

Candidates Meeting – September 20

Process

Over 40 people attended the recent candidates meeting to hear from candidates from each party. Each candidate was given 4 minutes to introduce themselves. This was followed by question period and seven questions were raised and the meeting closed with a two minute summary from each candidate.

Candidates represented

- Alex Hilson (Liberal)
- Simone Kent (NDP)
- Stephen Kitras (New Blue)
- Jason Medland (Ontario)
- Bronwynne Wilson (Green)

It should be noted that the Conservative candidate, Joseph Racinsky, refused to participate in any debates.

Summary of what was covered in the introductions

Each of the candidates spoke from their background on what they would bring to the position.

- As a business man, Stephen talked about economics, budgets and cleaning up the corruption.
- As an educator, Simone spoke about the need for more teachers, food programs for children, home ownership and the plight of health care.
- Alex zeroed in on the issues facing Puslinch – aggregate, Morriston Bypass, agriculture and education. Felt important to be an advocate for the community.
- Bronwynne, with her rural research background talked about how farmland is disappearing and her concern for sustainability and climate change.
- Jason expressed concern about the growing debt of the province and the high cost of health administration versus front line staff.

Questions asked by the audience

1. Identify 3 keys issues facing our community?
2. How will you work with us?
3. How would you solve the problem with our roads?
4. How would you address voter fatigue?
5. How would you tackle the problem of health care?
6. How would you protect farmland?
7. What will you do for seniors?

