

2020 Municipal Election Candidates



Bliss, Aleesha

Candidate for Councillor of the Town of Balgonie

Hello my name is Aleesha Bliss. I have lived in Balgonie for 30 plus years. I run my own Massage therapy business, as well as have 3 kids ages 12,10, and 5. I am involved in a few of the community boards such as the pool board, soccer board, school SCC, as well as had a hand in building the park on main street.

I am running for town council to be a part of the town moving forward in the future, and would like to see more things for the young families that we have moving into our town. I am also interested in knowing and learning how the town runs and the different aspects of what goes into running the town we live in.

My contact information is: email: johnner_21@hotmail.com cell number is (306)529-7982 if you would like to contact me to talk.

Laing, Michelle

Candidate for Councillor of the Town of Balgonie

My name is Michelle Laing, and I am hoping to serve the community of Balgonie as one of your Town Councillors.

Dave and I moved into our home on Qu'Appelle Street in 1995. We raised four kids and have met many here in Balgonie through their activities, as well as our own.

I have been proud to be part of Balgonie Dinner Theatre. I know how important this event is to our community groups, and I want to make sure it has the support and means to continue.

I have also served on other Community Boards over the years such as Secretary of the Pool Board and President of the Balgonie Soccer Board.

I have always felt there was something special about Balgonie. It has heart, and I want to make sure we don't lose that! I hope you will let me do that as a Town Councillor.





Lapchuk, Doug

Candidate for Councillor of the Town of Balgonie

Community member of the Town of Balgonie since 1995. Married with three sons. Self-employed as well as employee of Sask Health Authority.

Strong community service driven, Deputy Fire Chief, Medical First Responder. Nine years as councillor for Town of Balgonie.

I have a strong vision for our community that is driven by financial responsibility and community values. In my tenure as councillor I have seen the development of the water pipeline, the development of our expanded lagoon, paving projects and enhanced development of commercial and residential areas.

I am also a member of the regional emergency measures organization for our town and rural municipality.

I believe that as a councillor it is my job to manage our growth and finances in a responsible, transparent manner.

If re-elected I promise to continue moving our community forward through a collaborative approach to all that we do.

Larsen, Derek

Candidate for Councillor of the Town of Balgonie

My name is Derek Larsen and I have lived in Balgonie since the early 90's. I attended school here and played minor sports here.

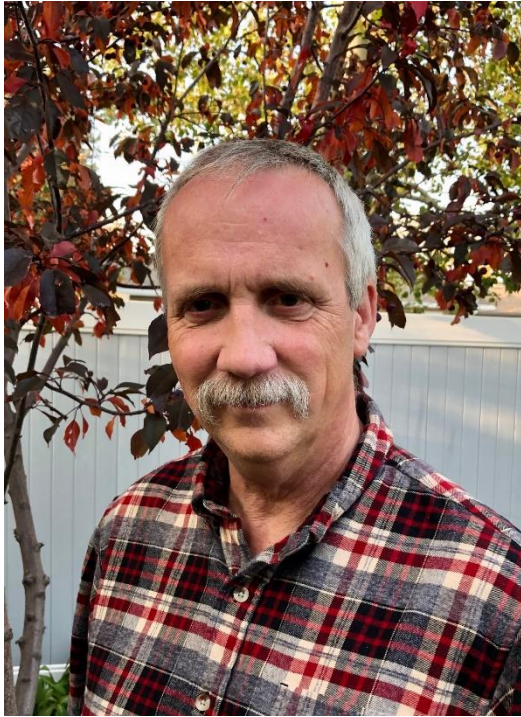
My wife, Amber, and I are raising our family here. We have a four-year-old daughter enrolled in playschool and a four-month-old son. My parents and sister live here. Many of my wife's family live in and around Balgonie as well.

I have worked for SaskTel since 2007 and am currently a Client Technology Manager in our Information Services group. I am in my second year as treasurer of the Balgonie Playschool Board. From 2013 to 2017 I was on the Sask Polytech Computer Networking Technician Program Advisory Committee.

I am interested in participating in and learning about how town governance works. I am hopeful that I can be a part of the team that shapes Balgonie for years to come.

Thank you.





Lovelace, Lain

Candidate for Councillor of the Town of Balgonie

I would be pleased to serve the community for another four years as a Town Councillor. Balgonie has been my home since 1988, where my wife Virginia and I raised our two children. It's a community that means so much to me and one that I want to continue to be proud of for many years to come.

Maintaining a close knit, small town atmosphere while developing responsible commercial opportunities to supplement the tax base to continue to provide first rate services without increasing the residents tax burden is my focus.

Also its important to provide a safe and sustainable community for everyone.

My 33 years as a professional engineer and extensive work experience has allowed me to make a unique contribution on council. Over the past eight years the Town has moved forward with many positive accomplishments, I intend to continue this course.

Please vote on November 9th. Thank you!

Meier, Dwayne

Candidate for Councillor of the Town of Balgonie

Six years ago, my wife and I moved to the Town of Balgonie to raise a family. We have two children ages 8 and 6 and having them grow up in a safe and active community is important to us.

Since moving to Balgonie, I have become a Journeyman electrician and have been a member of the Fire Department for four years. I have participated in all the fire schools and additional training events being offered. I also have one-year service with the Medical First Responder team. I have coached youth soccer in Balgonie for both indoor and outdoor seasons. Within the past year, I have also become the president of the Balgonie Soccer Board.

If elected I will bring focus for parents with school aged children and safety and growth for the community.





Schneider, Chad

Candidate for Councillor of the Town of Balgonie

It would be my pleasure to represent you as one of your six Balgonie Councillors. For those of you who do not know me I am a Transmission & Construction Manager with SaskPower, happily married with 3 wonderful children, who have all attended Balgonie schools since Kindergarten.

Some of you may recognize me from my volunteer work with the coveted Balgonie Elks. Others from coaching Storm Softball, broomball, or from my work as President of the Saskatchewan Broomball Association.

Born and raised in rural Saskatchewan, I understand the challenges that a community can face and if given the opportunity I could bring forward community concerns with a fresh outlook and new ideas for all parts of the community new and old.

I look forward to the opportunity to represent you!

Solie, Kelvin

Candidate for Councillor of the Town of Balgonie

My name is Kelvin Solie. I am married to Pat Gottselig and a retired SaskTel employee. I have been a resident of Balgonie since 1998 and have served two terms on Council.

Council has been very busy this last term and I am proud to have been part of its success with the completion of the following projects:

- lagoon with supplemental force main and lift station;
- paved approximately four kilometers of walkways with lights and benches;
- upgrades to multiplex, arena, pool, curling rink and ball diamonds;
- renovations to town office building with addition of a new business space.

I envision a Council that is progressive and financially responsible. One that promotes residential and commercial development and continued improvements to our infrastructure.

On November 9 I am asking for your support, that I may continue to represent you and make our town a place everyone wants to live.





Wagman, Janet A.

Candidate for Councillor of the Town of Balgonie

My name is Janet A. Wagman and I am running for the position of Councillor for the Town of Balgonie. I have been a town councillor for the past 8 years and would like to continue to represent Balgonie ratepayers.

My husband Patrick and I have lived in Balgonie for 41 years and I have recently retired after a 42 year career, as a business auditor, from the Saskatchewan Ministry of Finance.

Council has completed several projects in the past 8 years, such as:

- A new water reservoir/distribution line from Pilot Butte;
- A new sewer force man and lift station along with a new lagoon project;
- Several kilometers of paved and lighted walking paths;
- Town Administration Building/Library renovation.

I believe in a common sense, openly transparent, accountable government and, if re-elected, I will continue to abide by these principles and work for the enrichment of our community.