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From: "Gaye Smith" <gayesmith@onlink.net>
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Good Morning,

I would like to thank you for providing your email address so that I could ask you the following questions. I do realize you will be very busy with the election but if you are able to answer the questions I will forward your answers to as many contacts as I possibly can. Hopefully that will provide some added exposure for your effort.

Gaye Smith

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1. Would you be in favour of mainland development on Lake Temagami?

• **No. Amalgamation** was based on no mainland development between Lake Temagami Residence and the Municipality.

• The No Mainland Development issue was challenged approximately 1 1/2 to 2 years ago. The vote at that time was 2 councilors for mainland development and 2 for no development. I was the deciding vote as Mayor and I voted No to mainland development.

2. Would you be committed to reduce the tax burden imposed on cottage property by the MPAC assessment?

Yes, for cottage owners but, **We must also consider all residence within the Municipality** as many of the year round residence "Seniors" are on fixed incomes and many of the other year round residence earn minimal income from any jobs they can acquire. At the all Candidates night I proposed increasing revenues to offset the tax increases. I have posted some of my recommendations on the tla@ontera.net election web site along with the posting on the www.robertsewell.ca/election site. Along with my posted recommendations I would consider any other revenues such as: parking and docking fees for non residents, royalties to the municipality for gravel extraction which now, only requires Provincial legislation, launching fees for non-residents etc. I would consider any revenue that would benefit the Municipality but yet not be onerous in collecting the revenue.

3. Would you be committed to improving the access road, parking and docking facilities for Lake Temagami and other area lakes where they are necessities?

Yes, We have done a lot of improvements in the past 4 years on the Access Road, Parking and Docking facilities for Lake Temagami residence. Some work that has been done on the Lake Access Road, parking and docking facilities to date are:

-Improvements to the last 3km of the access road are: Ditching, resurfacing, elevations etc at a cost of \$700,000. (split 3 ways, Federal, Provincial and Municipal)

-Clean up of the parking area: Brushing, grading etc

-New Break walls at: Manitou, Main landing and at the Temagami Marine Road landing

-New docks and placement at the Temagami Lake main landing.

-Upgraded launch pad at the Manitou Landing

Also we will be doing upgrades at the Rabbit Lake south landing breakwall either this November or early next spring.

4. Would you be interested in considering the impact of house boats on Lake Temagami?

Yes: House boats or any large boat with holding tanks can affect water quality in any body of water and therefore should be monitored closely. There have been incidents where house boat users and cottage residents have come into conflict that must be considered as an impact on the lake.

Gaye: Hopefully, I answered your questions to your satisfaction.

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Candidate for Mayor

Thanks Again and all the best in the election.