WHY MAYOR? WHY NOW?

THE FOUNDATION OF MY LEADERSHIP

Faith, family, and farm have always been the foundation of my life. These values continue to motivate my desire to serve our community. I have never minded getting up at 5:30 AM to walk to the barn. Working daily with cattle, machinery, and the unpredictable effects of nature has built my resilience and taught me the value of patience and dedication. As the owner and operator of a local farm, I understand firsthand the realities of running a business and have developed strong professional management skills. Through hard work, long-range planning, and collaboration with financial, feed, crop advisors, engineers, and building contractors, our family successfully built a modern, state-of-the-art robotic dairy farm that proudly supports three families. Now, as I transition into a new stage of life, the next generation is confidently stepping up to lead this business into the future.

PROVEN MUNICIPAL EXPERIENCE

I am currently completing my first term as Councillor for the Township of Elizabethtown-Kitley, where I have developed a deep passion for local municipal government. Just as it did for 46 years on the farm, making sound financial choices on Council requires dexterity and careful balance. To make the best possible decisions, Council relies on data, clear options, and recommendations from our staff. We must deliberate thoughtfully, remain flexible as new information arrives, and be willing to adapt when necessary. I am a good listener and I am always open to your views, even if they challenge a previously held concept. Changing one's perspective in light of new facts is a sign of good leadership. I firmly believe that **it is never wrong to make the right decision.**

A NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR TOWNSHIP

With our current Mayor deciding not to seek re-election, a new door has opened. There are moments in life when you must seize the opportunities in front of you, and that moment for me is now. With the full support of my wife, family, friends, and neighbours, I am confident that my positive, collaborative attitude and leadership skills will allow me to effectively serve as your next Mayor.

Over the last four years, I have built strong, productive relationships with the Mayor, fellow Councillors, and our highly competent Township staff. I have also had the privilege of connecting with the residents, volunteers, and business organizations that keep our municipality healthy and thriving.

MY PROMISE TO YOU

I have the business acumen, political experience, and collaborative relationships required to be a competent, stable Mayor for the residents of Elizabethtown-Kitley. I will always take the time to listen to understand, and I will encourage Council members to engage in respectful discussions. Together, we will make thoughtful, evidence-based decisions with the best interests of our community at the forefront.

I respectfully ask for your support and your vote on October 26th.

GET INVOLVED & FOLLOW THE CAMPAIGN

If you would like to support my campaign, request a lawn sign, or contribute financially, please feel free to reach out via phone, text, or email.

Your support means the world to me.

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ELECT

HENRY OOSTERHOF

MAYOR

ELIZABETHTOWN-KITLEY

Hello, my name is **Henry Oosterhof**. I live and work on our family's state-of-the-art dairy farm, JOBO Farms Inc., located at 10628 Jellyby Road, east of Greenbush. I have spent my entire life right here in the Township of Elizabethtown-Kitley, and I would like to share more about who I am, my experience, and my dedication to our community.

MY ROOTS AND FAMILY BUSINESS

After high school, I gained valuable early work experience on the midnight shift at Black & Decker, working the Workmate production line. In 1980, after graduating from the Kemptville College of Agricultural Technology, I returned home to pursue my true passion: farming. I looked forward to building on our farm's success—first in partnership with my parents, and later with my brother and his wife.

Evelina and I were married in 1982. We are blessed with four adult children, their spouses, and 11 wonderful grandchildren. Over the years, our family farm has grown in both scale and innovation, expanding to include modernized robotic milking and feeding systems. Today, our son and his family are gradually taking over daily management and operations, continuing our multi-generational legacy.

LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE EXPERIENCE

From 2006 to 2018, I served three consecutive four-year terms on the 12-member Provincial Milk Marketing Board (Dairy Farmers of Ontario), representing dairy producers across Leeds, Grenville, Frontenac, Lanark, and Renfrew counties. In this role, I traveled monthly to board meetings in Mississauga and actively contributed to several major committees:

- Audit Committee
- Milk Quality Committee
- Transportation Committee
- Government Relations Committee: Meeting with MPPs and MPs to lobby on behalf of Ontario dairy farmers.

This role involved traveling across Canada to network with provincial producers and hosting regular meetings with local committees across five counties to address challenges and opportunities in the industry.

Through my extensive work with the Dairy Farmers of Ontario and Gay Lea Foods, I have received hours of specialized board member and corporate governance training. I am familiar with the proper division of responsibilities between policymakers and staff. I know how to challenge staff for answers when necessary while still remaining respectful, and I know when to let them do their jobs without interfering.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR TRUST AND YOUR VOTE ON OCTOBER 26TH!

MUNICIPAL PUBLIC SERVICE

I am currently completing my first term as a Township Councillor. It has been a true privilege to collaborate with Mayor Burrow, my fellow Councillors, and our dedicated township staff over the last four years on behalf of you—the residents. During my current term on Council, I have actively served on the following committees:

- Economic Development Committee
- Planning Advisory Committee
- Elizabethtown-Kitley Public Library Board
- Committee of the Whole (Served as Chair for multiple meetings)

COMMUNITY AND AGRICULTURAL INVOLVEMENT

Throughout my life, I have been deeply committed to serving local agricultural, educational, and faith organizations. My community service includes:

Current Roles:

- Dairy Producer Delegate for Gay Lea Foods Co-op (Region 4)
- Volunteer on the Management Board of Greenbank Cemetery

Past Leadership Roles:

- Board of Directors, Dairy Farmers of Ontario (Mississauga, ON)
- Council Member, Athens Christian Reformed Church
- Board of Directors, Athens Christian School (now Heritage Community Christian School) – Served as Chair and Treasurer
- Board of Directors, Eastern Breeders Inc. (Kemptville)
- Board of Directors, former Brockville Co-op
- Member & Leader, Leeds County 4-H
- Member, Leeds County Junior Farmers
- Representative on multiple Leeds County farm organizations



KEY INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES

Rows Corners Fairgrounds Project: When completed, this development has the potential to provide our township with a sizeable increase to the property tax base. Generating new revenue and adding attainable rental stock to the region are two main reasons this project remains a top priority. While progress is slow due to the necessity of partnering with external entities, we continue to move forward.

North Augusta Road Property: The development of township-owned property east of North Augusta Road is inching forward. We must keep our foot on the pedal to complete the remaining studies required to transform this land into an active, income-producing asset for the municipality. Fortunately, we have a Strategic Initiatives Reserve which can continue to fund this work without affecting the general tax levy.

New Dublin Public Works Garage: The public works garage in New Dublin is in need of replacement. Engineering and facility plans are progressing, and I look forward to our new Council approving a final design in the near future.

New Township Office and Council Chambers: By all modern standards, our current office building in New Dublin cannot be efficiently remodelled to serve staff or residents effectively – especially given accessibility regulations facing us in the next few years. I believe the purchase of the vacant Frankville Public School building was a fortunate opportunity and a sound financial decision. While building a brand-new office elsewhere sounds appealing, the cost of new construction could be prohibitive.

I look forward to deliberating with the new Council concerning the renovations needed at the Frankville school site. This could very well be the site of a modern Township Office and Council Chambers while providing access to cost effective natural gas heating and fiber optic connection for improved communications. It could also allow us to consolidate operations from the north-end and south-end into a single cohesive workspace while leaving room for community use areas.

MEETING THE NEEDS OF TODAY, PLANNING FOR TOMORROW

The lives of our residents, our homes, our businesses, our roads, and our recreational venues are all deeply intertwined. They evolve every year based on the decisions made by our Council.

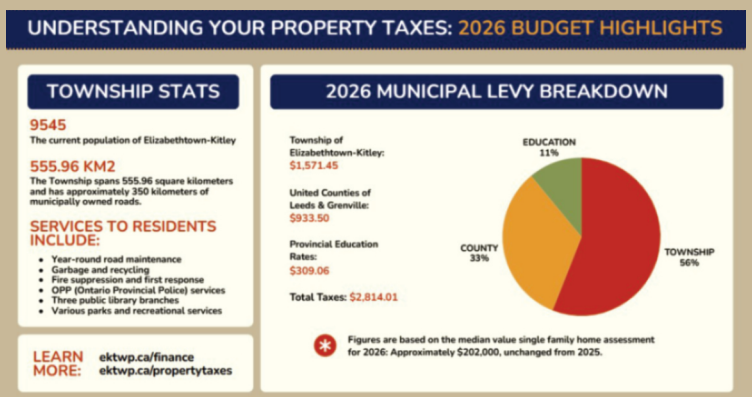
Township governance must operate within the realistic boundaries of property tax revenues. In my experience, Council and staff work diligently to keep operating costs as low as possible and to replace aging assets at a reasonable, fiscally responsible rate. Municipal taxes are an essential investment in the services, infrastructure, and overall quality of life that make the Township of Elizabethtown-Kitley a wonderful place to live, work, and play.

As Mayor, I look forward to working with the new Council to advance several vital projects initiated during this past term.

WASTE MANAGEMENT AND ROADS

Waste Disposal and Roadside Pickup: Managing the future of our waste disposal site and the possibility of south-end roadside pickup has become a more complex discussion. This is due to the Ontario government transition to an Extended Producer Responsibility model, where recycling materials are handled separately from traditional waste. I feel we should continuously evaluate the pros and cons of our current service delivery models, to ensure that we are meeting evolving needs of our residents.

Road Maintenance Strategy: The recent Roads Needs Study identifies that our township maintains 365.9 kilometres of roadways—205.5 km of gravel and 160.4 km of hard surfaces. This gives us more kilometres of road per single-family dwelling than our neighbouring municipalities. Fortunately, new technology provides evidence-based practices to maintain these roads more efficiently and extend the lifespan of our pavement – allowing us to stretch the same dollars a little further. All roads are catalogued and prioritized by age and condition. Unfortunately, unpredictable weather remains our greatest challenge for certain maintenance cycles – especially for our gravel roads.



MY COMMITMENT TO GOVERNANCE AND STRONG MAYOR POWERS

My commitment to you is that I will work alongside staff and the new Council in an environment of true cooperation. Together, we will make cost-efficient decisions that meet the needs of today while planning for tomorrow, always keeping the best interests of our ratepayers at the forefront.

Regarding the topic of Strong Mayor Powers, I commit to using these legislative tools **only** if doing so enhances a democratic decision already supported by Council. Council as a whole is elected to represent the community and make the everyday decisions that govern our township.

With your support, I will be able to lead the Township steadily forward over the next 4 years. But to do that , I need your vote on October 26, or during the advanced polling week leading up to voting day. You can vote in-person by paper ballot, or electronically by phone, or on your computer. A healthy democracy is more important now than ever – so please take advantage of your right to vote in this election.

Let me introduce myself to you personally. Bring your family and tour our state of the art robotic milking dairy farm.

10636 Jellyby Rd,
North Augusta

Saturday, **October 3**, 2026
11 am to 3 pm.