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1. I think it is possible to finalize a new Official Plan within the First year in fact; I would like to see an official plan within 6-9 months with the right Council. The key elements of a new Official plan, is a fair realistic plan, that looks into the key problems such as road safety, new guide lines for developers that helps the community and the heritage rather than their own pockets. Protecting our fragile Agricultural industry. Create sustainable Tourism through new ideas that will benefit this town and help Small business owners throughout the year.
2. My ten year Vision for the 5 communities that make up this great place we call home is simple, when it comes to residential and commercial development, I want to unite not fragment our community which unfortunately the developers I feel have done. Talking to local People whilst out and about everyone seems to want the same thing and that is we want our Town back! My Family has grown up here and I will fight as hard as I can, NOT to turn this town into another Milton or Mississauga. I would like to see single and two story homes not vertical living such as large condos. The Glendale project plans to bring in small, medium and high rise buildings. This I feel would take away the charm of the area. Developers can only see profit, not what it will create in the form of GTA style cramped living. We see it already at the extension of the Garrison village with parking behind the houses down narrow lanes (some garages hardly fit a car in). I would like to introduce a proper realistic public transport system that connects all 5 areas and not having to get on and off 2 or three buses to get to where you want to go. Protecting our Heritage sites not destroying them, by placing ridiculous New age/style houses amongst older historic houses. There is a no place for them in the Heritage district at if elected they will never be able to build any more in the Old Town area. Tourists and Locals want to see historical homes down town and good quality homes to live in around the surrounding areas and if developers in that area don't build in respect to that then they will not be allowed. Commercial Development should be kept in line with the 5 areas in the manner of which that specific area is planned out.
3. The Current proposal for Randwood is not appropriate for the site and neighborhood due to the fact that it is not just looking at the significant cultural heritage value which we all know it does but, we have got to look at the surrounding areas of historic value that it is infringing on such as Butlers barracks. Extending or changing a property that has been Designated under the Ontario Act is hard to do as it is not allowed to alter the structure unless it has permission of the Council which it does but, I feel that the NOTL Council has not realized the impact of what the fall out will be if the 'Project' goes ahead such as congestion, not enough parking when conferences are on and so overflowing into neighbouring streets causing concern on road safety etc.
4. Road Safety from overflowing parking problems and congestion issues on busy days there, Noise pollution, increase garbage/waste from the Hotel and Spa should be added to the consideration. The consideration in the OPA51 plan has got to be in addition to above tree preservation,

lighting and accessibility and pathways. Keeping the preservation of the house is one of the main things without altering it too much.

5. Creating more HCD (Heritage Conservation District) Areas which in turn, will include the Ontario Heritage act part V which includes District plans and guidelines, interim controls, PUBLIC CONSULTATION (which is lacking in our current Council), Municipal compliance and control of alterations.
6. Part of my platform is to have Quarterly meetings a year (paid by my own expense) to discuss problems and to inform the public on upcoming plans in the community centre. I would also want to create a better up to date system on the Town website, which informs People when planning decisions of a sensitive nature that might affect the public. Basically keeping people up to date more.
7. This is a big concern of mine as although I am not against expansion it has to be regulated more evenly throughout the five areas, otherwise this town will continue to be fragmented or segregated creating small Towns themselves. I am against expansion on Green belt land it is there for a reason. On agricultural land is a hard one to answer as I don't want to see more fruit trees cut down. If certain agricultural land had problems such as quality of soil or farmers moving on then, it should first be offered to other Farmers then to Public and local Developers then, to the rest. Coming from Family that a lot of them are Farmers here in Canada and the UK it does hurt me to see Agricultural land being taken away from us for development but, at the same time I do see an increase need for affordable housing. So to answer the Agricultural part of the question is only in small regulated amounts that constructions of houses are kept to a realistic feasible range.