

ELECTION 2017 – CANDIDATE PROFILES

The Village of Kitscoty accepted eight (8) nomination papers on September 18th, 2017. These eight candidates are vying for five (5) Council positions. At the suggestion of one of the candidates we are providing profiles so you can learn about each of the candidates in advance of voting on Election Day, **Monday, October 16th, 2017.**

Here are the questions we asked the candidates to answer:	
1. How long have you lived in Kitscoty (and	2. Why did you choose to live in Kitscoty?
3. Provide personal details: family,	4. What are your interests, hobbies, etc.?
5. Are you currently involved in any aspect of the community? If so, in what capacity?	6. What do you think makes Kitscoty a great community?
7. What challenges do you see for our	8. What is your future vision for Kitscoty?
9. Why did you choose to run for Village Council?	10. What skills / experience do you have that you will bring to Council?

JOHN SCOTT

1. I first took up residence in 1961, when I took on the position of Assistant Administrator of the then M.D. of Vermilion River. I left in 1977 to take over the family farm near Islay, returning in 2001 to take up residence again, by then being CAO of the County. I arrived in Canada in April 1953, having been born in England.
2. I chose to live in Kitscoty mainly because of the position I had obtained but was more than willing to return after 20 some years on the farm because of its Village atmosphere and the great education, recreation and social activities available for our family.
3. I see myself as a young 80 year old, still able to contribute to the community in all aspects of its make-up. I am married to a very supportive lady and have raised four natural children, two adopted children and we have fostered 30 other children along the way. All of our children and grandchildren attended school here in Kitscoty and benefitted from the educational and recreational activities. You will know from these comments that I am retired, thus being able to devote the time necessary to perform the duties of councillor, as I have for fourteen years, three of those as Mayor.
4. My interests over 55 plus years in local government have always been in the service of the community. I have had 31 years with the County, 20 plus years with the local Boy Scouts, 38 years as a foster parent, 25 years with Victim Services Unit, 8 years with the Walking Through Grief Society, and as many with the Community & Seniors Association, but my time as a public servant in the local government field have been my favourite. My relax times are usually spent in my garden, though I do enjoy our annual vacations in England or Alberta and B. C.
5. I hold the position of Treasurer for the *Community Church*, the *Community & Seniors Association* and the *Walking Through Grief Society*. I am also the "Park Guy", having devoted hundreds of hours in the development of the Village's parks and trails project since 2010. I am a board member of the *Agricultural Society* as a representative of the Village Council.
6. I have always appreciated the spirit of cooperation that has existed in the community, ever since arriving in 1961. When there is a project needing support, the residents, both urban and rural are ready to pitch in. We also have a terrific combination of recreational and educational opportunities.
7. Small municipalities will always face the challenge of providing necessary services with a relatively low level of finances and I don't see this challenge going away in the near future. An aging infrastructure will continue to be a concern as will the need to attract new businesses.
8. While many other small municipalities have or are facing amalgamation with the neighbouring rural municipality, I see, because of my experience over these many years, seeing the high level of cooperation and wise financial responsibility is evident, Kitscoty experiencing a steady growth and an equally steady effort to provide the services expected by our residents.
9. The present Council has worked well in its mandate to serve the residents of the Village and I feel that my broad experiences can be an asset as we work our way through a somewhat difficult period of time. There is much to be done and I hope to be able to contribute to our future.
10. I have been on both sides of the table so to speak, in local government, and have been able to represent the Village in a positive way when sitting on various boards and at meetings, both locally and with our Provincial counterparts.

