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Municipality of Wawa
40 Broadway Ave
Wawa, ON P0S 1K0

Attn: Mayor and Council

RE: Council Vacancy Position

Dear Mayor Tait and Council,

Please accept this letter as my official declaration of interest to fill the vacant council position.

I was raised in Wawa and left to attend the University of Toronto where I graduated with a specialist bachelor's degree in Political Science. My career choices kept me away from Wawa for the past thirty (30) years. As I have always had family ties in Wawa and visited over the years, the onset of the pandemic brought about evaluation of where my family and I wanted to be, and we made the move to Wawa. I am glad to see our daughter attending my alma mater, Michipicoten High School.

Now that I have settled into life in Wawa once again, I would like to become more involved in the community and what a better way to do that than as a Municipal Councillor. Wawa is currently in a flux undergoing many changes and I would like to be actively involved and contribute.

Prior to moving back to Wawa, we lived in Shuniah, a small community outside Thunder Bay for fifteen (15) years. As a resident of Shuniah I was actively involved in the community from the onset. I regularly attended Council Meetings and Town Halls to ensure that I was aware of what was happening in the community. I held positions on two (2) Committees of Council – the Committee of Adjustment and the Shuniah Recreation Committee (SRC). I also volunteered my time as the Treasurer for both the Policing Committee and Shuniah Soilmates. The Recreation, Policing and Soilmates committees all focused on building community engagement by providing a wide range of activities for the different demographic groups within the community. This ranged from providing a drop-in centre for the youth to age-friendly mobility classes, many family events and the annual community flea market. All these events continue today stronger than ever – I am proud to say that I had a hand in their development.

I also actively participated in consultation sessions providing feedback on the strategic plan and the Shuniah Recreation, Parks and Facilities Masterplan. Additionally, I was a member of the Parent Teacher Council at my daughter's elementary and senior school for six (6) years.

While I am newly returned to Wawa, I believe that I have a lot to offer the community during this time of change and flux. When I originally moved to Shuniah, they too were in a state of metamorphosis, and I jumped right in to be an active agent of that growth. I would like the opportunity to be just as present in our new community. Being a member of Municipal Council will afford me this opportunity.

In addition to my previous community involvement my work experience will also assist me in the councillor role. I have over twenty-five (25) years operational experience including but not limited to, human resources, budget management, not-for-profit and quality improvement.

In closing, I believe that given the opportunity I would be a great asset to the community of Wawa as a municipal councillor.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to meeting with you to discuss my interest and qualifications further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Angela Calaiezzi'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial 'A' and a long, sweeping tail on the 'z'.

Angela Calaiezzi