

Thompson unveils election platform

Growth and development, transportation and infrastructure, customer service and a continued commitment to Peel Regional government are key priorities in Allan Thompson's Caledon mayoral campaign platform.

Thompson, 53, the current Ward 2 Regional councillor, unveiled the first pillars of his election platform Monday night in Terra Cotta.

"There are several key issues at the forefront in our community right now and it is important that Caledon voters know where I stand," he said.

Topping the list is growth and development.

Based on the population growth projections issued by the province, the Caledon community is scheduled to grow, but Thompson said Caledon residents have spoken loud and clear. Growth and development occurring in Caledon is to be "managed growth," directed by their elected representatives.

"Council has a responsibility to ensure this happens," Thompson said.

"There is only one taxpayer and the Town needs to find the right balance between preservation of the countryside, and industrial and commercial growth to sustain our community budgets and future infrastructure needs."

As the head of council, Thompson said he will ensure that all stakeholders are aware of the direction conveyed by Caledon residents, and he committed to listen carefully to their ideas and solutions to bring managed growth to the town; growth that benefits the taxpayers of Caledon.

"My experience in politics has taught me that meeting the needs of our citizens is paramount and in order to do that we must listen to and understand our residents," he observed.

Thompson is holding a summer series of community sessions across the town to engage with voters, and he will be using feedback from these sessions to augment his platform's priorities.

Thompson's platform is available online at www.AllanForCaledon.ca. Thompson can also be followed on Twitter @AllanForCaledon or "Like" him on Facebook at www.facebook.com/AllanforCaledon for more campaign updates.