

Personal Statement of Interest: Collingwood Council Vacancy Appointment

To Whom It May Concern,

Collingwood has become our family's forever home. Over the years, we've lived in Toronto, New York City, and Lorne Park. For more than two decades, we visited Collingwood frequently to spend time with family and friends, and in 2024, we made the decision to settle here. This move reflects our deep love for the town and its welcoming community.

My passion for Collingwood quickly deepened as I navigated the process of purchasing and insuring a heritage home. The town's unwavering commitment to preserving its history and enhancing the quality of life for its residents was evident in every interaction I had. This dedication inspired me to apply for the council vacancy and contribute to Collingwood's growth and success.

What I Bring to the Role

I am an entrepreneur and economist with a proven track record of building successful businesses, developing strategic frameworks, and leading transformative projects. My expertise spans Capital Markets, Municipal Asset Management, Operations Engineering, and Cybersecurity IT Risk. Throughout my career on Bay Street, Wall Street, and Main Street, I've honed skills in strategic planning, risk management, and operational excellence. Notably, I hold business process patents in Canada and the United States, underscoring my ability to innovate.

Relevant Experience

My journey in public service began during my university years, where I worked with the City of Winnipeg in Parks and Recreation. Driving a city-issued truck, I delivered supplies and equipment to camp staff, gaining a profound appreciation for public service and the values of teamwork. During this time, I was also elected to the University Student Council, where I learned the fundamentals of bylaws, council operations, and effective governance.

After 20 years in Capital Markets, rising from trader to Global Chief Administrative Officer, I shifted focus in 2014 to Municipal Asset Management. This career change allowed me to collaborate with municipal employees in Ontario and Texas, mastering procurement regulations and applying best practices from internationally recognized frameworks. This work reaffirmed my belief in the importance of civic engagement and the impact of dedicated public service professionals.

Why I Want to Serve


Collingwood is experiencing fantastic growth, and I am eager to contribute to this exciting chapter. My professional background equips me to address challenges, foster innovative solutions, and collaborate with the community to uphold the values that make Collingwood exceptional. My genuine enthusiasm to serve fuels my commitment to contributing meaningfully to its future.

Closing Thoughts

Thank you for considering my application. It would be an honor to serve on the Collingwood Council, bringing my skills, experiences, and dedication to the role. I am committed to working with the council and the community to ensure Collingwood's continued success and quality of life for all residents.

Sincerely,

John Allan Chambers



Professional experience

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Principal - Independent contractor, Capital Markets senior executive, Operational engineering expert, and CyberSecurity IT risk strategist.

RBC Royal Bank, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Director - Strategy and Design, IT Risk, Global Cyber Security Canada

Landmark Structures, Fort Worth, Texas, USA and Burlington, Ontario, Canada

Director - Municipal Asset Management Services

Entrepreneurial partner and corporate executive leadership team member.

RBC Royal Bank, Toronto, Canada

Director - Automated Compliance Solutions, Enterprise Compliance, Canada

Director - Operations Engineering, Capital Markets & Securities Operations, Canada

[Inventor of Σ Summation™ patented technology. Patent: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MONITORING SECURITIES HOLDINGS FOR RELATED ENTITIES, Patent issuer and number us US20110078059]

Head - Operational Risk Quantitative Analytics, Group Risk Management, Canada

ScotiaCapital, Bank of Nova Scotia

Chief Administrative Officer - Global Trading, Scotia Capital Inc. Canada

Citigroup

Chief of Staff, Vice President and Director - Citibank Canada

Education: Masters of Arts, University of Manitoba: Monetary Economics, Bachelors of Applied Arts, University of Manitoba: Monetary Economics. certifications and training: Partners, Directors, and Senior Officers (PDO), Canadian Securities Course, Canadian Options Course, Project Management Professional Certification (PMP #316776, expired 2010); Executive Coaching, Lean Partners (Texas), 2015; Media Training, Jeff Ansell & Associates 2000; Executive Coaching, Ellis Associates 2000