



## *Michael Harney*

*Running For Second Term*

*Sandy Beach Council*

**T**he last 4 years that I have been on council has taught me a lot about how small municipalities and their objectives are implemented and funded. I have also learned that when it comes to municipal projects and funding, that patience is a virtue.

### ***Achievements over the last four years***

- ✓ *No increase in the property Tax Base Rate*
- ✓ *Access for emergency services made easier with standardized property signs*
- ✓ *Fire Hazard mitigation with removal of considerable amounts of Brush and Deadfall through FRIAA grants*
- ✓ *Creation of fire break and emergency access to Westcove Drive*
- ✓ *Negotiate emergency access for Blue Heron Drive with Lac St. Anne county property owner*
- ✓ *Began a proactive effort to reduce speeding, with purchase of electronic signs to collect data on the best times for RCMP patrolling*
- ✓ *Addressed issues of animal control and bylaw enforcement with establishment of certified bylaw officer*
- ✓ *Water station coming on line this fall, saving residents both time and money, due to strong working relationship with Wild Water*
- ✓ *Maintained a Functional and Stable administration that has brought over \$300,000.00 in grants and previous unapplied for rebates*
- ✓ *Village is clean, garbage is collected, and snow is cleared on a timely basis thanks to good relationship with Public Works and Administration*
- ✓ *Averted a potentially serious environmental issue with closing of lagoon due to critical high volume levels and overuse.*

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## **Looking forward**

Keep your **taxes low** and still provide the essential services that we all require. I believe in fiscal responsibility, healthy debate, and community input in regards to spending your tax dollars.

Work with RCMP and electronic sign data for **effective** policing and enforcement of speeding issues.

### **Waste Water Disposal Costs**

This is one of my major concerns. Unfortunately we had to close our lagoon due to critical volume levels. It was fortunate that we were able to negotiate with Onoway to use their lagoon, as it was the closest. However, we no longer have control over the costs, or management of our waste water. We have all felt the impact on the increased costs over the last few years, and the costs for all lagoons in this area will increase again next year. I have worked hard over the past 4 years with both Sandy and Sunrise councils and our engineers, and will continue to **work diligently to bring our lagoon back online and regain control, lower the costs and increase trucking options for our residents.**

I have lived as a full time resident of Sandy Beach for the past 28 years. I built my home and raised my family here. Over the past 4 years I have taken the Munis 101 Essentials of Municipal Governance course, as well as emergency management 100 and 200. I have attended all of the Summer Villages of Lac St. Anne meetings and have kept abreast on how the other summer villages in our area, and our relationship with the county functions. I have attended meetings on Rural Policing, Water distribution, and many involving Waste Water Disposal. My family and I have volunteered with the Community League for as long as we have lived here. **I understand the Distinction between community led functions, council's responsibilities, and the committees needed to help guide council's decisions.** I greatly appreciate the peace, the nature that surrounds us, and the people that share this village we live in.

**I will always work for a Healthy and Sustainable Sandy Beach**

Thank you for your consideration and support

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