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Hello Eston,

My name is James Unrau, and I have lived in Eston with my family for 10 years. We came here to visit relatives and decided this would be the ideal place to raise our family. Since moving here, I have been involved in many organizations and committees. I have coached minor ball, and recently joined the School Community Council for Eston Composite School. I joined the Eston Lions Club in 2017 and volunteered to become the club liaison to the rec board. During my tenure with the rec board I had the opportunity to work on the Recreation Celebrity Gala featuring Roberto Alomar which raised funds for Kids Sport and other rec capital projects. As the years progressed, I became Lions Secretary and then President of the club. Through the Lions Club I have also volunteered my time to deliver Meals on Wheels to the people of Eston. I have served on town council previously in which time I also held positions on numerous boards including the Health, Library and Fire committee.

I feel it is the role of every council to focus on infrastructure, population growth and attracting new business to town. We should also be exploring new ideas, such as:

1. Transparency - Council needs to find ways to get our citizens more involved in council proceedings whether that is via broadcasting meetings online or by hosting town hall meetings to get public input on large scale plans.
2. Proactive planning - we should be using forward thinking for project planning. For instance, if the town has a section of road that needs to be repaved, we should investigate and replace failing water and sewer lines so the road is only ripped up once.
3. Alternative sources of income - We need to find options that will bring income to the town. Frequent tax hikes are not feasible while we have community members struggling to make ends meet.

This town is amazing and with the right leadership, I hope to see it continue to prosper.

Thank you for your consideration.

James Unrau

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Dear Candidate,

As part of our effort to provide voters with meaningful information about the individuals running for Municipal Council, we are requesting that all candidates submit a brief bio. This will help voters get to know you and understand your motivations for seeking election.

Please include a short introduction, your relevant experience or qualifications, and what you aim to accomplish if elected to Council. This will provide insight into your background and the goals you have for our community.

Here are a few questions to guide you:

1. What inspired you to run for this position, and what is your goal?
2. What previous community experience do you have? How have you contributed to the community (projects, initiatives, etc.)?
3. Tell us about yourself. What experiences have prepared you to serve as a Councillor?
4. What are the top three priorities you see for Eston moving forward?
5. How do you plan to maintain and establish new partnerships, given our reliance on them? Or what would you like to see in partnerships?
6. What do you see as your role and responsibility as a Councillor towards staff and taxpayers?

Please submit your bio by Monday, October 21. If you have any questions or need further clarification, feel free to reach out.

Thank you for your time and commitment to our community. We look forward to receiving your bio.

Warmest Regards,

Jody Schmidt

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