Rylind Davis:

2. If there's one area I would have handled this term differently, it's communication.

I think a number of Council's most challenging decisions became even more difficult because residents didn't feel informed or included early enough in the process. We saw that with the Rivermill Park washrooms, tax increases, road projects, provincial planning changes, Unity Square, the Gandhi statue, and the Huntsville and Chaffey ward merger. In each case, many residents were left with questions after decisions had already been made instead of feeling engaged beforehand.

With the loss of the *Huntsville Forester*, Council, the Town, and individual councillors need to be much more proactive about communicating with residents. We can't rely on people reading Council agendas or searching the Town website to understand what's happening.

I would have pushed for a stronger communications strategy that uses social media, local radio, and television to explain major projects and decisions in plain language before and after Council meetings. I also believe there should be more media availability and press conferences where residents and journalists can ask questions directly.

3. The measurable change I want to see is expanded public transit service and pedestrian access into North Chaffey along Muskoka Road 3. By the end of the term, I want residents in new neighbourhoods like Settlers Ridge, Woodstream, Brookside Crossing, and Muskoka Forest to have access to regular transit service and better connections, both transit and walking, to the rest of Huntsville.