

Gord James

1. Restructure City Hall to provide accountability, lower taxes and lower water rate
2. Invest in tax conscious, courteous, informed and competitive employees
3. Streamline all development/planning/permit processes and timelines
4. Eliminate inefficiencies and duplication through an Employee Suggestion Program
5. Re-focus Kawartha Region Conservation Authority and provide long term health strategies for our 250 lakes and rivers
6. Preparation for a second bridge crossing in Fenelon Falls and northern Lindsay
7. Utilize our own gravel pits to re-surface rural roads and as a base for hardtop roads
8. Re-evaluate the closure of all community facilities through community consultation
9. We have proposal for a second entrance/exit for the Lindsay's Fairgrounds
10. Public transportation link in the Pontypool vicinity with access to the GTA
11. Support and Promote Agriculture and Tourism unsuing our in-house resources

Mayoral Candidates

- Gord James
- Brian Junkin
- Andy Letham
- Peter Weygang

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<https://www.gordjamesformayor.com/>*

Andy Letham

When elected 4 years ago, I was asked to bring a more business like approach to city hall. We have done that and as a result, building permits are up 30% over previous years, they are being issued quicker, and the stagnant growth we have seen for 15 years in our municipality is starting improve. Nothing more we do will take the pressure off our existing tax base than that and continuing to find efficiencies. Many subdivisions on the go in Lindsay, Bobcaygeon, Fenelon and Woodville. Commercial builds popping up and finally underway with 300,000 sq feet of commercial and 530 homes at Colborne and Hwy 35 in Lindsay. This growth will make everything easier.

City finally has a long term financial plan that enables us to put \$5 million more into rural roads this year and we have approved \$4.6 million over 3 years to rehabilitate 35 of our worst gravel roads. Ditching , brushing, cell gap coverage, increased broadband capacity, fixing building, all the things people told us was important. Finally doing something about it. Stable foundation and can now start growing our communities in a financially responsible way. Very positive momentum moving forward right now.

Good things ahead.

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Brian Junkin

LEADERSHIP, ACCOUNTABILITY, and PROGRESS.

We need leadership more than ever. True Leadership—something we haven't had that for the last four years. I've been a councillor for 8 years, and I've done a good job of it. [THIS IS MY TRACK RECORD](#). But I can do more. It's time to take a bigger leadership role in our municipality. I disagree with our current mayor's autocratic style of leadership. The municipal government should be the most democratic of the three levels of government. What the City of Kawartha Lakes has right now is an arena of bullying and partisanship.

Reducing the number of councillors has nothing to do with efficiency. It has everything to do with increasing control. We don't need less councillors! We need better councillors. Chopping 16 councillors down to 8 means cutting representation for the people in half and doubling central control. Council will be less **accountable**. Direct democracy gets watered down when you blow up the ratio between the

people and their representation. You end up with a centrally-focussed municipal government. The noisy, well-connected few make gains and the less-connected population goes unheard far off in the background. That's bad government. What we need is lively debate in council meetings, not a series of pre-arranged decisions and motions made without consultation. A vote for me is a vote for open discussion, meaningful representation, and accountable government.

I've lived in the Bobcaygeon-Fenelon Falls area my whole life. My wife Lucille and I live at the family farm, est. in 1853 by Thomas Junkin, where we happily raised our two children. I am a retiree from General Motors Engineering Centre in Oshawa and I am a farmer. I know the value of hard work and of a dollar earned. It's time for me to take a leadership role in the municipality my family has called home for 165 years. "I promise to put in the work, to study the issues, to make good decisions. I promise to speak up against the status quo and represent the taxpayers who elect me. This is what I've done as ward 7 councillor for eight years and this is what I'll do as your mayor!"

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Peter Weygand

My education includes an Oxford degree in Physics, engineering from the Imperial College, and an M.Ed. from Queen's. I held positions as an Education Officer, Superintendent of Education, and Assistant Dean.

Short term rentals often create noise levels, and behaviors, that are unacceptable. We have byelaws to cover these situations, that are not enforced at the time of the offence. The staff solution is to increase the numbers of their already over-staffed bureaucracy. This is always their solution; more staff! The obvious solution is to provide complainants with audio/video recording devices, and a written warning to the house owner. The evidence would be used in prosecutions.

Similar technology has been used in police radar traps for twenty years. The use of technology would soon eliminate this scourge. We could buy a lot of these devices for the cost of one salary of a by-law officer.

Chaotic changes in water levels not only cause hardships to people with waterside properties, they also cause considerable damage to the ecology. I worked with Jamie Smale (MP), and Larry Jones, on the Bring Back the Walleye project. We found that the exposure of mayfly nymphs, and other small crustaceans, to varying water depths, including full exposure to the air, was catastrophic. The walleye literally starved to death. There are associated fluctuations in water temperature, which have a large impact on walleye spawning success.

My group, the Citizens for Direct Democracy, want to return to a two-tier system, with an autonomous satellite administration in each ward. We believe that returning power to the people, through a truly democratic municipal government, will reduce the number of problems dramatically, and ideally remove them altogether.

www.citizensfordirectdemocracy.ca