

**Questionnaire prepared by Christie Lake Association Inc.
To Candidates for the October, 22, 2018 Election to TVT Council
See also Footnotes on pages 2 & 3 of this Questionnaire**

**Responses from Brian Campbell
Candidate for Reeve**

1. How long have you resided in Tay Valley?
I have lived in the community all my life.
2. What is your educational background?
I have two years post- secondary education and a wealth of knowledge on every day issues facing the people of T.V.T.
3. Provide a brief synopsis of your work history. Be specific.
I spent my career at Rideau Regional Center as a manager most of my 35 years there.
4. What specific qualities and experience do you have that you believe qualify you to serve TVT residents as a Councillor?
I believe I have the qualities and experience necessary to fulfill the role as Reeve for Tay Valley Township. I am passionate about our community and an advocate for the taxpayers. I work hard to make research-based decisions for our constituents. I will bring strong leadership skills to the table. I am approachable and always make time to listen to any concerns residents may have. As a councillor and most recently Deputy Reeve, I have had a front row seat from which to observe how Tay Valley has failed to meet the challenges imposed by a 21st Century world and economy. I would like to be part of the change that will continue to make Tay Valley Township a great place to live.
5. Why are you interested in running for Council at this time?
I want to continue to give back to my community and more so now that I believe the public has lost confidence in Tay Valley Township and its elected officials. We desperately need a change of leadership in T.V.T. if we are to build a viable, sustainable future for our community.
6. What do you feel your primary responsibility will be as a Councillor?
As reeve of Tay Valley Township I firmly believe we need to restore the public's confidence and put Tay Valley in the media for all the right reasons as opposed to what is presently happening. We definitely need a change of leadership and I am committed to providing this to you for the next 4 years.

7. Do you share, or identify with, the sentiment “Back off Government! This Land is Our Land!”?

I somewhat agree with that statement. There should not be too much interference from municipal government as to what people do on their own property unless it is a health and safety concern or fire hazard.

8. In your opinion, does TVT have adequate regulations in place regarding Council and staff procedures, zoning by-laws, road infrastructure, waste disposal, etc.? If not, please outline your 3 main concerns and the steps you propose to remedy those concerns.

There are many areas where I believe we can do a better job in serving our community. Our municipal government’s sole role and responsibility is to provide the services you need and want as cost effectively as possible. “You are the boss, you pay the bill”. We need a short and long term plan in place for infrastructure (roads, bridges, and waste sites).

9. The Municipal Act requires municipalities to adopt policies to try to ensure that it is accountable to the public for its actions and that its actions are transparent to the public. **[See Footnote 1]** In your opinion, are TVT’s policies adequate for those purposes? If not, please outline your 3 main concerns and the steps you propose to remedy those concerns.

At the present time, we definitely have a problem in Tay Valley Township with DEMOCRACY (lack of public input), TRANSPARENCY (too many closed door meetings), and ACCOUNTABILITY (you are the boss, you deserve to know what is happening and how your tax dollars are being spent).

10. If TVT is required to adopt policies to try to ensure accountability, are you of the view that all votes other than unanimous votes, should be recorded so that voters will be able to ascertain who voted for and against each resolution or by-law?

Any councilor at the table can ask for a recorded vote at any time they wish. If there is an issue that a councilor wishes to make the public aware of their position, they can request a recorded vote so that the public knows how each councilor votes.

11. Does it concern you that TVT deals with an increasing number of matters in “closed sessions” which are not open to the public? If so, please outline the reason(s) for your concern(s) and the steps you propose to remedy those concerns.

It certainly concerns me, yes, as the public deserve to know what is happening and how their money is being spent (not transparent). Far too often, there is no resolution that comes out of an in-camera meeting, but only staff direction and this

is not right as the public never know what was decided or how their money was spent.

12. In 2018, TVT passed bylaws containing policies and procedures for dealing with complaints by TVT residents against TVT staff, and *vice versa*. In each case, staff will investigate the complaints, decide the outcome of those complaints, and impose a range of sanctions or penalties, if complaints are upheld. The public is given no role in the investigative, decision-making, or penalty process. **[See Footnote 2]**

If a staff member investigates a claim by or against another staff member with whom the staff investigator works on a daily basis, should the public be concerned about bias in favour of TVT staff, or the appearance of such bias, in the complaint process? If so, please outline the steps you propose to remedy those concerns.
It appears to me that we are not ever following our own policy for investigation internal complaints among staff and council members, and as well complaints from the public regarding dealings with TV staff. I will ensure that I am made aware of all complaints and proper policy/process will take place to resolve these complaints.

13. Based on the fact set out in **Footnotes 3 and 4** (which you should assume are correct), are you satisfied that the TVT tax expenditures for the 14 years from 2004 to 2017, both inclusive, are fair and reasonable having regard to:
(a) the relatively large percentage of TVT residents aged 65 years and older, many of whom may be on fixed incomes; and
(b) changes in CPI, CPP retirement benefits, and GIC interest rates during the same period?

I believe that we can and should do a better job of preparing our annual budget. We need to ask ourselves two questions:
Is this expenditure really necessary? Is there a more cost effective way to deliver the service?

14. The derelict restaurant premises on Hwy 7 just west of Hwy 511 (last known as “Paros Island Restaurant” and once known as “Patterson’s Restaurant”) is located in Tay valley Township. It has been a community eyesore for more than 10 years and is getting worse every year.

Questions for incumbents: -

(a) during your years on Council, what steps has Council taken to eliminate this blight on our community, and when were those steps taken?

I personally reached out to the owners of the property (Colonade Development) two years ago to ask them if Tay Valley could do something to perhaps help with attracting a buyer. As well, I suggested that the property would sell if the building was demolished. If elected Reeve, I will do whatever I can to see that this eyesore in our community is dealt with.

(b) What are the impediments, if any which prevent TVT from demolishing the building on the premises and either allowing the property to return to a state of nature, maintaining it as parkland or a recreational facility, or offering it for sale for commercial development?

The property is not owned by Tay Valley Township and it has been for sale by the owner for commercial development. We do not have a property standards by-law in T.V.T. in order to have the building demolished.

Questions for all candidates:

(c) What steps, if any, would you propose to eliminate this community eyesore?

I will do my best to ensure that we take whatever resources we have available to clean the eyesore up.

Thank you for the opportunity to answer these questions.

Footnotes to Questions for Candidates

Footnote 1

The Municipal Act , 2001, S.O. 2001., C 25 as amended, S. 270(1)

Footnote 2

Complaint Policy – Complaint made by member of the public regarding municipal facilities, operational procedures, programs, services, or staff.

<http://www.tayvalleytwp.ca/en/municipal-government/resources/By-Laws/Section-AD-2---Complaint---Policy.pdf>

Complaint policy- Complaint by municipal Staff against a member or member of the public in respect of Unreasonable Customer behavior.

<http://www.tayvalleytwp.ca/en/municipal-government/resources/By-Laws/Section-AD-3---Unreasonable-Customer-Behaviour---Policy.pdf>

Footnote 3

The 2016 Government of Canada Census Profile indicates that TVT seniors' population (aged 65 and over) represented 25.7% of TVT's total population on Census day whereas the provincial average was only 16.7%.

<https://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2016/dp-pd/prof/details/page.cfm?Lang=E&Geo1=CSD&Code1=3509015&Geo2=CD&Code2=3509&Data=Count&SearchText=Tay%20Valley&SearchType=Begins&SearchPR=01&B1=All&TABID=1>

Footnote 4

In the 14 years from 2004 to 2017, TVT's tax expenditures have increased from \$2,716,700 to \$5,453,364 an increase of \$2,736,664 or 100.73% for an average annual increase of 7.2%.

[Information obtained from TVT Budget Summaries for the years in question]

By comparison, over those same 14 years:

CPI for Canada All Items on the 2002 base stood at 104.7 in 2004 and at 130.4 in 2018 , an increase of 25.7 or 24.55%, for an average annual increase of 1.75% per year; <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/t1/tbl1/en/tv.action?pid=1810000501>

CPP Maximum monthly retirement payments (without supplements) have increased from \$814.17 per year to \$1,114.17, an increase of 36.9% for an average annual increase of 2.64%

Average 5 year GIC rates paid by the major Canadian banks have **declined** from 2.53% to 1.01%.

http://www.bankofcanada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2010/09/selected_historical_v122515.pdf

Consequently, over same 14 years, TVT tax expenditures have increased:

4.1 times greater than the CPI index noted above;

2.7 times greater than CPP increases as noted above.

At the same time income generated from falling interest rates has **declined.**