

2020 Stanley Hampton - Candidate District 8

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Improve cell phone service in rural areas between major centers. Example Truro and Tatamouche.



Stanley Hampton

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

Roads and sewer service

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

If they want their roads done right away yes they should

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

No there are other areas where the dollars could be better spent.

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?

Yes they should.

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?

High level as we are able to offer good services and dictate tax rates.

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Keeping their tax rates level

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

Listing to the people and taking their concerns to the council.

What is most needed in your district?

Roads, sewer lines on side roads and improve cell phone service in the north.

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

My experience as a business owner and my leadership skills I learned growing up in the area.

2020 Marie Benoit - Candidate District 9

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Many of our residents who live rurally, have experienced the frustration of poor or no internet services. Knowing that a reliable, high speed internet service is on the way, is very welcoming. Any build or expansion means a potential for jobs, and this project shouldn't be any different. With reliable internet, small business owners can confidently grow or start their business in their rural locations as well the residential communities will be able to stay better connected to their family, friends and events or news going on around them.



Marie Benoit

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

Every resident of District 9, and the province for that matter, deserves to have access to a family physician. Healthcare, mental health initiatives, and ensuring our seniors are looked after are extremely important issues. I look forward to talking with residents to hear their concerns to where I can help.

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

J-class roads are roads that are owned by the province of Nova Scotia. Any projects outside of general maintenance are funded through a 50/50 cost share agreement between the municipality and the province. At the time the agreement was created, the terms were set to problem solve the issues of the day. I believe every policy should be reviewed, discussed, and amended as necessary should the need arise.

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

We are fortunate to have the infrastructure that we do in Debert. The Debert airport is a gem that could be enhanced even further, and the Debert Business Park has huge potential for growth. I fully support infrastructure investment to these areas, which are both located in District 9.

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?

When done correctly, and with the proper stake holder engagement in place, I would support subdivision development.

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We need a good regional marketing strategy, and public transportation. If it is done in a way that truly promotes the uniqueness of our area. I believe we will be successful in recruiting and attracting the ppl and investments we need. The recent UNESCO World Heritage Designation and the upcoming development at the site for the Mi'kma'wey Debert Cultural Centre are just two of the items that should also be included.

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

I pride myself on being community minded and have a good ability to build relationships. I believe collaboration is key, and creative thinking is needed to solve problems. My approach is with an open heart and an open mind.

What is most needed in your district?

Access to family physician and good healthcare for all residents, affordable recreation and social activities for kids and adults as well as seniors, and a way to deal with the littering issues. A solid marketing plan.

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

I am hardworking, reliable and I'm committed to taking on the challenge and privilege of being the councillor for District 9. I have a good work ethic, I'm community minded, and continue to be an active volunteer in our communities. I invite all residents to visit my website at mariebenoit.ca and to contact me with any questions or concerns they may have. Thank you for taking the time for checking out my website. I look forward to meeting you in the weeks to come.

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2020 Susan Taylor - Candidate District 9

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Local companies should be sub-contracted to ensure that employment opportunities remain and expand within Colchester County. There also needs to be work completed on ensuring better cell phone coverage in rural communities.



Susan Taylor

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

The Debert Business Park and Debert Airfield are key areas within District 9 and need to be revived. Since the closure of CoRDA these areas have not seen much growth. There is lots of potential to bring new business into this district which will create more jobs and retention of families within the District.

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

Yes, taxpayers should contribution, that is what part of their taxes are used towards. However, it would be irresponsible for me to identify a percentage of what they should contribute without knowing the background or costs on such a project.

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

Yes, this area is a gem and has great potential for growth for this District and the County.

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?

Absolutely, the only way to grow the economy and to attract new people to the area is to be able to offer options for living.

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?

This must be a high priority. If the area does not have jobs available with either new or existing business, then new residents will not come. Focus needs to be made on the benefits of living within a rural community by having suitable housing as well as employment opportunities.

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Youth and business retention. These two areas must become a major focus for the Municipality. More youth are moving off to urban areas for better paying jobs. The county needs to ensure that there are good paying jobs available for youth and that businesses get the support to ensure that they can start new businesses or expand current businesses.

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

First and foremost, listen to my constituents. Take their concerns and issues back to the county table and fight to ensure that they get a fair representation of their wishes and needs.

What is most needed in your district?

More business development in Debert Park.

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

I am a retired military veteran having served 16.5 years retiring in the rank of Sergeant.

I have an extensive administrative and financial background with over 35 years' experience.

I have over 10 years' experience in working with not-for-profit organizations and am currently employed as the Executive Director of Colchester Transportation Cooperative Ltd.

I have 10 years' experience in the hospitality industry.

I have experience working with all levels of government both in a professional and volunteer basis.

I have served on many volunteer groups over the past 25 years such as Past Chair of the Along the Shore Community Health Board. Past Secretary of the former Debert Community Assn and Royal Canadian Legion Debert Branch 106, Past Chair Fundy Shoreline Recreation Assn.


I continue to Current Vice President of the Debert Military History Society, Chair of the Rural Transportation Assn, Ordinary member of the Royal Canadian Legion Debert Branch 106.

I am a lifelong learner and continue to take yearly professional development training.

COVID-19 has taken a toll on business and families. Businesses have closed, families have lost employment. I have worked hard with my current employment to ensure a safe environment for our clients and staff. I have participated in many consultations on COVID-19 and have developed several protocols to ensure the safety of our clients and staff. We need strong support around the table to ensure that we can continue to support our business and families during this unprecedented time.

With my previous experience with the Community Health Board and my current work I have a high level of understanding at the grass roots level of some of the issues facing our aging population within Colchester County, access to medical services and transportation are just a couple of areas that need work. I believe I can provide sound input on these topics and more around the council table.

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Susan Taylor

For District 9 - County Councillor

Experience, Leadership & Commitment

I look forward to the opportunity to represent you around the County table.

Cast your VOTE on Oct 17th, 2020!

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