

Mary Smith – Campaign Kick-off Speech.

Thank you to everyone for coming this evening!

We have folks here from all across this large township, neighbouring townships, the city and beyond.

Thank you to the TEAM of volunteers who made this event happen.

This really is an exciting election! Voters from across the whole township have been so encouraging and supportive of my decision to run for the position of Reeve.

I hear people say that it is time for change!

As your next Reeve, I am committed to a progressive leadership style. I offer 13 years of proven municipal experience and a strong voice representing this diverse municipality, which extends from the intersection of Hwy 7 and Parkhill Road, to the bridge at Gannons Narrows, the bridge at Buckhorn, the bridge at Burleigh Falls, down to Trent University and all along the north edge of the City of Peterborough.

I will work cooperatively to get the job done, for the good of the community! Lets move forward! This election is important for our whole region. The tone set by the leadership of Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield, affects our relations with our neighbouring municipalities.

Council, staff and the public have accomplished so much over the past 4 years. This new award winning library and community hall is a great example. We have to invest in our municipal infrastructure, whether it is our library system, our arenas, our

roads or our township office. We are retrofitting our facilities for energy efficiency and accessibility. We have received millions of dollars in provincial and federal grants. Infrastructure renewal creates jobs.

I will keep that momentum going.

I will lead Economic development through Community Improvement Plans for Bridgenorth, Lakefield, Ennismore, Young's Point and Buckhorn.

I support our farmers by promoting the Local Food movement.

I believe in Environmental stewardship through a Sustainability Plan for the whole County of Peterborough.

I support Enhancing quality of life by attention to traffic safety issues, acting on the Seniors Report, developing more affordable housing, developing more trails and more programs for youth.

I stand on my record of initiating these projects in a fiscally responsible way.

Finally, **I encourage openness and transparency** in decision making and public participation in all township and county planning processes.

Details of my campaign platform will be posted to my website **MarySmith.ca** and I will be delivering campaign literature to every household and business in the township.

This is how you vote for me:

There are no advance polls, no election day polls.

Voting all takes place with a **Mail-in-ballot** that you receive in the mail.

Ballot packages will be mailed out to every voter on **October 1st**.

Please mark your ballots quickly and encourage your family, friends and neighbours to do the same. Pop them right back into the mail as soon as possible, certainly no later than **October 16**.

As you can see the time lines are tight.

The ballots get counted on Election Day, **October 25th**.

You will receive a handout as you leave tonight, reminding you of these important dates. Please share this information with as many people as possible.

It takes a team to make it all happen.

That's why I need your help. You can take me campaigning in your neighbourhood. If there are events you know of that I could attend, please let me know.

Here are some words of wisdom from a fortune cookie I opened just two days ago and I felt they fit the occasion:

“To love what you do and feel that it matters – how could anything be more fun?”

Let's make this a victory for all of us!

Thank you everyone.