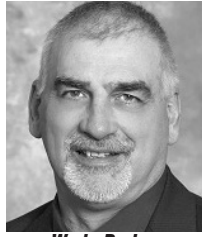


2020 Wade Parker - Candidate District 11

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?



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With this new agreement we were able to secure something called Dark Fibre. This will help businesses and organizations benefit from much higher internet speeds and large data file transfers. These businesses include manufacturing, logistical companies, e commerce, retail, government institutions, college campus, schools, internet providers, and telecommunication companies. The Agreement commits the parties to continue collaborating to oversee the initial project, but also to pursue "best use" of the new network and future opportunities to expand it. This role could also be extended to working toward cell phone coverage improvements.

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

Paving of J-class roads; we need a 20-year plan to be put in place for replacing our aging infrastructure including new sidewalks and replacement of existing sidewalk. I feel the replacement of sidewalks should include investigating the possibility of installing multipurpose trails. Also, the upcoming policing review is very important and will require an experienced team to navigate that process. And finally, our deer population is becoming a nuance and we must develop a plan to control it.

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

We have 110 kilometers of shared J-class roads with Transportation Infrastructure Renewal (TIR) and currently the formula is TIR pays 50% and the taxpayers pay the remaining 50%. The Municipality is currently looking at a 20-year plan, at a cost of 7.2 million, to replace the J-class roads. I believe the Municipality should take over the resident's portion, by building a reserve, and solving this difficult issue once and for all.

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

Yes; this is something that has been in our Strategic Priorities Plan for eight years. I firmly believe that there is an opportunity to increase the number of businesses at the Debert Business Park and the Debert Airport will play an important role in this development. The Municipality recently purchased the Orenda building and already has a business looking at leasing it. The new roundabout, when finished, in Debert will make the park much more accessible. Major business expansions have taken place in the past two years including the Tim Horton's Regional Distribution Centre and Kohltech Windows and Doors. Three small businesses were welcomed to the Park in the past two years as well. Another six businesses expanded their operations with additional employees and buildings. There is increased interest in residential development in and around the DBP including plans for a senior's multiplex complex. We have invested in a new Technical Approach System, to improve airplanes lower elevation instrument support, which will help with night and poor weather flights, at the Debert Airport. I believe Debert will continue to grow in the future.

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; the Municipality has always been in favor of attracting new residents who want to live in Colchester. As the Vice Chair of the Liaison and Oversight committee I have worked with various funding partners to invest in the Truro & Colchester Partnership for Economic Prosperity. Their mandate is to attract new residents, assist existing business with retention and expansion and attract new businesses to our area. We as Council are consistently investing in our recreation, trails and infrastructure to attract newcomers to Colchester. Some examples are the new hospital, the RECC Centre, rural internet, Fundy Discovery Centre, and the cliffs of Fundy Geopark.

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?

Making Colchester a better place to live has always been one of the top five strategies in our Strategic Plan. We collaborate with TCPEP, the Town of Truro, Downtown Truro Partnership, Truro-Colchester Chamber of Commerce, several community-based development organizations, the Municipality of Cumberland, ACOA, NSBI, and CBDC to enhance this endeavor. An economic development strategy for Colchester has been developed to integrate and complement the plan developed by the TCPEP. We need to continue to promote the Colchester region as an excellent place to work, live and do business.

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. What does the municipality need to focus on to be the fastest growing municipality in the province?

We need to promote and build on our strengths while improving on our weaknesses and vulnerabilities. We need to be innovative in marketing Colchester county with respect to the current COVID-19 situation.

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

I will continue to listen to the concerns of my constituents, work hard on their behalf and try to resolve any local issues. As many of you that have worked with me know, I embrace the opportunity to work towards solving community issues. I also make it a priority to contact residents with programs and services that are relevant to them and could significantly improve their wellbeing. I will continue to be a strong voice on county council, dedicated to resolving local issues, and will always be responsible with your tax dollars.

What is most needed in your district?

A plan in place to replace our aging infrastructure.
A plan in place, with a new formula, to repair and replace our J-class roads.
A plan in place for new or existing sidewalks.
Policing review.
A plan to address our deer population problem.

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

I have been a councilor for District 11 of Colchester County since 2012 and I am the incumbent. I spent 20 years working for the Province of Nova Scotia's Department of Justice, 14 years as the Manager of Pye Chevrolet Collision Centre and I work remotely with TD Insurance. I am also a small business owner. I spend most of my spare time as a community volunteer and have been awarded the Nova Scotia Volunteer of the Year award. As a lifelong resident of Bible Hill and my past eight years' experience on council I understand the upcoming issues and have the background knowledge to address and resolve these issues. My proven experience working on various committees and with other levels of government have led to projects which have created local jobs and increased tourism. I have gained special knowledge of local infrastructure as well including, water and sewer systems, residential and commercial developments, storm water management, and road maintenance and construction. This experience will continue to benefit the residents of District 11.

I saw stars
(home is here)

Raindrops kept falling in my room
Both my computers went boom
Went two years without heat
Furnace fumes were really neat

I saw stars

Spider webs began to grow
Then winter winds would blow
A comfort quilt kept me warm
Freezing from a blizzard storm

I saw stars

Wondering would spring return
Churn that butter oh must churn
A robin came for goodness sake
Get out that rake oh must rake

I saw stars

Ceiling dropped on my head
On my floor and on my bed
When i rose to my feet
Thought the lord i would greet

I saw stars

In the end all was well
I really hadn't gone to hell
Walked out the door headed west
Love my lady she's the best!

I saw stars

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