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Election Insight #1



Something to Think About

With the election campaigning now underway, we want to provide you with information and insights for "something to think about".

We have started publishing insights on these issues on our web site and will summarize weekly in this newsletter.

Vote wisely!



How Councillors Voted!

During the 2022 budget meetings, a written record of how everyone voted was recorded on several motions to increase spending. This has drawn a lot of attention from our previous newsletter and we are publishing it again here as it is important for everyone to understand how Councillors voted.

We summarized the recorded voting from the 2022 Budget Meetings. Which Councillors voted to increase spending? Find out here:

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Affordable Housing – Why can't we fix it?

There is no easy answer for something that causes so much hardship for so many. All of us as a community need to work together to assist in whatever way we can. We also need to hold the responsible levels of government (County, Provincial, & Federal) accountable. Councillors at the municipal level cannot make the profound changes needed. They can make changes to the municipal planning process and work with the community, but they **MUST** hold the upper levels of government accountable.

Michael Sprayson, a new candidate running for Council, has some clear action plans that can be acted upon quickly by a new Council. Read more about it here:

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Does Town Staff or Council Run This Town?

Councillors approved using a consultant to do the User Fee study with a vote of 4 to 2 in favour. Read more about how some Councillors cannot say "NO!" to almost everything Town staff bring forward.

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It Won't Cost Taxpayers Anything

When someone says this, they are mostly either misleading you or do not understand themselves whose money it is. Find out where the money that won't cost taxpayers anything comes from.

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