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Councillor

Dear Residents of the Municipality of Stuartburn,

This October, you will have an important opportunity to help shape the future of our municipality.

I believe our community deserves open, accountable, and fiscally responsible leadership. Over the past several years, I have become concerned about the priorities of our current Council and whether the needs of all taxpayers are being adequately represented.

My goal in sharing this information is not to criticize for the sake of criticizing, but to encourage residents to ask questions, review the facts, and make an informed decision when they vote.

Our Municipality

- Population of the RM of Stuartburn: **1,750**
- Population of Vita: **512**

Most taxpayers live outside the Town of Vita, and I believe it is important that the interests of both rural residents and the community of Vita are represented fairly and equally.

There are three councillors elected to represent the rural wards. As a resident, I do not believe rural concerns have received the level of representation they deserve, and I believe residents should carefully consider whether they feel their voices are being heard.

Last October, my home experienced flooding. I asked the Municipality for assistance but did not receive the response I had hoped for, and I was disappointed that my councillor did not reach out to discuss the situation. That experience reinforced my belief that residents deserve better communication and stronger representation.

Where Are Your Tax Dollars Going?

Municipal spending reflects Council's priorities.

Drainage

- Previous Council (4 years): **\$350,000**
- Current Council (4 years): **\$82,000**
- **Approximately a 75% decrease**

Transportation

- 2022: **\$1.1 million**
- 2025: **\$858,000** **Approximately a 20% decrease**

Your property has flooded; your roads are not consistently maintained. Ask questions, make yourself informed. Vote for someone who will return your calls and recognize your concerns

► Proven track record in
Business.
Budgets
Human Resources
Planning

► Proven track record in
Construction
A/Z truck experience
Heavy equipment certified
Road building experience

► Farming Experience,
Dairy and beef farming
4th generation Manitobin

Let's focus on the needs
of today;

We need a WILDFIRE
PLAN
We Need to REDUCE
COST and reduce taxes
We need NEW EYES to
make changes



Let's Talk About Drainage, Accountability, and Your Tax Dollars

Over the past several years, I have become increasingly concerned about how our Municipality manages drainage, spending, and long-term planning.

In October 2025, I approached Council regarding a ditch constructed in 2024 that appeared to redirect water toward my property rather than into the ditch across the road. My understanding is that the Municipality's drainage policy requires downstream ditches to be cleared before new drainage work is completed. In this case, I do not believe that process was followed, and my property experienced flooding as a result.

As I looked into the issue, I also became concerned about the apparent decline in drainage maintenance since 2023. I asked Council for clarification on this change but did not receive the answers I was hoping for. I believe our residents deserve clear communication about decisions that affect their homes, farms, and properties.

I also have concerns about the proposed Lake project near Sundown. Many residents have expressed reservations, and questions remain about both the project's benefits and its cost. I believe taxpayers deserve greater transparency regarding these decisions and how public funds are being spent.

Financial accountability is equally important. At the December 17, 2025 Council meeting, Council approved transferring \$50,000 from the drainage budget to Strategic Systems. I would have preferred to see a clear public explanation of the project's scope and objectives before those funds were committed. In 2024, \$100,000 in unspent drainage funds was transferred to capital projects. While capital improvements are important, I believe residents are justified in asking whether drainage maintenance should have remained the priority, particularly when flooding continues to be a concern for many property owners.

Our municipal tax burden is also worth discussing.

- **Municipality of Stuartburn:** 15.880 mills
- **Municipality of Piney:** 12.090 mills

Despite paying one of the higher mill rates in the region, many residents are asking whether they are receiving the level of service they expect.

I also believe Council should continually review discretionary spending, including travel, conventions, and conferences, to ensure every tax dollar is being spent wisely and delivers value to our residents.

If I Am Elected

My commitment is simple:

- Make municipal government more transparent by livestreaming Council meetings and posting recordings online.
- Focus on responsible financial management and finding efficiencies before considering tax increases.
- Ensure infrastructure and drainage maintenance receive the attention they deserve.
- Listen to residents and communicate openly about municipal decisions.
- Work respectfully with fellow Council members to find practical solutions that benefit the entire municipality.

I believe our community deserves accountable leadership, transparent decision-making, and careful stewardship of taxpayer dollars.

If you share those values, I would be honoured to earn your support.

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