



**Candidate Questionnaire**  
**2018 Municipal Election**

**Candidate: Kathy Kay**

**Please use as much space as you require to fully answer the questions.**

**General**

- Please provide a short bio of your Professional, Community and Municipal experience and explain how your particular skills will enhance decision making at Council.

Cottager in Honey Harbour my whole life.

My family dates back in Honey Harbour to the 1860s, and were heavily involved in establishing the Harbour as an accessible, viable community with roads, Fire protection, electricity and Postal Services, to name a few. I am running for my second term in Council. Exciting things happened in Honey Harbour over the past 4 years – Public Washrooms are now an integral part of the Honey Harbour Park Landing; a Community sign located by the Library has been erected; the Delawana Road has undergone a transformation into a walking path/parkette with benches, picnic tables and planters complimenting the grassy areas along the shoreline; and the existing sidewalks in the Harbour have been restored.

Together with many concerned Honey Harbour residents, both permanent and seasonal, we were instrumental in saving the Honey Harbour Public School from closing in 2017.

**Services, Taxation and Good Governance**



- Describe your two highest priorities for our municipality, in the short term and the long term?

A cohesive Council, representative of all the Township needs.

Equal representation at District for all Municipalities/Towns in the District.

- Many constituents believe that the services provided to seasonal residents are not commensurate with the taxes paid. What steps would you take to address this concern?

This is a question that has been asked over and over again, and again I ask, what exactly do the seasonal residents want and have those concerns been communicated to Council?

#### **Environment**

- Summarize your position on maintaining a balance between environmental sustainability and economic development. How important is it, and is a balance currently being maintained?

Economic Development should proceed and Environmental Sustainability can be ensured by adherence to Provincial Guidelines.

- The Township has financially supported Georgian Bay Forever along with several cottage associations in their efforts to control and eventually eradicate invasive Phragmites (Australis). What additional steps do you believe that the Township should be taking to assist with these efforts?

Continue to provide GBF, with adequate funding to eradicate Phragmites and other Invasive Species, as they provide 'boots on the ground' solutions.

- Are you satisfied with the costs and outcomes of the programs undertaken by Georgian Bay Township to help improve/maintain water quality in the Township, including water quality



testing and the inspection/maintenance of residential septic systems? If not, what action or changes would you recommend?

Yes, satisfied in both instances.

### **Planning**

- With regard to planning regulations and enforcement within Georgian Bay Township, how will you manage a balanced approach to protecting the interests of property owners and protecting the Georgian Bay ecosystem?

Every application to Planning should be considered on a 'stand alone' basis; whether it meets the Township OP and ZBL, or an application to be considered by the Committee of Adjustment or Council. The merits of all applications should be analyzed with a decision based on facts, not wants or personal desires.

Community plans reflect the specific characteristics of each community. How will you protect their integrity and ensure the continued adherence to existing and future community plans?

Community Plans add an extra 'layer' to the Planning process. While they are representative of a specific community in general, they can provide a restrictive policy to those who do not, or were not a part of developing the Plan. The Community plans – like the Township ZBL - must allow for variances since every application is different, especially in GBT where no 2 properties are identical.

### **Community Engagement**

- There are many stakeholder groups that are active or reside in Georgian Bay Township, including First Nations communities, community (cottage) associations, Georgian Bay focused organizations, and provincial and federal government agencies. In what ways are you satisfied that Georgian Bay Township is doing enough to work together cooperatively



and productively with these stakeholders and in what ways do you believe that improvements are needed? If so, what improvements would you recommend?

All stakeholders have the right to present Delegations to Council, and if that is not done, the Township is unaware of the wants/needs of those stakeholders.

- How do you envision communicating with constituents, many of whom live out of the municipality for parts of the year, to get their opinions, hear their concerns and inform them of important township initiatives?

The Township currently streams Council and Committee of the Whole in real time, with the ability to watch those broadcasts at a future date. Additionally, Committee of Adjustment will provide the same broadcasting options commencing with the new term of Council.

The Township's E-News is published monthly and is available to everyone and if they wish, they can have it automatically emailed to them monthly.

The Township has a Facebook page, and is also on Twitter.

#### **Other**

- If you have thoughts on topics not covered in the above questions or would like to just add a closing comment please feel free to do so here.

There is a lot of unfinished 'business' in Ward 4 – ongoing discussions about a Community Hub, and follow up to ensure the Honey Harbour Public School stays open after the initial 5 year 'extension', just to name a couple.