Name:

Running For:

Incumbent or Challenger:

If incumbent, now many years have you sat on Council and in what roles:

Website:

Contact Information:

1. What should the Township/Town do to reduce its carbon footprint and facilitate movement away from fossil fuels?

   Answer -

2. The Muskoka Watershed Council is recommending an Integrated Watershed Management Plan for Muskoka which would require municipalities to base planning decisions on impacts to the entire watershed, not just the local municipality. Do you support this approach? Why or why not? How could this change planning decisions in the Township of Lake of Bays/Town of Huntsville?

   Answer -

3. What area(s) of the Township/Town budget do you think receives too much funding and why? What area(s) of the Township/Town budget do you think receives too little funding and why?

   Answer -

4. There has been an increase in year-round use of seasonal properties due to the Covid pandemic, retirement, and other factors and trends. How should this affect municipal services such as roads and garbage, and other non-municipal services such as internet?

   Answer -

5. How should the Township/Town evaluate its Short-Term Rental Licensing program?

   Answer -

6. The Lake of Bays Association has identified several Election Priorities (see cover letter). What can the Association do to help council address any one or more of these priorities.

    Answer -

Township of Lake of Bays Candidates Only
In April 2022, LOBA sent a letter (attached) to the Township of Lake of Bays outlining our concern about variances on non-complying waterfront properties and by-law enforcement. In summary, the letter expressed the Association's concerns about a perceived trend in the number of variances being granted by Council on legal non-complying lots, particularly for increased lot coverage. The Association also expressed concern about by-law enforcement particularly regarding the unwarranted removal of shoreline trees and vegetation. The following two questions relate to these concerns.

7. When faced with planning applications, how will you work to achieve balance between the need to improve or replace exiting structures and protecting the environment and character of the lake?

    Answer -

8. Do you support stronger enforcement tools and more assertive policies to deal with people who do not comply with by-laws, particularly the Development Permit System by-laws?

    Answer -

District Councillor Candidates Only
In June 2021, LOBA sent a letter (attached) to the District of Muskoka and Meridian Planning Consultants regarding the Muskoka Resort Policy Review. The letter contained seven key comments: 1. The objectives of the Official Plan should no longer strongly support resort development, 2. The District's OP should clearly define resorts to be commercial, to the exclusion of any residential density beyond local residential standards, 3. Resorts that would be accompanied by a residential component should only be permitted in municipally serviced areas, 4. The District's OP must allow local area municipalities to further control resort development and re-development, 5. Down zoning of resort properties from commercial to residential should only be permitted if the resulting density is no greater than current residential standards in the immediate area, 6. Short-term rentals are increasingly accommodating vacationers wanting to live the "cottage experience, and 7. The Lake of Bays Association does not agree with relaxing the requirements or restriction on resort development.

9. What are your views on resort development and redevelopment in the Township of Lake of Bays/Town of Huntsville? Specifically, should commercial resorts be allowed to include a residential component such as condominiums or townhouses, should resort development be considered on properties not connected to municipal services, and under what circumstances do you support down-zoning from commercial to residential zoning?

    Answer -

10. Do you think the structure of District Council needs to change in the next term? If yes, how? If no, why?

    Answer -