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1. When Huntsville residences are tightening our belts, town hall needs to do the exact same thing. Controlling spending does not mean cutting snow plows, closing parks or neglecting roads. It means fixing how the town runs behind the scenes.

Let's cut back on consultants: Before we hire expensive consultants, we need to be sure we are using current staff to the fullest. I would push for strict limits on third party consultant fees. We need to cut the extras and focus the budget entirely on safety and essential services.

Buy in bulk with the District: Huntsville and the District often buy things separately. This makes no sense. We should be teaming up to buy everything from equipment to vehicles to office supplies. Buying in bulk will increase our buying power for better discounts without affecting services.

2. Huntsville needs to push the District harder in getting its fair share of infrastructure funding to support our growth.

Huntsville is building more homes and expanding our community, which is great for the economy, but more homes mean more pressure on our infrastructure like water and sewer and roads. Since waste water and affordable housing is managed at the district level, the district needs to fund these upgrades quickly and fairly.

Huntsville taxpayers contribute a massive amount of money to the District tax pool. I will fight to ensure that money comes right back to Huntsville. We cannot allow a situation where we approve the housing our community needs , only to have our local system bottle-necked or have local taxpayers foot the bill for regional water and sewer expansions. The District needs to move at the speed of Huntsville's growth.

3. When money is tight, we have to treat the town budget like a household budget. You fix what is broken and dangerous first, and then you spend wisely to save money down the road.

My strategy is simple:

Catch problems early: It is much cheaper to resurface a road now than to let it completely fall apart and pay for a massive rebuild later. It's like changing the oil in your car

to avoid buying a new engine. I will use the town's data to patch and maintain roads before they become multi- million -dollar- emergencies.

Chase outside money: If the province or federal government offers a grant to cover 50% to 75% of a bridge or road repair, that project goes to the front of the line.

By focusing on smart maintenance and grabbing outside funding, we can get two or three projects done for the price of one.