

My name is Duke Irwin, I grew up in this community and, after living in Calgary for 18 years, decided to return home. I am a Red Seal electrician by trade, specializing in controls. While in Calgary, I led multiple projects, managing teams and ensuring that all initiatives stayed on track and within budget.

What inspired me to run for Councillor:

I have noticed inefficiencies in the way things are being managed, and I believe we can improve how tax dollars are spent. My primary motivation is to represent the taxpayers, keeping their best interests and the financial bottom line in mind. As someone who was raised in this community, I care deeply about its future. With an aging population and potential decline in residents, I am concerned about the sustainability of our tax base.

My contribution to the community:

Although I haven't served on committees or boards due to my full-time job and after-hours electrical work, I contribute in other ways. Whether it's helping out when I see a need or volunteering my time, such as repairing the clock in Centennial Park or sanding the church parking lots on Sundays during winter when I worked for public works, I've always been ready to lend a hand.

How my experience prepares me for this role:

My career has provided me with extensive experience in leadership, budget management, and project efficiency. I am a problem solver and logical thinker. These skills will translate well to the responsibilities of a Councillor, where strategic decision-making and sound financial management are crucial.

Top 3 priorities for Eston:

1. Maintain and improve the Town's assets and infrastructure.
2. Ensure every decision prioritizes the efficient use of tax dollars, always with the taxpayer in mind.
3. Advocate for equal representation and fair treatment for all members of the community.

How I plan to maintain and establish partnerships:

I believe partnerships are essential for success, especially as volunteerism declines. We need to work closely with neighboring municipalities like RM of Snipe Lake and ERRP, as well as local organizations and clubs. By aligning our goals and working together, we can stretch our resources further and strengthen the community.

My role and responsibility as Councillor towards staff and tax payer:

As a Councillor, my responsibility is to support our staff while upholding accountability through the right processes and channels. I am dedicated to serving the whole community, ensuring that decisions reflect the best interests of all taxpayers. I take this role seriously—it's a commitment that requires showing up prepared, actively participating in meetings, and giving my best effort to every aspect of the job

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