

At the candidates forum held Sept.28/14 at the Grand Marais Rec Centre time did not permit us to ask the candidates all of the questions put forth. The following questions did not get asked. The person(s) asking them are in brackets and some of them have been condensed.

To ALL Candidates:

1. Why are you running and what do you consider the job description to be? (Harold Nadwidny)
2. What do you plan to do to attract and encourage new businesses and people to Grand Marais? (Tracey Robinson)
3. What is your plan to bring tourism to Grand Marais and to make the community more attractive? (Roberta Carriere)
4. Convince me why I should vote for you and what are your plans for Grand Marais? (Betty Cross)
5. a) the Cdn Federation of Ind. Business named St. Clements one of the worst R.M.'s for overspending yet
b) a comment has been made that the R.M. is in good financial shape. Please explain both? (a-Janice Isopp and b-Harold Nadwidny)
6. Our community has no incentives for young people to stay and raise their families. What is your vision to improve this problem? (Roberta Carriere)
7. Council needs to be more accessible, approachable and to communicate better with the constituents. How will you improve this? (Vicki Nadwidny)
8. There should be lights on the road from Rd.500 to the Balsam Harbour marina. What are you willing to do about it? (Lori Harashym)
9. Do you consider the position to be a full time job and how much time/commitment are you prepared to give towards it? (Harold Nadwidny)
10. What sets you apart from the other candidates? (Tracey Robinson)
11. What do you think of partnering with the Province to expand on the current boat launch at the Grand Beach lagoon and develop a full service marina? This would include dredging the channel however the infrastructure and parking is already there. (John Kopochinski)

To MAYORAL Candidates:

1. Concerns have been raised since 2009 about access to the Beaconia Well. The R.M. has spent millions on water and sewer projects but this source of water is now closed. What will you do to resolve this and when? (Dave Crabb and Corinne Sayer)
2. Why is every council vote not a recorded vote (unless unanimous)? The public could better see how their elected officials voted on R.M. matters. (Vicki Nadwidny)

To SPECIFIC Candidates:

Steve Strang:

1. Why renew the C.A.O.'s contract before the election? (Glenn Williams)
2. Council need to be more transparent. How will you make this happen? (Vicki Nadwidny)

Debbie Fiebelkorn:

1. If elected Mayor how will you improve consultations with residents on major projects? (Janice Isopp)

Robert Belanger:

How are we going to increase visitors to the Grand Marais/Grand Beach area? (Priscilla Gray)

Questions asked and replied to at the forum include:

1. What do you expect to accomplish in the next 4 years? (Harold Nadwidny)
2. What is your position regarding the letter sent to council on the need for both summer and winter access to the main lake from Grand Marais? (Julian Gorchynski)

3. Reports from councillors attending committee meetings are poor. How would you improve this? (Vicki Nadwidny)
4. How do you perceive the future of Grand Marais and should council lobby to promote business in Grand Beach Provincial Park? (John Kopochinski)
5. What is the outlook on cleaning ditches, brushing and road maintenance? (Cathy Froehlich)
6. Are there provisions to assist Seniors in the community who do not have the basic income to live month to month? (Val Burch)
7. What 3 weaknesses should be improved upon at council and how would you do this? (Harold Nadwidny)