

I'm excited to share that I'm stepping forward as a candidate in the upcoming municipal election. Born and raised in the Southern Victoria area and proud to call this village home since 2006, my connection here runs deep—and so does my commitment to its future.

My background is rooted in agriculture, and I currently serve as the Potato Integrated Pest Management Specialist with the Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries.

### Community Experience

- Municipal Councilor, 2008-2016-- including leading through the devastating 2012 flood
  - Served on Policy & By-Law, Finance, Recreation, Light and Water Commission Committees, Liaison for Gathering of the Scots
- High school hockey coach (girl's head coach 2 seasons, boys' assistant coach 1 season)
- Current Leadership and Engagement
  - Rotarian
  - Executive member of Victoria Glen Manor
  - Second-term Director at Kings Landing

## My Priorities for Southern Victoria

### Economic Growth

Leverage our Trans-Canada Highway access and proximity to the US border to attract new businesses and support the expansion of existing ones.

### Grow our Light Commission

Our municipally owned utility is a financial asset. I want to explore innovative ways to grow it-- and pass those savings on to the ratepayers, making Southern Victoria more attractive to residents and businesses alike.

### Strategic Long-Term Planning

Council must develop clear 5, 10 and 25-year visions. Good decisions don't require unanimity, but they do require open, respectful discussion of all ideas.

### Community Safety and Well Being

Consult with the community on priority risks, address risks with programs and strategies and use performance metrics to evaluate outcomes. Specifically around housing, derelict buildings, and substance abuse.

### Community Engagement

Elected officials serve the community. I will listen to residents and use your input to guide decisions-- your voice matters. Strong relationships with provincial and federal partners are essential for securing funding and services—from healthcare to infrastructure.

I respectfully ask for your vote on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

~Tom