



Billy Denault for Council

Making Arnprior a Place
to Grow

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Expanding Housing Choices

- Affordable Housing Community Improvement Plan to incentivize affordable housing projects. The province of Ontario has greenlit such a program and other jurisdictions, such as Cobourg and Peterborough, currently utilize it.
- Incentivize missing middle housing to bring more units available for residents, which would provide more housing choices to fit with the community's changing housing needs.
- Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) are great for homeowners looking for additional income and renters seeking affordable housing. A pre-approved design website could be beneficial in shortening wait times for a planner and architect.

Seeking Industry

- Bringing the manufacturing industry's concerns into the fold during the next Strategic Planning Meeting.
- Looking for additional marketing resources in the next budget to sell Arnprior as the place to invest and do business in.
- Municipal Government serves as being a liaison amongst manufacturers in the area, developing partnerships such as Nylene's "Locomotive for economic growth".

Business Collaboration

- Create partnerships between the town of Arnprior and the small business community to promote local events, taking place in the town through increased marketing and social media activity.
- Creating a collaborative environment between town hall and local business.
- Support buy local initiatives and events in partnership with the downtown core.
- In favour of expanding the farmers market to increase foot traffic get people into in the downtown core.

Community Involvement

- Hold informal public information sessions as a step in the planning process. Inviting members, and neighbours of future projects to meet with developers and council. This would allow developers to inform the public on project objectives and allow community members to voice their concerns.
- Bringing the community together and making community unity a paramount as we grow.

And Much Much More!

- In favour of the Waterfront Development Plan, developing a tourism strategy in the next council term.

About Me

Born and raised in Arnprior, I have deep roots in this community. As a youth I volunteered at Camp Wanago before working at various jobs in the community, most notably the Town of Arnprior's Parks and Recreation Department. My time spent volunteering led me to receiving the Arnprior Youth of the Year award in 2018. Along with working in the community I was honoured to speak in front of my peers in 2018 as the class valedictorian at Arnprior District High School. Currently, I am finishing my post-secondary studies at Carleton University in the bachelors of commerce program majoring in accounting which will be finished in December. In addition I have worked as a junior accountant in the public accounting industry and construction, as well as run my own small lawn maintenance business.

Why This Matters

Housing Choice

The Housing Crisis is the Everything Crisis. Low supply of options makes rental and home prices out of reach for more and more residents. If the supply crunch continues, our businesses, industry and other organizations may not be able to seek the labour force necessary for a growing town like ours. These workers could move farther and farther out of town, taking their incomes with them.

More options allow residents to choose a housing option that best fits their needs. Lower rental prices means more disposable incomes to spend locally, driving the local economy forward.

Seeking Industry

According to InsideOttawaValley, Arnprior led Renfrew County in the loss of high-paying jobs between 2001-2016, most in manufacturing. When a factory shutters like Sandvik did in 2018, it is not just an economic loss, but a social one, where former workers feel left behind.

I want to bring industry to the table. A strong town has a mix of industry, commercial ventures, and residential options. Bringing the industrial sector to the table provides us an opportunity to not only maintain what we have, but an opportunity to grow.



Business Collaboration

A growing town like Arnprior needs a sustainable business sector to maintain growth. We are fortunate to have a robust entrepreneurial spirit. However, this does not need to be a one-way street. I believe the town can be not just a bystander but a helping hand in ensuring Arnprior is the place to grow.



Community Involvement

Having the community involved in the next phase of Arnprior's growth is paramount in uniting our town. I believe one solution is more dialogue not less. Public Information Sessions as a stage in development and potential projects would bring planners and the broader community together to collaborate. This tool has been used in other Canadian jurisdictions like Wolfsville, Nova Scotia. These sessions can be offered virtually. They allow community involvement in decision making and create greater transparency.

One of Arnprior's biggest advantage compared to other towns is the people. Our community is what makes us a clear benefit when residents choose to live in Arnprior. The spirit of community and the all in this together attitude is what makes people love this town. This is something that has been strained from the past couple years. As a local leader I will strive to unite, not divide, to bring people together not drive us apart, and to reiterate that we are all on team Arnprior and when you succeed we all succeed.