

The Coast Survey (2008.09.22)

Responses first, followed by Survey information requests.



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100 Words

Cameron Ells, P.Eng., - Civil Engineer, Environmental Consultant, and Entrepreneur. My 20 years of private sector experience includes running my own business, and volunteer contributions to joint public - private sector activities. These experiences can be useful in representing our interests in a pragmatic, constructive, and persuasive manner - often low key and direct. My passion for detail and the big picture can be useful for those navigating through government. I have worked successfully with a broad range of perspectives in achieving useful results. We each contribute to our communities in different ways. I can do this. I can do it now.

Cameron Ells for Councillor - Downtown Halifax

What you consider to be the critical issues for your district?

- 1) Development is coming - Let's make sure we get it right
- 2) Encourage residential - commercial - institutional mixed use neighbourhoods
- 3) Encourage more reliance on mass transit when going into and out of Downtown
- 4) Reduce crime in the area, and at the same time, reduce the perception of crime
- 5) Live, love, and laugh through life in a long term, sustainable style
- 6) Encourage the recycling of under used "brownfield" properties, for new purposes

What you want to accomplish as a councillor? What are your goals?

- 1) Contribute to good quality infrastructure decision making by HRM and Halifax Water, and encouraging the broad based application of life cycle asset management in the decision making. Infrastructure is the largest portion of the HRM budget. For HRM in the long term, "Getting it right" with infrastructure will result in better financial options with respect to parks, recreation, and everything else.
- 2) Contribute to the incorporation of climate change adaptation into regular HRM planning and infrastructure decision making.
- 3) Contribute to the completion and closure of the unfinished HRM by Design, and Tax Reform activities. That is not an unqualified endorsement of every detail of those processes, but it was originally intended that both processes would now be finished.
- 4) Contribute to increasing economic opportunities for Downtown residents. Encourage the recycling of under used "brownfield" properties, for new purposes, including new housing opportunities. Economic opportunities, housing, and education can influence the long term crime trends in an area.
- 5) Contribute to increasing a sense of pride and fun for the Downtown area. Encourage residential - commercial - institutional mixed use neighbourhoods. Encourage more reliance on mass transit when going into and out of Downtown. Live, love, and laugh through life in a long term, sustainable style.

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What organizations do you belong to?

- Member - the Association of Professional Engineers of Nova Scotia (APENS)
- Life Member - the Nova Scotia Institute of Science (NSIS)
- President - the Environmental Services Association of Nova Scotia (ESANS)
- Founding member (to 2000) - Atlantic PIRI Committee (www.AtlanticRBCA.com)
- Founding member - ClimAdapt and Climate Canada Atlantic

Do you belong to a political party or are you affiliated with a political party?

- I have never belonged to, contributed to, campaigned for, or been affiliated with a political party.

-----Original Message-----

From: Andy Murdoch [mailto:andym@thecoast.ca]

Sent: September 19, 2008 2:34 PM

To: andym

Subject: The Coast - Municipal Election Survey

Hello Candidates,

The Coast has recently started a municipal elections page. It has maps and information about each district and its candidates as well as news and commentary about the issues in this election. Right now it covers all the basics, but we want it to grow into the go-to source of election info during the course of this election. After the election it will remain online as a political resource and forum to discuss city politics.

We are inviting each candidate and councillor to submit information about themselves to us, so we can post it online as a part of your profile on the site.

The information we are looking for is:

- a photo
- 100 words about yourself.
- contact information suitable for the public, including a phone number, address, campaign office and website and any other social networking site (eg Facebook, Twitter). I think I have most of this information from the list of candidates that the HRM issued on its website, but if there is any of the information you do not consider suitable for our website (eg home address and phone, for instance), let me know.

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Also if you could tell us:

What you consider to be the critical issues for your district?

What you want to accomplish as a councillor? What are your goals?

What organizations do you belong to?

Do you belong to a political party or are you affiliated with a political party?

Our website can be found at:

http://www.thecoast.ca/SitePage-21061.113118_HRM_Halifax_Municipal_Elections_2008.html

or

<http://www.thecoast.ca/hrmvotes>

I'm looking forward to this election and I wish you all the best of luck!

yours,

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