

2020 Bob Taylor - Candidate Mayor

Colchester and Cumberland Counties have just signed a \$60.1-Million project with Xplornet. What additional infrastructure would you work with councillors for Colchester to provide, within the broadband program, to maximize benefits?



Bob Taylor

I think that it is so important to have broadband coverage for all rural areas of the Counties. I would continue to work with Cumberland County on this project. Most importantly, to monitor the progress of this project to make sure it is completed on time.

What do you believe is the most important issue(s) facing the municipality?

I have listed six priorities in my brochure. However although it is not a responsibility of the County, I feel our doctor shortage is the most important issue. I would take a lead in pushing the province to stream the process to approve more doctors and nurses to our area.

Should council change its plan on J-class roads which previously has asked property owners contribute to repaving or rebuilding costs? If so what % would you suggest?

Having had experience in dealing with this issue, which was not pleasant, I feel that the Province is responsible for J-cross roads and should do the repaving at no cost for the property owners.

Should Debert Airport and Debert Business Park be included among the municipality's top three economic development priorities?

Previously, I did a lot of work in promoting the Debert Airport and Business Park. This still remains a number one priority for me.

Should the municipality become the lead developer of residential lots or subdivisions on some of the vast acreage of former CFB Debert, which are not needed or ideal for commercial development?

With real estate costs in Halifax and other major urban centres soaring to new heights, should Colchester encourage new or existing sub-division developers to increase availability of lots to attract new residents who wish to live in "quasi-rural" areas, to enjoy a different lifestyle?

The municipality is not a developer. However the County should provide the infrastructure for residential development in the business park, and work with developers to start a much needed residential community.

I am all for promoting this area as a great place to live, work, and play. We have built all the facilities in this community to provide all of these. This gives developers the opportunity to open up and see lots.

What should Colchester do to encourage developments which will deliver the services and accommodate what could be thousands of visitors / potential new residents attracted to the area as a result of UNESCO's designation of the Cliffs of Fundy Geopark?

I was proud to have been involved in the purchase of the Paliser Property, which has been very popular to our residents and tourists. I would certainly encourage other developments for the Fundy Geopark.

Colchester has a new hospital, RECC centre, Dal Ag Campus, Nova Scotia Community College, excellent geographical location and many other assets all within two hours drive to other major urban centres and almost one million consumers in NB, PEI and HRM. Where does the municipality need to focus to achieve probable levels of residential and commercial develop, which could result in the Municipality being among the fastest growing municipalities in the province?

A recent magazine article was headlined "Build The Community and Then The Economy", by Building The Community; such as the Rath Eastlink Community Centre, the Truro Public Library, along with the new hospital and schools, now we are seeing a boom in residential and business construction.

What approach to municipal governance will you take to ensure all councillors and staff are working together as a unified team?

I am a team player. In my previous terms as mayor, I respected my fellow counselors ideas and input and involved them in my decisions. I plan to continue the process.

What is most needed in the municipality to maintain quality of life and to grow with sustainability?

What is most needed is to continue to maintain our recreation facilities and our parks and trails for the health and fitness of our citizens.

What professional or personal experience do you bring to the table to ensure council is unified and efforts are maximized for the betterment of residential and commercial interests?

I have extensive experience in business, community activity, and council. I will use this experience in working with fellow communities for the residential and commercial interests.

2020 Heather Boyd - Candidate District 2

Now that Highspeed broadband will be installed over the next three years in Colchester and Cumberland Counties in a \$60.1-Million project with Xplornet what additional infrastructure should Colchester provide within the program to improve the local economy?



Heather Boyd

There are many opportunities to support the progress being made. Infrastructure assets are shared across multiple bodies and levels of government and private sector operators. Collaboration and clearly defined roles and responsibilities will be important. We should be assessing needs and seeking opportunities to run wires underground or on poles, laying fibre or conduits. We also need to ensure a streamlined approach to issuing permits.

What do you believe is the most important issue(s) for your District?

The economic recovery from the impact of COVID-19 and ensuring residents have access to a family doctor.

Should taxpayers on J-class roads be asked to contribute 25%-50% of repaving or rebuilding costs?

All residents of Colchester County pay property tax, and it is important to ensure residents receive quality services and benefits that they are entitled to and deserve. It is important our municipal government works efficiently and effectively with our provincial and federal partners to ensure all levels of government follow through with responsibilities that have been assigned and agreed upon.

Should Colchester Municipal council make infrastructure investments in Debert Airport and Debert Business Park among its top three priorities?

The County should certainly engage in thoughtful discussion on this topic.

With real estate costs in Halifax soaring to new heights, should Colchester encourage new or existing sub-division developments to attract new residents who wish to live in "quasi-rural" areas, to enjoy a different lifestyle?

There is incredible development potential in Colchester County. District 2, especially, has the optimal location and amenities to attract new residents. It would be important to ensure the regional marketing strategy includes this.

What level of priority do you place on marketing the county as a desirable place to live and invest in attracting new residents, who might start or purchase an existing business? Professional marketing efforts to ensure a strong, positive, and consistent brand message is the key to attracting residents, business, tourists, and building economic momentum. This should always be a high priority, and is in line with focusing on our economic recovery from the impact of COVID-19, as well as physician recruitment

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The County needs to ensure its marketing efforts are producing the results they expected and intended. We can also work to improve the infrastructure and physical appearance of commercial areas. Public transportation is a dire need.

What approach to municipal governance will you take to obtain the important things in your district?

I believe a collaborative approach is essential to progress and problem solving. Honest conversations with stakeholders and the public are key. Strong relationships are the root of all progress.

What is most needed in your district?

An engaged community thrives. Part of that is ensuring that is ensuring residents know where to turn when they are seeking help, need an advocate, or have questions on an issue.

What professional or personal experience do you bring to the council table?

I pay attention to details, am thoughtful and proactive. I am a hard worker, who is familiar with board governance. I am community minded, a good listener, and I get the job done.

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NOTICE OF POLL

Elections will be held on Saturday, October 17, 2020 for the Municipality of Colchester and a Member of the *Conseil scolaire acadien provincial* (CSAP). Electors may vote between 8:00 am and 7:00 pm at the locations listed below or at the advance poll. The advance polls will be held on Thursday October 8th, Tuesday October 13th, Wednesday October 14th and Thursday October 15th, 2020, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 pm.

To vote in the CSAP election, you must meet the residency requirements to vote and be a Canadian citizen. You must also meet one of the following: Your first language learned AND still understood is French, OR, You received your primary school instruction in Canada in a French FIRST LANGUAGE program, OR, Your child has received or is receiving primary or secondary school instruction in a French FIRST LANGUAGE program. Note that French Immersion is NOT a French First Language program.

There will be no vote held for a candidate elected by acclamation.

OFFICE	CANDIDATE	ELECTION DAY POLLING LOCATION	OFFICE	CANDIDATE	ELECTION DAY POLLING LOCATION
Mayor	Christine Blair (Incumbent)	At your District Poll	Councillor District 7	Mike Gregory (Incumbent)	7A, 7B, 7C, 7D Tatamagouche Fire Hall
	Bob Taylor			John Sellers	7F Willow Lodge
Councillor District 1	Eric Boutilier (Acclaimed)	Bible Hill Fire Hall	Councillor District 8	Stan Hampton Edwin MacQuarrie Lisa Patton	8A, 8B, 8C North River Fire Hall 8D Kemptown Community Centre
Councillor District 2	Heather Boyd	2A, 2B Cobequid Fire Hall # 1	Councillor District 9	Maire Benoit	9A Admin. Building Debert Air Industrial Park
	Laurie Sandeson	2C Cobequid Fire Hall # 2		Bob Pash (Incumbent)	9B, 9C Onslow Belmont Fire Hall
		2D Brookfield Sportsplex		Susan Taylor	9D Debert Court
		2E Stewiacke Community Centre			
Councillor District 3	Geoff Stewart (Acclaimed)	3A Brookfield Fire Hall	Councillor District 10	Tom Taggart (Acclaimed)	10A Five Islands Fire Hall
		3B Brookfield Sportsplex			10B Economy Recreation Centre
		3C Stewiacke Community Centre			10C Bass River Fire Hall
		3D Elk court			10D Londonderry Community Centre
Councillor District 4	Mike Cooper (Incumbent)	4A Upper Stewiacke Fire Hall	Councillor District 11	Peter McCracken	11A Colchester Christian Academy
	John Vissers	4B Middle Stewiacke Recreation Centre		Wade Parker (Incumbent)	
		4C, 4D Wittenburg Baptist Church			
Councillor District 5	Colleen Doucette	5A Salmon River Fire Hall	Member of conseil scolaire acadien provincial (CSAP)	Jerome Breaud (Incumbent)	At your District Poll
	Lloyd Gibbs (Incumbent)			Jessica Hinton	
	Tim Johnson				
Councillor District 6	Karen MacKenzie (Acclaimed)	6A Crossroads Baptist Church	Member of conseil Scolaire acadien provincial (CSAP) for the new "Truro" region comprised of Cumberland, Colchester, Truro, Amherst, Oxford and Stewiacke.		

Advance Poll Locations: (October 8th, 13th, 14th and 15th)

Districts 1, 6 and 11	Bible Hill Fire Hall	District 4	Middle Stewiacke Recreation Centre	District 8	North River Fire Hall
District 2	Cobequid Fire Hall # 1	District 5	Salmon River Fire Hall	District 9	Admin. Building Debert Air Industrial Park
District 3	Brookfield Sportsplex	District 7	Tatamagouche Fire Hall	District 10	Great Village Fire Hall

All Electors can also vote in the Advanced Poll at the Court House/Municipal Building at 1 Church St in Truro

Descriptions of the polling divisions are available at the Returning Office. Information may be obtained on the website www.colchester.ca or by calling 902-890-6780 or 902-893-3182.

Guy Wheeler, Returning Officer
Municipality of Colchester
September 14, 2020