

Candidacy Announcement Vote Ron Harrison for McKellar Mayor October 24th
Honest governance, strong leadership.

Dear Neighbours,

My name is Ron Harrison, and I would like to take this opportunity to not only introduce myself, but to make myself accessible to each and every one of you. I am running to serve as your Mayor in the upcoming Municipal Election for the Township of McKellar.

A local to the Parry Sound area, a proud member of the Canadian Coast Guard, former Deputy/ Acting Fire Chief for the McKellar Fire Department, Chair of the Student Advisory Committee and volunteer at the forefront of community engagement services such as: Parents For West Parry Sound, Community Emergency Management Committee and the originator of Hockey Sound, I have my ear to the ground and the sensibility of the people at heart.

Over the last seven years spent as a resident of McKellar, I have come to recognize that my core values are not only my own, but the common goal for so many of us. With the support of my wife Jennifer and the foresight I have gained raising my three children: Lily, Grady and Cooper, I have come to fully acknowledge that a Municipal Election is much more than adding a checkmark to a box, it is deciding what is best for our community.

With respect, integrity and transparent, solution focused problem solving at the forefront of my campaign; I will focus my efforts to working with Council to find consensus in making the equitable decisions around our township's finances, staffing and public services. My promise is to lead with strength and implement with honesty to move our Township forward while keeping our communities best interest front and center.

On Monday, October 24 vote Ron Harrison for Mayor and together McKellar can move forward through these next four years with honest governance and strong leadership.

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WHY CHOOSE RON HARRISON?

My greatest justification for my qualifications is my leadership in service. I have spent my life dedicating myself to the service of my neighbour. Always supporting and actively leading the line doing the hard work to ensure that when it is important to my neighbour it gets done.

- As Former Deputy and Acting Fire Chief of the McKellar Fire Department, training and safety was a priority. Through grants and special initiatives, we were able to secure added funding to buy ice water rescue equipment for our water rich community;
- While a member of the Community Emergency Management Committee. I worked within the guidelines of the Civil Protection Act developing the procedures and protocols to keep McKellar open;
- As one of the lead Instructors for our West Parry Sound District Mutual Aid Group, I have worked with area partners ensuring consistent quality training are delivered should a life and/or property situation occur;
- As convener and creator of Hockey Sound a Northern ball hockey experience focused on fun and community I extended a warm welcome to all to get out and play. By doing this I created a place where all children could realize their dreams. I also extended an adult night which brought adults out to play and reconnect with one another;
- Worked within the team that brought together for the first time all five first nations and seven municipalities to collaborate and join together in best interests for all neighbours together. Staying independent while providing the services needed.

The Teams first 90 days includes:

Finance:

- Deliver first draft of the 2023 budget;
- Review financial opportunities with our municipal neighbours for mutual benefit;
- Work with our MPP and Ministries to assist in our infrastructure and community projects;

Staffing:

- Create assessment tool to identify key service delivery issues;
- Deliver community feedback survey and staff recognition program;
- Update educational opportunities to match ratepayer's expectations;
- Unify team – increase engagement across departments;
- Update 2019 Service Delivery review to optimize staffing levels;

Services:

- Finalize roads policy, build consensus on the path forward;
- Identify transfer station opportunities;
- New municipal engagement program better connecting with our community;
- Parks and recreation assessment Plans for low-cost high value “places to go”; “things to do”;
- Initial assessment: fix internet, action plan status, environment support, committee volunteers, tax payments, roads, new services.

THIS OCTOBER VOTE RON HARRISON FOR MAYOR.