

Municipal and School Board Election Biography

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Candidate Name: Dean D. Wilkinson

Office Seeking: Deputy Mayor

DEAN WILKINSON- CANDIDATE FOR LEAMINGTON DEPUTY MAYOR

BACKGROUND

My ancestors were among the earliest settlers of the area. Originally Leamington was first named Wilkinson Corners. I was born in Leamington and raised on the family farm on what is now Highway 77, just north of Highway 3. I currently reside in the house I was raised in, which sits on property that has been officially in the family since 1832. My wife Carolyn (Coulter) RN and I have been married for 54 years, 3 children, 7 grandchildren.

EDUCATION

- Mt Carmel Public School
- Graduated Leamington District Secondary School
- Graduated the Ambulance & Emergency Care Program (Paramedic Program) St. Clair College 1977
- in the 1st 100 individuals to receive certification as an Emergency Medical Care Attendant from the Ontario Ministry of Health, the pre-requisite (license) to work as a Paramedic
- successfully completed numerous EMS courses in Patient Care, Operations and Management

WORK HISTORY

- 1968 to 1979 Sun Parlor Ambulance Service Leamington, Attendant/Supervisor
- 1979 a business partner and I were successful respondents to a Ministry of Health Request for Proposal to operate the ambulance service in Owen Sound
- 1982 purchased Ministry of Health License for the ambulance service operating in Port Elgin and Kincardine
- 1997-2000 Rural Metro Ontario Medical Services, Vice President Operations, responsible for oversight of 7 Ambulance Services with 300 employees and 17 ambulance stations in Southwestern, Central & Eastern Ontario
- 2000-2015 Essex-Windsor EMS (County of Essex) Deputy Chief
- Post retirement I did consulting for Crestline, a leading Canadian Ambulance Manufacturer and Acetech, an Irish company that supplies emergency vehicle electrical and software solutions to Emergency Services Organizations in North America, the UK, Europe and the Middle East. "And once a farm kid, always a farm kid" I assist two neighbors with their tomato and grain harvest.

WORK-RELATED ORGANIZATIONS

- Ontario Ambulance Operators Association, 1983 -1999 served as a Director, Vice-President & President. Represented the Association at the Ministry of Health, Emergency Health Services Vehicle and Equipment Committee for, Social Contract Health Sector Table 1993, Province wide bargaining with the OPSEU Ambulance Locals and meetings with Ministry of Health and provincial politicians
- 2008-2012 Canadian Director on the International Association of EMS Chiefs (IAEMSC) based in Washington, DC.
- - Member of Grey Bruce District Health Council Emergency Health Services Committee, the Bruce Municipal Nuclear Emergency Control Group and Municipal Emergency Control Groups in most of the communities we served

SKILLS THAT WOULD ASSIST ME IN THE ROLE OF DEPUTY MAYOR

- I operated a small business and understood the difficulties encountered during difficult economic times
- involved in collective bargaining in the private, municipal and Provincial sectors
- interfaced with Municipal and Provincial bureaucrats while working in the private and Municipal sectors
- in the municipal sector I participated in the budgeting process and have a healthy understanding of how municipal government works.
- managed multimillion-dollar budgets in both the private and municipal sectors