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# Welcome to Our Special “Meet the Candidates” Election Edition!

The Woolwich municipal election will be held on **Monday, October 26**. Ward 3 residents will elect two councillors, while voters across the Township will choose Woolwich’s next Mayor.

Inside this special edition, you’ll meet the four candidates running for Ward 3 councillor (two will be elected) and two candidates seeking the Office of Mayor. Learn more about who they are, what they stand for and their vision for future of our community.

So, grab a cup of coffee, settle in and see what the candidates have to say!

With Gratitude,  
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**TOWNSHIP OF WOOLWICH**



# **CANDIDATES NIGHT** **TOWN HALL**

**MEET THE MAYORAL & WARD 3 CANDIDATES**

PEOPLE  
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A BRIGHTER  
TOMORROW



A STRONGER  
COMMUNITY  
THROUGH  
CONVERSATION



**DATE**

**WEDNESDAY,  
OCTOBER 7**

**TIME**

**6:30–8:00 P.M.**

HOSTED BY BLOOMINGDALE & MARYHILL COMMUNITIES



**BLOOMINGDALE COMMUNITY CENTER**

**1031 SNYDER'S FLATS ROAD**

**MEET THE CANDIDATES**

## **WARD 3 COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES**

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## MEET THE CANDIDATES



CANDIDATE PROFILE

## JANET COX

### THE INTERVIEW

**1. Please introduce yourself and tell our readers what inspired you to run for the office of Ward 3 councillor.**

I am Janet Cox. My husband Roger and I have lived in Woolwich since I was a student at the University of Guelph (M.Sc.). We started our family on the main street of Maryhill in 1995. Our 2 children (now adults) grew up on our farm in an old gravel pit on the edge of Maryhill. I was inspired to run for Township Councillor for Ward 3 as a logical progression to contributing to my community after over 30 years of volunteering to strengthen the natural environment, and to build a sustainable future for Woolwich.

**2. What do you believe are the three most important issues currently facing Ward 3, and how would you work to address them?**

**i) Affordability for families, and ability of our younger generations to stay and thrive in Woolwich.**

As a councillor I would work to ensure that all decisions align with the kind of waste reduction, energy efficiency, and organizational efficiency that maximize the services to the residents of Woolwich, while decreasing energy use, greenhouse gas emissions and waste.

**ii) Sustainable land use and quality of life for the rapidly growing Breslau area.**

I would study the existing detailed 10-year plan for Breslau and surrounding lands. I would support approvals and decisions that allow that plan to develop in a way that is sustainable for the environment, and contributes to a functional, walkable, safe and vibrant community for the many residents who are already there and expected to join the township.

**iii) Water and Environmental Sustainability.**

In a time of climate change, and development being suspended due to water limitations, we need to fully understand the real limits of our water supply, to drastically reduce water waste, and embrace efficiency standards that allow us to continue to build new housing and grow local businesses.

**3. Ward 3 includes several rural communities, each with its own needs. How would you ensure that smaller communities such as Maryhill are heard and properly represented at Township Council?**

I am deeply committed to supporting the smaller communities in Ward 3. I have a clear plan for making time in my schedule for listening to residents and bringing their concerns to council meetings and committees. My campaign website has links to reach me, and I am committed to listening and seeking input for the 4-year council term.

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## JANET COX

WARD 3 CANDIDATE Q&A – CONTINUED

### **4. What is your position on balancing future growth and development with protecting farmland, rural character and the small-community atmosphere residents value?**

I support the kind of stable and predictable zoning and countryside lines that protect the rural farming communities in Ward 3 north of Hwy 7. I am interested in supporting opportunities to increase smaller and affordable residences in the rural areas and small communities. We also need to ensure that our small communities continue to be functional places to work, shop and socialize. The situation is unique and different to the south of Hwy 7 in the Breslau community and policy area. We need to figure out the servicing challenges and work hard to develop a walkable, safe community, functional local-scale commercial core, recreational opportunities and connections to nature that build and support a strong and caring neighbourhood character.

### **5. Road safety, speeding, infrastructure and pedestrian safety are ongoing concerns in rural communities. What improvements would you advocate for?**

We need resources and measures that effectively stop speeding in the settlement areas, whether this is police enforcement or physical traffic calming measures. The solutions should be developed with the affected local residents. I would also advocate for safe, separated paths for pedestrians and bicycles and other low-speed transportation.

### **6. With residents and small businesses facing increased costs, how would you approach municipal spending, property taxes and responsible budgeting?**

It is very important that municipal spending is transparent, and that reporting to council and residents is timely and accurate. Many of the services provided by municipalities support families and businesses, and I support a review of these expenditures to ensure that spending is efficient and sustainable.

I think that we should be able to accomplish the work of the municipalities while limiting property taxes to no more than the amount of inflation. I support building township financial reserves and only building new facilities as we can afford them. I am in favour of seeking funding partners at other levels of government, and in the private sector for big new projects.

### **7. If elected, how will you remain accessible to residents, communicate Township decisions and encourage greater community involvement?**

I am interested in hearing from people, and along with my website and email I'll be seeking input from ward 3 residents on the best way to gather their input. I will be pleased to communicate council decisions in plain and accessible language with the media that residents prefer. If it appeals to my constituents, I would be open to scheduling weekly, rotating "coffee hours" or walks in parks, where I would make myself available to engage with whoever was inclined to join me.

### **8. Is there anything else you would like Ward 3 residents to know as they prepare to vote?**

I am running for Ward 3 councillor to offer a balanced approach to decision making that considers the economic, social and environmental aspects of every issue. In a affordability and climate crisis, I feel it is important to keep an eye on the long-term potential for Woolwich to be an amazing place to live, work and raise healthy families.

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