

In Person Panel Questions:

Resort Condominium Property Tax Classification: What is your position on maintaining the Resort Condominium Property Class, and what would you do to support it in the future?

“I support maintaining the Resort Condominium Property Tax Class. These properties are a distinct part of our tourism economy, and moving them into the commercial class could impose a substantial tax increase without a comparable benefit to the Town. Both the Town and Grey County supported preserving the class, and the Province has since changed the regulation so the population threshold does not automatically end it.

“As Deputy Mayor, I would support the necessary bylaw at County Council and work to ensure it is dealt with before any reclassification takes effect. The Town reported 1,216 properties in this class; the County’s analysis found that moving them to the commercial class could roughly double their total tax bills, with much of the increase going to provincial education taxes rather than providing new revenue for local services.

I would make sure the Town and County continue to use the available protection, monitor its effect on owners and the local economy, and work with the Province if further changes are needed. Owners need a stable, predictable tax framework.”

Municipal Accommodation Tax: What should be the priorities for the Town's share of MAT revenue, and how should those investments support the tourism economy and residents?

"I support the Municipal Accommodation Tax, and I want the Town's share invested with a *clear purpose and public accountability*. My priority would be tourism infrastructure and experiences that residents also use: safer connections, trails and public spaces, and improvements that help local businesses and bring visitors throughout the Town and beyond the busiest weekends. Those choices should advance the **Destination Strategy**, with clear criteria and reported results.

"The Village is a major economic driver, and the Town should work closely with BMVA while considering the needs of Craigleith, Thornbury, Clarksburg and let's not forget Agri-Tourism. Tourism revenue should help sustain the places and services that make people want to visit and make this a good place to live." The Town's MAT criteria already recognize visitor benefit, economic benefit and community benefit.

Representing Craigleith: How would you represent Craigleith's needs, and what local priority would you advance first?

Firstly, our family has been visiting this area for over 30yrs..and infact, my husband's family since the 70's. Craigleith should not feel like an afterthought as the community grows. I support a comprehensive infrastructure plan that looks at pedestrian safety, cycling connections, roads, recreation and community spaces together rather than addressing them in isolation. That does not mean every project can or should proceed at once. Priorities should be based on safety, demonstrated need, growth pressures, asset condition, cost, available funding and the Town's overall capital plan. The goal should be a clear, phased plan so residents understand what is needed, what comes first and how it will be paid for.

Craigleith contributes significantly to our tax base, and as the area grows, its residents deserve attention to the things that make a community work: parks, recreation, and safe ways to get around.

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"My first priority would be to move the planned Craigleith Community Park toward a funded construction plan, settle outstanding land transfers and keep pedestrian safety and connectivity front and centre—safe crossings, walkways and trail links between neighbourhoods, the village, recreation spaces and local businesses.

"Also Ontario's **Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund is accepting applications now**, so I would have staff assess whether the Craigleith park project qualifies before the December deadline. I would also explore a partnership with Collingwood on shared recreation facilities, building on the work our two towns have already done. We need to use the Town's parks and leisure planning work to set priorities, pursue available funding, and turn Craigleith's growth into improvements residents can actually use."