

Town of Beaverlodge 2021 Municipal Election Candidate Questionnaire

Name: [Bill Martin](#)

1. How long have you lived in Beaverlodge? *32 Years*

2. Have you ever held an elected position? *Yes* If so, what and when?

Around 1981, elected to the Board of Directors, Bluffer's Park Boating Federation. It organized the volunteer funding and construction of 4 yacht clubs on an artificial island. To view it, Locate Brimley Road, Scarborough, Ontario on Google Earth and follow Brimley Road down to the lake.

3. Why do you want to be elected to Municipal Council? *There is **no** prestige in a pothole! A lot of our roads are a disgrace. We have to properly repave and not just patch and patch. Council has to stop dreaming and face difficult choices.*

4. What is a good reason that a resident should vote for you? *We are entering an inflationary spiral. Households have to pay more and more. Prices keep rising. We simply cannot afford more taxes. **I will vote against any increase in taxes.***

5. What are the top 3 issues that you think Beaverlodge Municipal Council should address?

Three interlocking steps, rather than simply issues.

a) **Needs**, such as water, sewer and roads, must be clearly identified in a by-law. All else includes **wants** such as recreational and community activities. This definition eliminates future potential paralysis within council and a consequent failure to act.

b) *The use of periodic referendums to give the taxpayer (voter) a full and balanced*

*choice between any given **need** or **want**. Difficult decisions become easier this way.*

c) To address council on any topic, just phone the town office and book a time slot.

Most people don't seem to know this! How about telling everyone by way of a message on our utility bills? Access to council on any topic is key.

6. What was the last book you read? *"Extraordinary Popular Delusions and the Madness of Crowds" by Charles Mackay.*

7. What is your favorite pastime/hobby?

- Writing. Twice published author under the pen name of David Milne. Works are entitled "Dogs Don't Climb Trees" and also "The Weaver of Dreams". Dreams? Why, yes! Within all of us, dreaming has its place, just not on town council.