

Profiles of Candidates for Town Councillor

Valerie Brooks

Valerie and her husband Darryn moved to Saltcoats in June of 2021 and immediately felt at home. Her many neighbors and new friends made through curling and volunteering on the Beautification committee confirmed her suspicions that Saltcoats was a good place to call home. The long and cherished history, beauty, and sense of safety found here is a gem to be treasured and supported.

Valerie is an educator and has worked in the education field as a teacher and school administrator for the past 20 years. Valerie holds a Master of Education degree after completing her Thesis on Treaty Education and Reconciliation.

Taking a step back from full time teaching, Valerie is pursuing other passions, including a consulting business, and running for public office at the National, and Provincial levels for the Green Party. She currently holds the position of Deputy Leader of the Saskatchewan Green Party.

Valerie has worked on many Boards and committees throughout her adult life. Her current positions include Fair Vote Canada Board of Directors (Co-Chair), Habitat for Humanity-Yorkton (Grants/Public Relations), and Saltcoats Beautification Committee (Secretary).

She believes in the power of individuals working collaboratively to create an environment where everyone's quality of life is improved. Saltcoats is a town with amazing potential and Valerie would work positively with the Mayor and council, town staff, and residents to continue the work that has been started, support the work that has been done, and at the same time bring new ideas and an outside perspective to the table.

Justin Morrison

Four years ago, Ashley, myself, and children; Gavin, Sophia and Izzy were fortunate enough to move to Saltcoats. Our family quickly became involved in and with community groups and organizations within the town. Our children currently participate in sports, music, cheer and as a family we enjoy camping at our seasonal site at Good Spirit. We are a busy outgoing family that enjoy small town living.

I currently work at Louis Dreyfus Company in Yorkton as a Maintenance Manager, where our duties include everything from maintaining plumbing to all the large equipment on site. I have a vast knowledge and years of experience in industrial projects and believe this experience will be a good addition to town council.

I feel volunteering is very important in a small town, with many different non-profit organizations in Saltcoats. I have been able to lend a helping hand with some of these town projects including; helping with maintenance on the baseball diamonds, Saltcoats Playground Committee and Saltcoats Park Board. I also joined the Saltcoats Minor Sports Board in 2019 where we have managed to keep the local rink opened for various hockey teams in our area. I am always willing to lend a helping hand for improvements in our community.

In closing I believe this town is a great community to live and raise your children in and would like to see more families experience what Saltcoats has to offer in the future. If elected I will work with others to help move our community in a positive direction. I would also like to add that it is important for me that everyone feels heard in our community so please do not hesitate to stop and chat with any ideas or concerns you may have. Thank you for your consideration and good luck to all the other candidates running for council.