



2022 MUNICIPAL ELECTION ALL-CANDIDATES FORUM

WARD COUNCILLOR RESPONSES DUNCAN STOREY – WARD 3

Question: *In addition to the watermain reconstruction downtown and Downtown Reimagined, what other infrastructure projects need to be addressed over the next four years?*

Answer: The Go Train station has been a top priority for Ward 3 residents and Grimsbonians alike. We need to get the Go Train while protecting the woodlot.



Question: *The toxic environment and lack of decorum at council meetings over the last four years is well-documented, and reflects the disturbingly disrespectful discord in politics at all levels right now. How would you, as a member of the next council, contribute to a more respectful and collaborative environment within council chambers and dealing with staff, to focus on making Grimsby a better place for residents, the business community, and visitors?*



Answer: I will lead by example and refrain from filing Integrity Commissioner investigations for minor code of conduct violations. The IC billables are in the neighbourhood of ~\$350/h and the reports end up costing ~\$5,000-25,000+ per. In 2021 IC reports cost taxpayers over \$72,000, a direct result of the negative feedback loop of vindictiveness toward one another on council. 100% of the complainants chose to neglect filing an inexpensive informal complaint.



Question: *What will you do to encourage the growth of the industrial and commercial tax base and control the rise in residential taxes?*

Answer: The Go Train will bring more business to Grimsby, but it's important to listen to what business/commercial and resident needs are to help facilitate what is best for our community.



Question: *How do you plan to address the important issues and social justice initiatives of our time? The housing crisis, gender equity, Indigenous Reconciliation, 2SLGBTQ+ rights and safety, to name just a few.*

Answer: We are all equal as human beings. Once we segregate and divide people up into sub-classifications, we're kind of back to where we started in a sense. To be truly inclusive, society cannot put any "group" above or below another population. It's not fair to the concept of equity to do so.



Question: *Intensification is inevitable. Increased density is needed, especially along Main Street, to support the hospital and the GO train. How will you balance the need for intensification with preserving Grimsby's strong heritage?*

Answer: No more than 4 stories on Main Street. Apologies if I sound like a broken record. We need spaces for people to live but that doesn't translate into unbridled skyward development which is an utter detriment to the character and charm of our heritage and local streetscapes.



Question: *Economic Development is an investment, not an expense. Grimsby is finally catching up with our neighbours by hiring an Economic Development Officer. Do you support the Economic Development Strategy and its implementation? Will you invest in Grimsby's future to attract and retain jobs?*

Answer: Future forward thinking is important when planning a community. Our town of Grimsby needs to invest in our future — for our kids and grandchildren. I support the Economic Development strategy.

