

Members of Council, Staff, and fellow Logan Lakers Welcome.

I would like to begin by welcoming back members of council who are returning after some time away, and congratulate those of you who are sitting in this chamber for the first time as elected officials. This is truly an exciting time for all of us.

Serving the public is one of the noblest callings anyone can undertake. It's not always glamorous, and it's certainly not always easy. But the sense of satisfaction and the feeling of reward in knowing that you are making a real difference to the people of this community is a feeling like no other.

I stand before you today immensely privileged, honored, and more than a little humbled to serve as Mayor of our great town. It was wonderful to see our voter turnout so high, 55%, which was one of the highest in the Province. It shows that this community realizes how important our job is.

But that's just the beginning. Getting here is one thing, delivering on our collective vision will be the real challenge ahead of us.

We need to come together quickly to establish a set of priorities and goals to move us forward over the next three years.

I truly want to take advantage of the enthusiasm generated by the election, I want to take advantage of your excitement, and I want to take advantage of your passion for this community.

In short, we need be organized and focused. We can not be pulling in different directions, but must work together as one. And as one we **will** succeed.

I truly believe there are exciting things on the horizon for our community.

So I encourage all of you to think big, I want you to dream big, and I want you to pursue the Logan Lake you would like to see in the future.

We will at times disagree over some details, but that disagreement should never stop us from working together to achieve the goal we all share.

With a strong committee structure, established terms of reference, and specific goals we will move forward in an organized structured way.

Through these appointments, I hope to use your own goals and interests for Logan Lake to succeed. These are some areas I would encourage this Council to focus on.....

- Work to retain medical services and to attract an assisted living facility to Logan Lake.
- Work to secure lands and plan for growth, we desperately need to be ready when investors want to open a business or buy a home.
- Work towards building the proposed Community Center and to help find a permanent home for the WHY.
- Work to improve all our intersections for pedestrians and bring the idea of an affordable pool to referendum.
- Work to implement curbside recycling
- Work to keep our taxes to the rate of inflation.
- And work to build and maintain the many working relationships we have with other organizations and Ministries.

I will work hard for Logan Lake and do the best job I possibly can. That is my promise to you.

And I have no doubt in my mind that you will be committed to do the same.

So as you can see we have a lot to do! This is our chance to move our community forward, and I have every confidence that this council will be up to the challenge.

I look forward to working with each and every one of you over the next three years, and look forward to big things for Logan Lake.