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Candidate Profiles – District 8 Special Election

Three candidates are seeking election to the role of Municipal Councillor for District 8 (New Minas – Greenwich). Candidate profiles are listed below in alphabetical order.

E-voting runs from June 17-24. There will be no paper ballots for this Special Election. Eligible voters will receive an instruction letter in the mail. The instruction letter includes information about how to vote and a unique PIN required for telephone or internet voting.

If you have not received a voter instruction letter by June 15, or you would like additional information about the Special Election and voting process, contact the Returning Officer at 902-690-VOTE or election@countyofkings.ca. Visit the [Special Election District 8 website](#) for more information.

Kevin Davison



Where are you from and what is your background?

When I was three years old, my parents, who were originally from the Halifax area, moved to beautiful New Minas so my dad could work at the Department of Transportation as the examiner. I grew up in New Minas and attended New Minas Elementary and graduated from Horton High School in Greenwich. This has been my home for 47 years. After graduation, I joined the New Minas Fire Department and quickly took my EMT course and have worked as a Paramedic for 30 years now, working out of the Annapolis Valley. I have been a First Responder for 30 years.

Why have you chosen to run for office?

I decided to run for office for many reasons. First and foremost, I have always been a helper. I have helped valley residents for many years. I have been able to look after strangers as if they were my family. I have worked for many years and want to give back to the community in more ways than one. This is a great opportunity to meet more people in and around the area and be a voice to those that need someone to bring their concerns to the table. I have served on Boards for many years and am well versed in budgets and infrastructure! I think this is going to allow me to show that I am for the people and will take them seriously and help the best I can. I find politics extremely interesting, and I want to learn more about what I can do to be a great leader for District 8.

What strengths would I bring to Council if elected?

I have always been a very outgoing person. My skills as a communicator are extremely strong and I have excellent ideas to bring to the table. My education as a Paramedic has put me in situations where I have

had to make quick decisions and also think through over time to help those that need it. I have been a secretary with the Greenwich and New Minas Fire departments as well as the executive lead. I have worked largely with operational and county budgets. I am well versed on both business and have strengths in healthy debates. I think I would be a very strong leader as councillor of District 8.

What do you feel are key issues in District 8 and how would you address them?

There are a plethora of key issues. From infrastructure and building, to roads, sewer and water. Taxing, spending and borrowing can be issues and we must work together to address those. I want to see laws followed and work closely with law enforcement and the fire service. I would be in the forefront for energy issue. I will listen intently to every and all issues that may arise in my District. I want to listen to those that have concerns, such as for the septic issue and how we can quickly and effectively resolve what is happening. I want to improve the relationships with all sectors in our District. Whether any of these key issues come up, I feel with new ideas and a fresh and energetic councillor, mountains can be moved.

What is one message you want to send to voters?

I want voters to trust their gut. Trust that I will represent them to the fullest and show them I'm willing to work with everyone in my District and am only a phone call away, if they need me. I want to be transparent and always be focused on the issues at hand. I won't let the voters down!

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Trina Keddy



Where are you from and what is your background?

I was born and raised in the beautiful Annapolis Valley. My background includes a rewarding career in the support/care giving profession with persons with disabilities and the elderly. I also had a fun and rewarding career in cosmetics/make-up artistry.

Why have you chosen to run for office?

My decision to run for office is about preparedness meeting opportunity. I have always been an advocate for others and would be honoured to continue in that role for the constituents of district 8.

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What strengths would you bring to Council if you are elected?

The strengths I feel I would bring to council should I be elected are focus, transparency, and desire for the best outcome in every situation.

What do you feel are key issues in district 8 and how would you address them?

The key issue in district 8 that comes to mind is the ongoing issue of the New Minas sewer system. This seems front and centre. To address this issue I would first seek to review any and all documentation. What's been done to date. Then I would seek to form my own investigation to see if anything has been overlooked.

What one message would you like to send to voters?

The one message I would like to send to voters is the following: Don't you think it's time for honesty and transparency in Government? I sure do! My slogan is "BE the change you wish to see in the world"- Mahatma Gandhi

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Shawn Maxwell



Where are you from and what is your background?

New Minas has been my home for the past 32 years. My wife and I have raised two beautiful children here. I'm retiring from my 25-year career in veterinary pharmaceutical sales. I graduated from Nova Scotia Agricultural College as an Animal Science Technician.

Why have you chosen to run for office?

Kings County has been very good to my family, and I'd like to give back with my involvement as your voice on Council. I've been interested in local politics for many years, and now is the right time to become involved and represent those in our community.

What strengths would you bring to council if you are elected?

I've learned a lot from my career in pharmaceutical sales, spending a lot of time in boardrooms and how to function well inside this environment, similar to the Council table. I'm connected to many inside our community and hear much before it becomes official. Having the inside ear will be a tremendous benefit for those who I will serve in District 8.

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What do you feel are key issues in district 8 and how would you address them?

An issue obvious to many with a nose is the current status of the Regional Sewer that terminates at the treatment plant on Jones Road. I will commit to thoroughly investigating the issues at hand, the current status of the work, if anything has yet to be considered, and what else can be done to resolve the issue more promptly.

As part of committee assignments, I will also ask to resume the position as chair of the Regional Sewer Committee, where our former District 8 Councillor previously held that responsibility.

Housing is also an issue impacting our communities and all of those in King's County. Covid has increased interest in relocating to our rural municipality from larger, more well-off parts of our country. The increase in buyers from away has dramatically impacted housing affordability, availability, and the assessment value of those lucky enough to have homes. This has significantly impacted the amount of property taxes we are now paying, with record assessment increases from the PVSC year over year. I will address the housing issue by working to attract housing development to the new Granite interchange, taking pressure off current housing stock and opening up more availability for young people to stay here and live closer to home.

What one message would you like to send to voters?

I will be a Strong Voice for New Minas and Greenwich on Council and would be humbled to earn your support on the 17th.

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