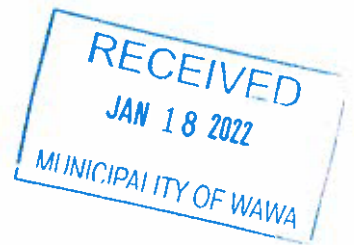


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January 19, 2022

Ms. Cathy Cyr, Clerk
Municipality of Wawa
40 Broadway Avenue, P.O. Box 500
Wawa, ON P0S 1K0



Dear Cathy Cyr,

I am writing to express my interest in applying for the current vacancy of councillor for the period "from the date of appointment to the 14th of November 2022".

My name is Micheal Reid, and I was born and raised here in Wawa, recently moving back to town as a university graduate and purchasing a home here. I have always loved living here and have felt there is something special about the area. Maybe it is the local forests and lakes that offer some of the best outdoor spaces in Ontario, and the small-town living that offers a slower pace than larger urban areas. Or maybe it is my deep family roots in this town beginning with my great-grandparents moving here with their family to work at the mine and teach at the school, with their children and the following generations growing up and residing here. This commitment of purchasing my home in Wawa has sparked my interest in local politics and created a desire to be directly involved.

Between my education and experiences, I feel I am well suited to fill this vacancy. I recently graduated from the University of Guelph with an Honours Bachelor of Biological Science Degree. This degree has prepared me for interpreting scientific reports and theoretical concepts that might be utilized as supporting justification for decision-making processes. This education, along with my current position as Mineral Development Advisor at Michipicoten First Nation have allowed me to develop skill in reading and explaining policy documents to a wide range of people.

I am a Certified Associate in Project Management as recognized by the international project management governing body the Project Management Institute. This education has developed my ability to review project related documents and provided me with the tools to assess project information in order to develop an understanding for areas of improvement, as well as provide possible risks and concerns for project success.

I currently sit on the Lady Dunn Health Center Foundation as a member of the Board of Directors. Through this opportunity I have received governance training and became familiar with governance practices and how committee meetings are conducted.

While working for the Wawa Economic Development Corporation, I was able to learn more about the types of opportunities that exist for the community and about the processes by which the town makes decisions on these matters. Through this position, I was also able to develop knowledge in a wide range of topics through the year one EDAC training, which focuses on the basics of Economic Development.

I have a strong belief that if youth don't seek out or find opportunities to involve themselves in civic life, that we are operating in systems which cannot reflect the will of the people. As such, I feel it is important for myself to be as engaged within the community as possible, lest we find no one willing or able to fill the positions created by people seeking to retire or move on to new opportunities. Sixty percent of Wawa's population is over the age of sixty, which is a concerning issue. I hope to contribute to attracting more young professionals like myself to our beautiful town so we can continue to grow successfully and face fewer of the present challenges such as the current doctor shortage. I aspire to be the voice of the young generations here in Wawa as there is no person sitting on council representing this demographic.

In conclusion, while I may lack experience in municipal government, my current education and experiences offer a foundation which I can utilize to grow into the position if given the opportunity. Thank you for your time, and I hope you will consider me for the council vacancy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M Reid". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Micheal Reid