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Municipal and School Board Election Biography

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Candidate Name: Bruce Medcalf

Office Seeking: Councillor

Worked in my dad's construction company for 5 years in Haliburton Ontario building homes, cottages, decks and docks. Wanting to spread my wings, I joined the Canadian Armed Forces in 1984, specializing in logistics, operations and training. Experienced foreign and domestic operations. Excelled in strategic, operational and tactical planning. Rcvd numerous accolades from being involved in the Military Community Council during my career. Retired from the Canadian Forces in 2013. Worked for 6 months as the Fleet Manager for a large construction company in Schomberg Ontario before deciding to move to the Philippines in 2014 to open a night club. Managed and operated the New York Avenue Club for 3 years before deciding to move to Leamington in 2017. Became a Leamington Lion in 2018 and remain an active member. Love those Hogs for Hospice pancake breakfasts and Mill Street Markets. Joined the Leamington Community Hope Centre Team in 2023 as a team lead in the Culinary Department producing up to 150 meals for Monday and Tuesday patrons. A member of the Leamington Remembrance Day parade organizing committee for the past 3 years. Currently the School Council Chair for the Leamington District Secondary School.

Life has taught me never spread your jam to thin. You want to taste the fruition of your labour. Be real good at one thing and you should succeed. Leamington has a few issues that require rectifying. My main issue is affordable housing for first time home buyers. Building 700K homes does not get our children / first time buyers out of the basement and into their first homes. Leamington needs to build small starter homes first time buyers can afford to purchase. Omitting a basement while utilizing a simple Gable Roof would save 30% in construction costs. These new homes must be prioritized for the residents of Leamington. Selling these homes to out of town residents whom sell their million dollar homes to downsize and relocate to Leamington does assist the over all goal. Leamington residents must take priority. If elected I would assemble a "Tiger Team" that would formulate a plan to identify / approach stakeholders for the production of Leamington's first prefabricated home assembly plant. Jobs will be created while massive savings for first time home buyers would be realized.

I have been in several discussions with construction entities within Leamington. The common trait that has been identified is the exceedingly length of time it takes to receive approval for building projects to proceed. Traffic and water studies are examples that require added time and money to the overall costs of homes which are then transferred to the home buyer. Proactive planning by Municipal Directors would alleviate these costs. Further, to enhance overall productivity, competition and fairness with in the municipal divisions, I would propose that all Director positions within the Municipality of Leamington be limited to a 5 year contract. This would enable new ideals and synergies to be promoted from within Municipal Divisions whilst permitting all employees the opportunity to lead a division. Promote from within.

I am here for the people of Leamington. I will put in full time hours for this part time

position. To further demonstrate the sincerity of my desire to serve the community, If elected I will donate half my pay to local charities. "LEAMINGTON FIRST"