

Good evening ladies and gentlemen

Moderator, and fellow candidates.

For those who don't know me, my name is Don Murray. My wife Barb and I own and operate a livestock farm on Statters Lake Ave, formerly the 10th of Kinloss. We have 4 grown children and one grandson. We operate a livestock assembly yard and a trucking business. I was born and raised in Huron Kinloss and I chose to raise my family here. I care a great deal about this municipality. It is a beautiful place and a place where I hope people would want to move to and raise their family here as well.

Politics run in the Murray blood, my grandfather was Reeve of the former Kinloss Township and was Warden of Bruce County 50 years ago, and have many other family members serve this community. Some as elected officials and many as volunteers.

I was elected to council in 2006 and I have spent those years working hard to represent you and being your voice at the table. I have sat as chair of Lucknow Recreation, Lucknow Fire Board, Lucknow Medical board, Chair of the multi wind group, and I have had the opportunity to sit on a mutual insurance company as a board member and chair, as well as Bruce County cattlemen, Ontario feeder finance, and South Bruce feeder finance.

During my time on council, we have improved our communities by striving to do the best and make the best decisions for all our residents.

The needs of our township change from year to year. Each year brings new challenges to the table and as elected officials it is our jobs to ensure the best for our residents. If elected I promise to continue to be fiscally responsible to you the rate payers.

I believe that with the new Provincial Government and the uncertainty of what funding might come from that government, you the rate payers need an experienced voice and a voice of reason at the table. If elected I promise to be that voice.

While being on council I have seen many new and improved things for our communities.

I have seen the building of the Henderson Hall in the Lucknow Sports Complex. With the amalgamation of the Lucknow and Ripley Minor hockey this year and hopefully many years to come, our local arenas will be filled to capacity to watch the future generation and with a warm viewing room in each facility more spectators may join in the fun.

Our beautiful lake shore is a little piece of Huron Kinloss paradise. We do beach cleaning when needed. Sometimes Mother Nature works with us and sometimes she hinders this process.

In order for our communities to grow and our existing businesses to prosper we must promote economic development. We need to work hard at bringing new businesses to help create more jobs. We know that with growth will come more families, more families means more children to fill our schools. We cannot lose our local schools.

In my time on council we have seen a new fire hall built here in Lucknow. Both the Federal and Provincial governments set regulations that must be followed so as a council we must work to ensure that both our fire departments are properly trained, and ensure that the equipment is up to date and safe for our men and women to use. These people are our first responders.

If elected I will continue my support for doctor recruitment. I believe it is important to all residents to have the support they need when they need it.

Our municipal infrastructure is a huge responsibility. We must keep up to date with all regulations to have safe drinking water for all on municipal water.

Our roads, if elected I would like to see the completion of more of the concessions roads being paved. In the long run it is cheaper to maintain a paved road than a gravel road, and it is better for the environment.

I would like to see the process of Natural gas started in the next term and I would like to see high speed internet brought to those residents and businesses who don't already have it.

The DGR . Right now the existing council is in the learning stage of the process. I encourage all ratepayers to get themselves involved and educated. Ask questions attend the meetings so that you get informed information.

In closing I wish to thank the Lucknow Chamber of Commerce for hosting this meeting, I wish to thank all you ratepayers that came out tonight to listen and get informed.

I encourage everyone on October 22 to vote

I am asking for your vote to allow me to continue to represent you.

Thank you