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This letter is a quick way to introduce myself, and to tell you a bit more about me and my desire to run for the Village of Elbow council. My wife Pat and I moved to Elbow twelve years ago after retiring. Not only did we find the location beautiful and peaceful, but it also did not take us long to find the people, lifestyle and facilities much to our liking.

Growing up on a mixed farm, going to school in a similar sized community and then attending university, gave me an appreciation for many things around me and the drive to achieve. After spending some time teaching, the dawn of computing beckoned me for further education. It was Electronics Engineering and computers. After spending a few years working at a satellite tracking station just outside of Prince Albert, I decided to move to Regina and work in Healthcare. While working there I was involved in many large projects, which included working in the Department directing the Pasqua Hospital rebuild, sourcing a Hospital Administration system, purchasing and installing hundreds of laptops computers to replace terminals, adding networks of routers and fibre optics and even writing a maintenance program to keep track of all the electronic equipment and record all the maintenance events.

With my previous knowledge and self-study, I worked on various projects including putting ATMs on router networks across the province. One of the most interesting projects was working with high technology companies to design, source and install a producer-to-plate traceability system for the beef industry. That was during the "mad cow" years. It was reassuring to see that during the "Covid" times those ideas were still being used in our local smaller butcher shops to identify and source local producers who supply good and safe beef.

My background which involves research into topics, study, ability to articulate goals and ideas, sound and logical reasoning, delivering projects on time and within budget in addition to encouragement from many citizens of Elbow, gave me the impetus and desire to contribute more to this community which we love and have a desire to see grow and succeed. Thank you to all the citizens of Elbow who voted for me in my first term as Councillor. I look forward to your continued support in this next election and most importantly throughout the coming term.

Here are some things I will work hard to promote:

> encouraging new businesses

encouraging new housing starts

> improving our streets

protecting and enhancing our environment and recreational facilities

> examining initiatives to enhance healthcare

ensuring that we continue to have a safe water supply, infrastructure, adequate disposal facilities

supporting our excellent fire department and first responders

very importantly that our public remains informed

This will happen because all of us love Elbow and we will continue striving to work together.

Please contact me anytime, as I look forward to hearing your thoughts and ideas.

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