

Allan Colquhoun



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Selection Committee  
Collingwood Town Hall  
97 Hurontario St.  
Collingwood, ON L9Y 3Z5

Dear Members of the Selection Committee,

I am writing to express my sincere interest in the appointment for the Councillor position in Collingwood. I am a resident of this wonderful community and am deeply committed to its well-being and growth. My involvement in local activities, legal experience, and plans for my future in this town have motivated me to offer my services in a role where I can contribute to making Collingwood a better place for all residents.

I am a father of four children (grades 2, 5, 5 and 7) and have been actively engaged in local kids' activities (Trailblazers, cheer, musical theatre, skiing, schools, music lessons and tutoring, camps, etc) and also, myself, volunteer coach volleyball teams at CCI and Nottawa. I'm deeply committed to providing positive spaces for youth, while addressing the ongoing and evolving needs of older generations – including for me in my eventual retirement.

Before moving here, I came here for years on the weekend, driving with our kids from Toronto. I understand the benefits of being, and remaining, a popular place to visit, while wanting to ensure the community caters to locals' needs as well. A balanced approach is required, in my view.

In addition to my community involvement, I am a self-employed lawyer and am skilled at analyzing complex issues, navigating regulations, and advocating for the best outcomes in the interest of all parties. My mom tells me how, even at a young age, I was always diplomatic and valued fairness above personal outcomes. I believe (without believing I truly know, yet!) these skills and traits are directly transferable to the work required of a Councillor.

As an introvert, I often find myself focused on getting work done and helping others rather than seeking the spotlight. While I like hearing people's perspectives, the traditional campaigning process has stopped me back from pursuing this role in the past, and likely would in the future. This opportunity feels too good to be true – though I realize there are a lot of candidates, and I may not be chosen!

Finally, while I am a white, straight, married, male, I am an ally to individuals of all backgrounds and am committed to promoting inclusivity within the community. My social media profiles attest to this. I would understand if a more diverse candidate was preferred, but would do my very best to listen and account for all backgrounds.

As I look to retire in Collingwood later in life, my desire to give back to this town is stronger than ever. I believe my experience, my commitment to our youth, and my legal background would allow me to contribute effectively to the betterment of our community. I would be honored to have the opportunity to serve as a Councillor.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to the opportunity to discuss how I can best serve the people of Collingwood.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Allan Colquhoun". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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