

## Personal Statement - Council Vacancy

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Dear Mayor and Councillors:

I am pleased to provide a brief personal statement for your consideration with regards to the vacant Council position in the Municipality of Brockton.

For the past four years, I have called Brockton home, choosing to settle in the town of Walkerton following post-secondary graduation. As a young professional returning to Bruce County from university, Brockton felt like the right place to begin my adult life, after a lifetime of being involved in Bruce County communities including Brockton.

The reasons I am interested in serving on Brockton Council are because I believe in giving back to my neighbours and being active in the community, and I have a desire to help others and create opportunities. I am confident that my community involvement, experience, skills and attitude would fit well with the diverse perspectives on Council.

For several years I have enjoyed being engaged in our community working alongside countless others who make Brockton a great place to live and work. This year I am proud to be serving as President of the Walkerton Kinsmen Club, as we go into our 90th year. I am also in my third year of volunteering on the board of directors of Saugeen Hospice Inc. and I chair our communications committee. In addition, I am an active member of Sacred Heart Parish in Walkerton.

My extensive professional background in legislative processes, policy development, and constituent relations has given me the skills to navigate complex regulatory environments, advocate for effective policies, and address community issues with empathy and action. Additionally, my experience in strategic planning, advocacy, and budget management has refined my ability to build partnerships, optimize resource allocation, and ensure fiscal responsibility. I am committed to leveraging my skills and dedication to enhance the quality of life for our residents and work collaboratively towards our municipality's goals.

I am dedicated, a strong listener, and my leadership experiences have helped me become open-minded to considering various perspectives while also being able to make a decision and respect the decisions of a group - such as a board or Council. I have a collaborative attitude and an already positive, respectful relationship with members of Council and staff.

My focus is on three key commitments that I am confident others at the Council table and in the community share — Accountability, Accessibility and Activity.

**Accountability:** A commitment to fighting for fiscal responsibility and ensuring that municipal finances are spent carefully and efficiently. Residents deserve excellent value and accountability for their tax dollars.

**Accessibility:** A commitment to be readily available to the residents and ratepayers of Brockton. The community should be able to easily reach their elected officials to share their concerns and ideas, ask questions, and have honest conversations on the issues that matter to them.

**Activity:** A commitment to continue being present in all corners of our municipality and engaged in local activities and initiatives. Brockton residents in all corners of the municipality will be effectively represented by a councillor who is active, who listens, and who participates in and supports the community regularly.

As a young working professional who has made Brockton home, I believe I will bring an additionally important perspective to the Council table, alongside the varied experiences, backgrounds and expertise that the current Council retains.

My desire to serve on Council is evident by my planned candidacy in 2022, however I withdrew from the election due to new employment. My current employer is aware of my application to be appointed to Brockton Council and has no concerns.

I am grateful for the opportunity to put my name forward to serve with each of you and hope you will agree that I would add value to Brockton Council in service to the residents and ratepayers across our great community. Should you have any questions I would be happy to discuss further by phone at [REDACTED], by email at [REDACTED] or in person.

Yours sincerely,

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Steven Trivare