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Mesheau Unveils Proposals to Improve Transparency and Governance

Sackville Mayoral candidate Shawn Mesheau has released a comprehensive list of priorities to improve transparency and governance within the Town of Sackville.

“My first effort as Mayor would be to ensure that we have a respectful level of decorum in all interactions between councillors, staff and members of the public,” Mesheau stated. “Everyone needs to feel that their voice matters and is respected. As Mayor, I fully intend to reinforce this with council and staff to ensure buy-in from all of us.”

Mesheau listed several ideas and proposals to strengthen good governance and add more transparency in the municipality, including:

1. Regular Town Halls meetings where citizens can be updated and they in turn can ask questions of their elected officials;
2. A more robust pre-budget consultation process with citizens and community stakeholders;
3. The creation of an advisory committee of council that promotes effective citizen participation;
4. Mailing of a quarterly printed newsletter to citizens - with the recent demise of the Tribune-Post, the Town’s ability to communicate critical information to all residents has been severely impacted with the newspaper’s closure particularly with key audiences that are not actively online;
5. Improve the flow of information to the public before and during Council meetings.

“These are some tangible ideas that can be instituted to engage our citizens, improve the flow of information and help in our planning,” Mesheau added. “Let’s get people involved in committees, consultations and working groups to collaborate to come up with solid ideas.”

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