

**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 Barrie Crampton
Candidate for Deputy Reeve**

1. How long have you resided in Tay Valley?
We have resided in Tay Valley for 24 years.
2. What is your educational background?
I graduated with honours from Lisgar Collegiate and continued my education in an adventurous career with Spartan Aerial Mapping.
3. Provide a brief synopsis of your work history. Be specific.
Following eight years of arctic and world wide assignments I entered the technology sector and rose to become the Chief Executive Officer of the Canadian operations of a U.K. based company.
4. What specific qualities and experience do you have that you believe qualify you to serve TVT residents as a Councillor?
I was elected for two terms as a councillor in the municipality of Stittsville. I have extensive experience working with the operation and policies of Tay Valley Township and Lanark County, from a range of activities over the past 24 years including: appointment by the Township to the Eastern Ontario Disaster Relief (1998 Ice Storm) Committee; appointment by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to the Eastern Ontario Smart Growth initiative; cooperation on community and municipal events with the ... ham radio committee; involvement in a range of municipal activities such as the 200th Anniversary Committees for both Tay Valley and Drummond/North Elmsley, the Township's early heritage committee.
5. Why are you interested in running for Council at this time?
To restore confidence in the reputation of Tay Valley by working collaboratively with members of Council and staff to ensure that all lawful policies and procedures are implemented to best serve all members of our community.
6. What do you feel your primary responsibility will be as a Councillor?
To serve the full time and seasonal residents and businesses of Tay Valley.
To have the Township communicate more effectively with the residents for example:

Supplemental Answer

The sustainability of a community is determined by the steady growth in the assessment base which is the direct result of new building construction. The new Council together with staff must ensure that prospective owners and their builders receive timely service and support.

The health of the lakes and rivers has to be maintained so as to sustain lake property values ensuring their contribution to our assessment base. I initiated a request for the Township provide a report on how much lake shore properties contribute to the assessment base and yearly taxation revenue. I want to see that these figures are routinely calculated and made available to the public.

Overall Total Taxable Assessment \$1,218,589,227 (includes all property types – Residential, Farm, Managed Forest, Commercial, Industrial etc.)

Waterfront Assessment \$ 461,949,935 (includes Residential Vacant; Managed Forest Vacant/Seasonal/Residential; Seasonal Recreational Dwelling – Tier 1 & 2)

Therefore, waterfront assessment represents approximately 38% of Tay Valley's Overall Taxable Assessment.

Tay Valley's 2018 Municipal Levy is \$5,406,203. (not including County or Education)

This includes the Municipal taxes generated by the waterfront properties of \$1,972,109 or approximately 36% of the total Municipal Levy.

There are 5,879 properties in Tay Valley as of December 31, 2017 and this includes 1,808 properties that are waterfront or approximately 31%.

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

I would want to know more about the full meaning of this sentiment.

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.

As stated in my campaign documents, my commitment is to review, where needed, existing policies and procedures and to help establish new policies that will best serve all members of our community.

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.

In my opinion, with a some exceptions, the current policies have proved adequate and transparent, considering the significant challenges that the Township and Council have faced in recent months from a range of sources. They are also consistent with those in place in similar municipalities. One area that I would support immediately would be the recording of public Council meetings.

That said, I would be open to discussing well-substantiated proposals for review.

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?

Yes I see no reason as to why all votes should not be called to be recorded.

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 is essential that Council and Township activities be as open and transparent as the Municipal Act permit. This includes keeping the use of in-camera meetings to a minimum.

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.

Since this relates to a current situation that may be the subject of litigation it would not be in appropriate for me to provide a statement at this time

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 would need to research this more fully before I can comment

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.

I believe that TVT should enact a property standards by-law to address this and other properties that adversely affect our community. A recent citizens’ petition to council to address a similar but less intrusive situation did not result in any action by council. This prompted me to determine how many communities both large and small had property standards by-laws. Of the 440 municipalities in Ontario there are over 350 that do so. Some have Yard Standards by-laws, which if enacted by TVT would serve as an incremental start to address this issue.

Property Standards Bylaws can be intrusive, but can be worded so that they will protect neighbours from serious impacts on both their investment and the safety of their properties

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>

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**.