

North Kawartha Interviews 2010 Elections

Candidate: Jim Whelan Tel. # Incumbent or New **I**

Office: Reeve Interviewers: Ralph Ingleton

Date: Sept 25, 2010

FOCUS : On next 4 years in interview.....NOT the last 4 – 8

Brochure

Background

Why seeking election ?

What have been your significant contributions to the community ?

What are your top three (3) priorities for 2010 - 2014 ?

1. By-law completion
2. Senior residence
3. Gas Station redevelopment
4. Accommodation for special Events @ new Community Centre

Possible Specific Questions:

1. With all the recent capital intensive projects (last 8 years), **how** do you plan to sustain them financially while minimizing tax increases ?
 - establish programs to offset added expenses (ex more staff)
2. Strategic Planning (*Questions derived from present Strategic Plan for NK*)
 - a. **What** is your top priority in the present Strategic Plan (ie the most important pillar ?
 - economic development
 - examine niche companies to come to NK
 - renovate Glen Alda Hal

- b. **How** do you plan to protect and enhance the environment ?
- By-laws and OP
- c. **How** do you plan to promote responsible environmental stewardship ?
- d. **How** do you plan to support a septic re-inspection program ?
- Septic re-inspection for NK ...YES
- e. **How** do you plan to lobby for provincial legislation on the topic of septic re-inspection ?
- lobbying Provincial government is already in process
3. Re Minor variances : **What** are your views on the fact that so many minor variances (some not so minor) are granted ?
- rules from OP
 - by-laws
 - environmentally sound decisions
4. With the new 100ft setback in place , how will this affect your planning ?
- major issue
 - changes are major for non-conforming lots
 - severances applications are down
5. Any other comments from Candidate .
- chair broadband committee (fund-raising Prov / Fed)
 - land use committee for county land division
 - staff and council working well