



My family and I have been proud residents of Ladysmith since 1975. I am 56 years old, have been married to Tracy for 37 years, and we have three great daughters, who have all grown up in Ladysmith. We have grandchildren that are now growing up in Ladysmith and call it home.

I realize that there are many good things happening in our community, as well as many new folks calling it home. I also realize that not only do I enjoy being a part of it and (hopefully) being a part of making it the super community that it is, but also to make it what people expect it to be, home. I am very proud of Ladysmith and continue to get a kick out of it. Our town has unlimited community spirit.

Now I am seeking your support.
I have the time and the desire
to continue working for all
of the residents of Ladysmith.

My family and I have always been active in many organizations and functions in Ladysmith. We feel that if you enjoy the benefits of your community, you should be able to put something back into it for others to enjoy.

I have been a member of the Ladysmith Kinsmen Club for 33 years and an active Life Member of the Association of Kinsmen Clubs of Canada. We are also members of the Ladysmith Festival of Lights. I am an active member of the Ladysmith Celebrations Society, Ladysmith Loggers Sports group and the Ladysmith Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission. I have also helped chair the Ladysmith Days Parade for 20 years, the Light Up Parade since its beginning, as well as participating and helping in other community activities.

My time on Ladysmith Council has seen me involved in Grants-in-Aid, the Economic Development Commission, Green Street, Public Works Committee, Labour Relations, as well as various other committees from time to time. This past year I have been the chair of the Town's Government Services Committee.

I believe that Ladysmith has a very strong and vibrant future, but, a future that has to be thought out and planned with all its citizens in mind. With any type of growth come concerns. Some of which we continue to face are our watershed, types of housing (where & types), roads, parks development, waster water etc. How much can we afford, how do we pay for it and when, are just some of the questions.

We also need to work with our local businesses. A strong business community goes a long way towards a strong community. We need to work with business and industry to ensure that they will be a prosperous part of Ladysmith's future. We need to be able to try and offer jobs, not only for our existing citizens but for the young people who want to stay here, or come back after furthering their education.

When running for public office, a person can make a lot of promises, but does anyone honestly know what's going to happen? There are many, many items that come up at each council meeting and most of them are never the same. Each item has to be dealt with separately and on it's own merits. All of them must be heard with an open mind and thought out carefully before any decisions can be made. I can only promise that I will listen with an open mind, and weigh every decision on the basis of how it will benefit the majority of the residents of Ladysmith, both now and in the future.

As a councillor for the Town of Ladysmith, I will always deal with a subject as I feel the citizens would want - with an open mind, common sense and also as a resident of Ladysmith myself.

I am proud of our Town and enjoy spending the time and working for Ladysmith. I hope that you can also agree with me and again select me as part of the team that you want to see look after our community for the next three years.

If anyone has any questions they wish to ask me, you can always call me at home at 250-245-2263.

For those residents of Ladysmith who don't know me, my name is Donald, but after so many years of being known as 'Duck' it's kinda stuck with me.

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