

ELECT

BERNARD CAMERON

COUNCILLOR

I am a retired teacher who grew up here and returned in 1993 to complete my career and give my family the benefits of a small town. In 1972, I married Catherine Dunn and together, we have four children and five grandchildren, the latest born in Almonte this past June.

I am running for councilor because I want a council that actively promotes and acts on the principles of good government.

I come to the table with a wealth of management and interpersonal skills. I understand our community's diverse past, present position and our future goals.

The issues outlined in this brochure concern us all deeply and my position on each one is clear. We can move forward in a positive and progressive manner if we adhere to the fundamental rule of good governance for all.

THE ISSUES

ACCOUNTABILITY

Being accountable is not just a "buzzword" of contemporary politicians; it is a fundamental keystone of government.

We, as councillors, must be able to defend each expenditure of funds as a just expense.

We, as councillors, must direct the tax dollars where they are most needed.

We, as councillors, must cut waste and overspending, reduce the debt load and govern within our means.

We, as councillors, must examine how each dollar is spent so that we are able to maximize all benefits derived from each expenditure.

Council must govern by the creed of the **maximum good for the maximum number of residents now and for the future.**



BALANCE

There is tremendous polarity in Mississippi Mills. This diversity can add positively to the flavor of our community.

As a resident, a teacher, a parent and a taxpayer, I understand this issue as a challenge for our community and one that we can creatively deal with to find an effective solution for all residents of Mississippi Mills.



- Rural and urban concerns
- Youth, adult and senior recreation
- Outdoor and indoor sports
- Small, local, large business development
- Stay the same or make a change?

Each of these has its own unique issues, agendas, benefits and drawbacks. With common sense, understanding and a balanced approach to the issues, councillors and community can work together to find effective and progressive solutions.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

By far, the most important issue facing Mississippi Mills as we move forward this century is how we handle the various resources entrusted to us.

FINANCES

Income from taxes, grants, sale of resources, generated capital, tourism, business development generate revenue for Mississippi Mills.

We, as councillors, must adopt spending policies that are within our means to maintain.

We, as councillors, need to develop a sound fiscal plan to replenish the reserve fund.

Development needs to be based on our community's ability to pay for it now **and** in the future.

We need to be smart consumers keeping our financial house in order.

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

There is an abundance of natural resources in Mississippi Mills: forests, farmland, trails, hills and the Mississippi River.

We must properly develop, wisely use and restore our physical environment.

Properly protected, wisely used and correctly developed, our resources will be here for future generations to enjoy.



If you need information on how to vote or answers to other questions, contact the Town of Mississippi Mills office at:

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HUMAN RESOURCES

Countless numbers of individuals contribute to our community on a daily, weekly or yearly basis. Firefighters, service organizations, theatre troupes, church groups, family support, medical and youth groups are representative of these volunteers. These people merit recognition for their behind-the-scenes contributions to making Mississippi Mills work so well.

I live in this community with my family. I protect a heritage home while heating it using renewable ground source energy. I have an understanding of our past and a vision for the future of our community.

These are the issues that I believe in and I ask for your vote to help form a community council that truly cares about our future.
If you wish to discuss any of these issues, please contact me:

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