

Bob Stone:

1. It is my intention to introduce a motion that directs each Town Department to bring back to Council a brief on what their department would look like if their budget was cut by 5%. This simple exercise will undoubtedly reveal opportunities for greater efficiency, potentially show non-essential services we may wish to cut and ultimately reduce spending. I also believe that Muskoka Heritage Place is underutilized and can, with minimal effort, be self-sustaining.

At the District I see duplication in the Planning Department that needs to be addressed. We need to continue the plan we started that will make the Airport profitable. I would like a review of staffing at the District which I believe has opportunity for reduction. There will be a governance review of District Council in the next term and I believe the number of Councillors at the table should be reduced. Lastly, I have seen ALL of the information and do NOT support the District owning and operating a robotics modular housing factory.

2. It's not sexy to talk about, but we need to push the District for expanded water and waste water infrastructure. We recently received \$51M from the Province to close the Mountview treatment plant and expand the Golden Pheasant treatment plant on Hwy 60, but it will not be enough. With the rental housing crisis growing exponentially we will need much more capacity in the system before we can build the needed housing. We also need to be planning to expand the serviced area.

3. We already have a "Roads and Bridges Needs Study" that is continually updated. This document shows all the roads and bridges in Huntsville and identifies which are in greatest need of repair and when that repair is planned to happen. We have 420km of roads to maintain with different levels of service. This list is a living document, so if conditions of a road change due to a weather event or infrastructure failure or if services and equipment are not available or costs for repair exceeds the budget, the roads at the top may change.