now affecting our fiscal planning and economic prosperity. Changing water level patterns are a concern for roads and properties. Winter snow accumulation has become inconsistent and damaged snowmobile tourism. Our autumn season has been extended bringing advantages but creating new concerns for business owners. We need a plan.

### Robert Young

**A** I believe that the expenditures on local items is appropriate in the 2018 Budget. Staff worked diligently on the Budget to meet the necessary level of services and I support their efforts.

**Q** What ways would you work to increase affordable housing in the Township of Lake of Bays?

### Charles Cooper

**A** I would propose more off lake development and set reasonable sizes for backlots. The current township rules on backlots and multi residential buildings is a significant barrier to affordable housing.

### Terry Glover

**A** Affordable housing is an issue that needs to be made a priority. I have had excellent meetings with several different stakeholders to look at solutions and I believe with proper collaboration this is very fixable. I have been approached by property developers hoping to create a num-

ber of new units in Baysville where they can access sewer and water services. I would work with all stakeholders to create a plan that can satisfy best planning and environmentally sustainable practices to address this issue.

### Robert Young

**A** I have discussed this in an earlier question. For Affordable Housing, I propose working with a known developer who specializes in Affordable Housing and attempt to develop a financially viable proposal for Baysville (must be on sewer and water system). For the problem of housing that people can afford, I would work with Staff, and outside knowledgeable people to analyze the 3 components of cost—land, regulation and fees, and materials—and develop a strategy to minimize each of these 3 (but especially the first two).

**Q** Complete this sentence. Vote for me because ...

### Charles Cooper

**A** Lake of Bays needs Innovation to grow and improve the overall community.

### Terry Glover

**A** I will bring a much needed new and collaborative approach to solving the issues at the Township. I would welcome collaboration from all stakeholders giving a stronger voice to the people of Lake of Bays. I would work in better harmony with Council, volunteers and staff for new ideas and a positive approach to problem solving. I have the time and energy to devote myself to the full-time position on a year-round basis. I have a proven and successful record at the Council table and experience as a volunteer, a business owner and a member of many local boards and committees. I believe that I can create the right mix of positive energy and ideas to stimulate sustainable growth and take Lake of Bays to the next level.

### Robert Young

**A** I have the knowledge and experience to lead Council for the benefit of all of the residents of the Township.

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# Your 2018 Councillor Candidates



TOWNSHIP OF LAKE OF BAYS,  
DISTRICT COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES

**Franklin-Sinclair**  
**Martin Mann, Michael Peppard**

**Q** Name three priorities for the Township of Lake of Bays and how you will address them.

### Martin Mann

**A** My three priorities for Township of the Lake of Bays are as follows:

Firstly, I plan to address the issue of affordable housing. I plan to do so by initiating more affordable homes throughout the community. I also plan to expand charitable organizations throughout the community such as Habitat for Humanity. By way of piloting an affordable housing initiative, this will align services that equitably serve all Township of the Lake of Bays residents while achieving cost efficiencies.

Secondly, I plan to help small businesses, the backbone of the community succeed by way of providing them with the necessary resources to be able to do so. I plan to do this by finding ways to help the entrepreneurs (as I'm an entrepreneur myself) start business in the township like services for retirees, more tourism events would also help with this issue.

Thirdly, I plan to address the issue of expensive high-speed internet. The internet is an essential service that connects Township of the Lake of Bays residents not only to others throughout the community, but also to friends and family all over the world. Having spoken to many businesses, residents from the city, they would spend more time here if we had high-speed internet, also benefitting others in the township and District, This would undoubtedly benefit business in the Township of the Lake of Bays.

### Michael Peppard

**A** Number one is providing the necessary services to our community that they need to live, work, or play in Lake of Bays. This includes very good roads, small businesses that are thriving and an environment that is preserved and protected to a very high standard. This part of the job is on-going. I plan to address it by making myself available at all time to meet with or speak to community members because that is the only way to learn what the real issues are in the community. I am also keen to continue my support for the work of our economic development coordinator and the work of the HOLD group.

Number two is finding the right balance between development and the protection of our natural environment. I will address this issue in particular by using my background as a biologist to ensure that environment is always put first because a clean and beautiful natural environment is the reason most, if not all of us, are here. Number three is continuing the efforts of the current council to get a fair deal from the District when it comes to the taxes we deliver vs. the services we receive. Top of mind is the money we provide for policing in the District.

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

### Martin Mann

**A** As this development is not part of my wards, I cannot comment on this issue at this time, however after reading up on this issue, I do have concerns regarding the number of lots vs. docking and believe that this project is still in the early planning stages.

### Michael Peppard

**A** I am opposed to the as-proposed development of Langmaid's island and two mainland parking sites. To (roughly) quote a resident of Lake of Bays "the Official Plan does not encourage or support the construction of new lots on the island and in fact discourages it". Why would I vote against our own Official Plan? Furthermore, it is impossible to protect the natural heritage features for which the island has been identified with the as-proposed level of development. Indeed it is possible that any development may compromise the natural heritage value of the island.

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TOWNSHIP OF LAKE OF BAYS  
DISTRICT COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES

**Ridout-McLean**

**Robert Lacroix** Acclaimed

**Q** Name three priorities for the Township of Lake of Bays and how you will address them.

**Robert Lacroix**

**A** My priorities are affordable housing, ensuring infrastructure reserves are enhanced, and economic development. I would like to continue debating the reduction of rural lots and new home sizes. Increased funds need to be set aside each year in our reserves in order to maintain and improve all our current facilities. I would encourage Council to look at further development in Baysville due to the water and sewer infrastructure and encourage green industry in all parts of Lake of Bays. A special mention would be our Lake of Bays fire department, it is essential that council maintain a good working relationship with these men and women.

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

**Robert Lacroix**

**A** I personally feel 36 lots are too many. I believe that a portion of the island should be maintained by the Lake of Bays Heritage Foundation. I also believe that the narrow body of water at the West end of the island needs to be protected.

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TOWNSHIP OF LAKE OF BAYS  
COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES

**Franklin**

**Charles Deacon, Nancy Tapley**

**Q** Name three priorities for the Township of Lake of Bays and how you will address them.

**Charles Deacon**

**A** 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. 2. Achieve via my MBWA as a LISTENER; Greater pre-election/voters' awareness and response by Uniting the Diversity (not divisive-

ness) of seasonal cottagers' and local citizen's' Concerns. 3. Provide Direct constant communication between the council/staff and the constituents of How The Days On The Bays Go By !!!

**Nancy Tapley**

**A** 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. 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

The Township as a whole needs better internet... we must continue to push Bell and other levels of government to enable us to compete

Library expansion in Dwight—t's time. (i know, that's 4...I could go on...)

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

**Charles Deacon**

**A** 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.

**Nancy Tapley**

**A** 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 septic tanks 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

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TOWNSHIP OF LAKE OF BAYS COUNCILLOR  
**McLean**

**Jacqueline Godard, Michelle MacIsaac  
Anastasia O'Hare**

**Q** Name three priorities for the Township of Lake of Bays and how you will address them.

**Jacqueline Godard**

**A** Environment—educate, encourage shoreline preservation and sustainability (green energy programs). Roads and road safety along with garbage problems found on our sideroads. Changes to the Official Plan—development permit and the OP need to be combined when dealing with waterfront properties—the official plan really needs to be tightened up—harsher penalties enforced when work is done without following proper procedures.

**Michelle MacIsaac**

**A** 1) Balanced Economic Growth and the Environment: As a business owner I recognize the need for growth and creation of job opportunities. It is also important that with this growth we maintain the natural habitat and environment including our forests, wildlife, lakes and rivers. 2) Accommodation: There is a strong need for housing to help attract new families and stop young families from leaving the area. We need to consider our aging population and develop lifestyle accommodations and/or long term care facilities to keep them in their community for as long as possible. Further, we need to find ways to attract accommodation providers to the area to help promote tourism. An increase in tourism will grow the local economy, and benefit local businesses and attractions. 3) Our Seniors and Our Youth: We need to address our aging population and with that comes the necessity for adequate housing and/or long term care facilities. Working together we can continue to create an environment that promotes a safe, enjoyable and healthy lifestyle for seniors keeping them within the community they love for as long as possible. Our Youth is our future, I think it is important that we create initiatives and programs that help our youth understand their role and responsibilities in their community and to help them develop leadership skills. To successfully accomplish these objectives, I will work diligently with council, source expertise from within and outside of the community and continuously educate myself on the issues.

### Anastasia O'Hare

**A** The top three priorities In Lake of Bays Township I would describe as: 1) Balancing developmental progress with environmental care and concern is a leading priority. This is particularly important in an area that leading employment opportunities are in the trades and the trend is a receding population therefore demanding growth and development. However the attraction to come into our area either to live or visit is due to the inspiring landscape and beauty in the nature that surrounds us in Lake of Bays. This must continue to be addressed through consideration and careful planning of both a long term perspective on the environment and the short term gain and economic benefits to the community. Good decisions must involve all community partners and economic benefactors for a sound outcome. 2) Solutions and strategies for Senior care within our community whereby our population is mostly between 55-85 years old. It is crucial to finding ways to help our aging population within Lake of Bays remain as long as possible in their homes and closer to their supporting community and family. This may be achieved by working with Ministry of Health partners to find creative solutions to assist elders. This could mean consideration of new partnerships on projects that could home seniors and provide an economic benefit to the community in terms of employment, at the same time. We must develop a strategy, plan and execute on it in order to provide better senior care. 3) Improving technology infrastructure in Lake of Bays is a priority because it could lead to attracting new residents into our communities. We are in an time where 1.7 million Canadians telecommute, and in many cases, it doesn't matter where their home office is based. Enticing this type of worker to a community rich in beauty and a better life balance would bring tremendous economic and social advantages. Improvements in technology also provide rewards to existing businesses, allow seasonal residents to potentially extend their time within our community and would help bring us to a standard and quality of internet expected at this point in time, this close to other urban centers. This can be achieved by working to bring additional funding for such projects from other government partners and encouraging new infrastructure with telecommunication organizations.

### **Q** Do you support or oppose the as-proposed development of Langmaid's Island into 36 lots, and two mainland parking sites? Why?

#### Jacqueline Godard

**A** I oppose the 'as-proposed' development of Langmaid's Island because the proponents are challenging the Official Plans of both the Twp and Town. Knowing the OP states that Langmaid's Island is a Designated Heritage Area, purchasing it and then having incomplete studies done is most disturbing and shows a total disregard for D98 of the OP. I'd like to see the planners, politicians, locals/community group, Lake of Bays Heritage Foundation and Lake of Bays Association all work together to do what is best for this jewel on Lake of Bays.

#### Michelle MacIsaac

**A** To a point, I can say I oppose the "as-proposed" development. I would like to see a reasonable downsize from the original plan and would respectfully request the new owners consider some use of the island so local and seasonal residents can continue to enjoy its waters and beach. The mainland parking sites will not affect the constituents of McLean Ward, but I respect the concerns of the residents of South Portage Road directly affected. I sincerely hope the developers will consider the impact these lots will have on the immediate local residents and go forward with the development respectfully. As a business owner, I recognize the potential the residential development will bring to the local economy. As a resident, I also understand and appreciate concerns regarding the shoreline and the environment. Should the project be imminent, I trust that the owners will abide by the stringent bylaws and planning policies the Township of Lake of Bays has in place, and will ensure responsible development. I am encouraged the owners are interested in community input and concerns, evidenced by facilitating information sessions for the general public.

#### Anastasia O'Hare

**A** As presented, I believe more work & investigation needs to be done with respect to the current proposal to develop Langmaid's Island into 36 lots, and two mainland parking sites. With the current information presented and available, I would echo sentiments, that the scope of impact at the current scale of this sizable project is concerning, and likely has underestimated the impact to the ecologically and beauty of the area I am concerned, the increase in infrastructure with boat traffic to access the island at this scale, is not very realistic and would be damaging to narrow channel shorelines. We are entrusted

with the stewardship of our lakes, and I would promote development on the island with fewer lots and conservation space in areas of special concern for the ecology. I would truly like to see a successful development. I would contend that there is a need to further assess the business case for development, as well as the longer term environmental impact in varying seasons, in order to mitigate the risks while positively impacting the local economy. Once this areas is changed, it is forever. Open and challenging discussions to find the right balance for Lake of Bays must continue.

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**TOWNSHIP OF LAKE OF BAYS  
COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES**

**Ridout**

**Henry McClelland, Penny McEachern**

### **Q** Name three priorities for the Township of Lake of Bays and how you will address them.

#### Henry McClelland

No response

#### Penny McEachern

**A** 1. Budget—It's necessary for the workings of the Corporation to maintain a balanced budget. Good budgeting is maintained through accurate work costing and sound projections based on historical evidence and knowledge of the work involved. Reserves must be built in to offset unforeseen problems and issues which will arise. In addition to sound management practices when it comes to budgeting it is also a balance of affordability and the prioritization of the needs of our community and the investments we need to make to improve the quality of life for all. 2. Roads—An annual inspection by council of all township roads must be accomplished to assess issues before they become huge and expensive problems. This will also provide necessary input for a long term plan of upkeep. We must prioritize the demand for roads upkeep on an annual basis. 3. Variances to the Official Plan—Extensive background work must be



performed by knowledgeable staff along with public consultation to arrive at an equitable solution. It is our role to gage all perspectives and recommend the optimal solutions based on the evidence, advice of experts and input the community.

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

**Henry McClelland**

No response

**Penny McEachern**

**A** I have taken a cursory review of the materials concerning the proposed development of Langmaid’s Island and the objections thereto. In short I would support development of the island if fewer lots, i.e., less than 18, were subdivided and if the mainland parking sites/docking facilities were subsequently reduced. I feel this would help minimize the environmental impact on the Lake and still allow the development to go through. Possibly a performance bond could also be required of the developer to ensure all of the requirements would be accomplished and maintained in the future.

**Henry McClelland**

No response

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**TOWNSHIP OF LAKE OF BAYS  
COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES  
Sinclair**

**Rick Brooks, Norman Dyer, Gloria Schimmel**

**Q Name three priorities for the Township of Lake of Bays and how you will address them.**

**Rick Brooks**

**A** Firstly, I would not be presumptuous to think that I will resolve these issues, but I can suggest that I will speak for their resolution and/or understand better why they cannot be done. We must agree, not every situation has a positive resolution, after all it has been now over 50 years since the Maple Leafs have won the cup. All kidding aside, as a Ward Councillor, I am on the outside looking in as it pertains to the District. However for me to be an effective advocate for change, my role needs to be seen by our new Mayor and District Coucillors as part of their ‘team’. Too many times I have heard, “as a ward councillor that’s not my job.” I’m hear to tell you I will make it my job, to ensure that the issues relevant to my constituents will be heard. As for priorities; Roads...

Emergency Services/health care and sustainable Wi-Fi and Internet are my three preferred priorities. Without these “essential services” in the 21st Century, we are not just going to stop growing, we will seriously regress. Our young people need good paying jobs, they need places to live, we all understand that, but they also need to know that we have that network of roads to get them to and fro—12 months of the year, also that emergency and healthcare services are actually here for them to respond to their needs should that be necessary and thirdly, there is nothing more frustrating than someone trying to sustain a home based business when the internet is as fractured as it is throughout most of the Township... those jobs could be the future of the Township, but not in this existing model.

**Norman Dyer**

No response

**Gloria Schimmel**

No response

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

**Rick Brooks**

**A** Do I support the development of Langmaid Island—YES. Do I support 36 lots and 2 parking sites NO. The issue is not to stop development, the issue is, in my opinion to ensure that all avenues for an integrated approach working in concert with the environment and the heritage and archeological aspects of the island have been taken into consideration. As I have shared already, we only have one kick at some things and we need to ensure we do it right, history has shown us in many situations where the hasty move was the wrong move. I am not a biologist or even a weekend scientist, but to me there has been some tremendous research done on both sides of this conversation, we believe that both sides need to be good listeners and be prepared to compromise, for the good of the future of not only the Island, but the Lake of Bays eco-system as a whole.

**Norman Dyer**

No response

**Gloria Schimmel**

No response

**Norman Dyer**

No response

**Gloria Schimmel**

No response

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**MAYORAL CANDIDATES  
Town of Huntsville  
Scott Aitchison, Peggy Peterson**

**Q Name three priorities for the Town of Huntsville and how you will address them.**

**Scott Aitchison**

**A** Saving our Hospital is the top priority and I will continue to work on the Task Force planning for the future of healthcare. I will also continue to challenge the province to improve the funding formula so that it no longer hurts medium size hospitals. Completing the re-development of Fairvern is an important priority that I will continue to work toward and working to ensure that Huntsville becomes a more inclusive, engaged community that is open for business and new ideas.

**Peggy Peterson**

**A** The three priorities are a common thread in my platform, the ecology the economy and the community and my message is simple. Our ecology is our economy. I believe that next few years are critical for the planning and implementation of changes at all levels of Canadian society that will keep us strong and resilient to the changes, including the environmental changes and drastic weather patterns. We must address the growing local consequences of this new dynamic of Opioid addiction. This is an issue that like many is found everywhere and we all need to be part of a create solution locally and globally. This is our responsible as citizens of Canada, a privilege we cannot take lightly. As a council I will encourage a council that is accountable and responsible to the people and we must ensure a future for Huntsville and area that is financially responsible and clearly respectful and protective of the environment. The community needs to be confident in our ability to be resilient in these times of change, proactive instead of reactive. The communication between municipalities and all levels of government is critical for a small town, I will do my best to have a good working relationship with Town Staff and the Council and all effected parties and support an engaged and environmentally supported economy. There are issues like the Hospital and Library Funding that must be addressed so there is no loss of services. We have a clear message for Queens Park that we will not be surrendering our services and we will be happy to be part of a new funding model. The town is behind on the street and sidewalk issues and many are safety related and need to be addressed as soon as possible. I am suggesting the current council address some of these safety

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issues in their term, so winter will not create and further risk to the public or civil liability. This next term may be the most challenging in our history and strong leadership and a commitment from the new council could make that happen. We have an opportunity to ensure a healthy future for the people who love this area and want to see balanced responsible prosperity for everyone

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

**Scott Aitchison**

**A** I will support any development that meets the intent of the Official Plan. Langmaid's Island is not in Huntsville, so I would work with the Township of Lake of Bays to ensure that whatever is ultimately proposed for Langmaid's Island and the necessary parking facilities in Huntsville will be compatible with our Official Plan as well.

**Peggy Peterson**

**A** This is a very timely question and I am comfortable in saying that I do not support the development as it is written on Landmaids Island. The Idyllic nature of this yet undisturbed ecology must be given great consideration before any more approvals are given. I met a man with information and a petition a few weeks ago who introduced me to the issue and we are in touch. There appears to be a lack of clarity on the scope of the project and the potential watershed impacts. There needs to be a timely review by the new council and a true assessment done. I am asking the current council to refrain from approving any more large or controversial projects and hope they take this time to finish up their current undertakings including the downtown spending spree and Kent Park remodel.

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TOWN OF HUNTSVILLE  
COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES

**Brunel**

**Daniel Armour, Ken Inglis**

**Q** Name three priorities for the Town of Huntsville and how you will address them.

**Daniel Armour**

**A** 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 stag 1. The 2nd half deals with services like Stoke Center, OBS and the building design. The redevelopment of Fairview Nursing Home is in the beginning stag of building our health hub in Huntsville. Investing in active transportation infrastructure, downtown revitalization project, and a solid plan for infrastructure by continuing to investment in roads, bridges, culverts and trails with affordable increases in our annual roads budget.

**Ken Inglis**

**A** 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.

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

**Daniel Armour**

**A** 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.

**Ken Inglis**

**A** 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.

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<https://loba.ca/2018-municipal-elections/candidates-q-and-a/>

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



## Mary Ann Peden

LOBA PRESIDENT

**T**he Labour Day weekend has just finished and we are in the last days of summer as I write this. It has been a memorable summer with plenty of hot, sunny and humid days and by the end of this week it looks like autumn will be starting to make an appearance. Many of the maple trees have started to show their colours, although we are fortunate in this area to have very distinct, beautiful changes for all four seasons. I was a babe in arms when I first arrived at Lake of Bays at the Eyres cottage over 60 years ago and my family has been on the lake as cottagers for several generations. I met and married my husband at the lake and our children have played, worked their summers, been married on the lake and made life long friends here. For our family, Lake of Bays has truly been home for several generations.

As I settle into my new role as president of the Lake of Bays Association, it has been an interesting start to my term. I greatly appreciate the dedicated service of those long-serving members of the board who have moved on, Barry Morrison and Brian Simpson; we will


miss you. Ian Beverley, thank you for your four years of service as President and continued guidance as past President. I am very happy to welcome Wendy Gibson back to the board as our Communications Chair and to have Fraser Govan move into the Planning and Development Chair. We are fortunate to have a hard working and collaborative team on our board, and Lili Davis-Burchat and Bev Govan keep us organized and on track as we continue to work on some significant and challenging issues and events. I would also like to acknowledge the vital work that is done by our volunteers; from our Area Stewards who get out into their community and communicate with our membership; our water quality and environmental teams who have been on the water and checking our shorelines, to the volunteers who attend and monitor our District and Council meetings; an especially important task in this election year.

**When you read and/or watch the candidate's responses, in most cases it quickly becomes apparent who to vote for... I can't emphasize enough how important it is to get out and vote. The results of this election will have a permanent impact on the Lake of Bays that we all treasure.**

Without question, the most significant upcoming event is the municipal election. Quite frankly, there is no excuse for not exercising your right to vote and expressing your views on how the Townships of Lake of Bays and Huntsville will be governed. This is your opportunity to weigh in and be counted on several important issues including the following: the proposed development on Langmaids Island and consideration of it's heritage values; balancing economic development with environmental issues; improving internet

services; increasing affordable housing close to services; improving funding and access to health care and maintaining two hospital sites; funding and expansion of the Libraries in Dwight and Baysville; infrastructure spending; advocating for financial equity with the District of Muskoka and many more.

Community groups such as LOBA cannot endorse specific candidates, but we have made every effort to inform and educate our membership on the position of each candidate running for Council, District and Mayor for both Lake of Bays and Huntsville. A comprehensive questionnaire was sent by LOBA to each candidate and, in most cases, they did respond. These responses have been posted on our website—loba.ca—and have been sent out in numerous Newsflashes. Please read them! LOBA also hosted two all candidates meetings in Baysville and Dwight. The Baysville candidates meeting was taped and posted on YouTube. Please watch it! When you read and/or watch the candidate's responses, in most cases it quickly becomes apparent who to vote for. We will also be sending out information to each member indicating which ward you live in and which candidates are in your specific riding so that you will know who to vote for.

Voting is easier then ever, either online or by telephone from Oct. 12 to 22. If you are unsure if you are on the voters list, visit or call the Township of Lake of Bays (705-635-2272) or Town of Huntsville office (705-789-1751, option 0). Seasonal residents and their spouses may vote, as well as those who have rented property in the township for at least 6 weeks. If you can't vote during that time period then give a proxy to a family member to vote for you. I can't emphasize enough how important it is to get out and vote. The results of this election will have a permanent impact on the Lake of Bays that we all treasure. Help LOBA continue our mission to promote and enhance a clean and healthy natural environment, a well-serviced community and a safe a peaceful Lake of Bays. 

**LAKE OF BAYS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL**

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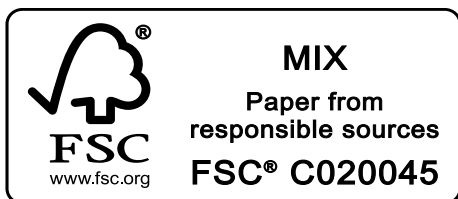
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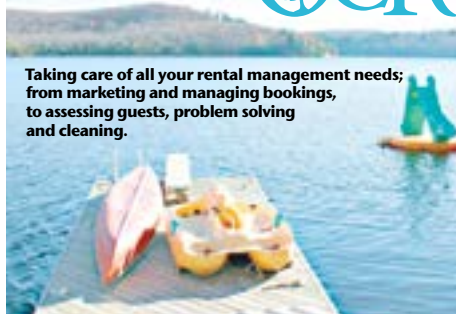


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