



Hello, my name is **Greg Harris** and I've had the privilege of being your **Division 2 Councillor** for the past 8 years. I am asking for your support for another four-year term in order to continue my work in advancing the interests of Division 2 residents and businesses within the County as a whole.

The coming years promise many challenges that will require a representative with experience and commitment. Prior to being elected in 2017, I served for 8 years as a public member on County Committees and Boards. I was a member and vice chair of the Water Valley Winchell Lake Area Structure Plan Steering Committee, Chair of the Cremona Fire Authority where I championed the acquisition of a Wildland 4-wheel drive Pumper capable of accessing our farms and acreages. I also successfully lobbied for the addition of Ice and Stillwater rescue capabilities for our Fire Dept, recognizing drowning as the number 2 cause of fatalities amongst children on farms. I was a member and later Chair of the Municipal Planning Commission and member and Chair of the Appeal Board. These provided me with a significant understanding of our Planning and Development processes which in turn allow me to assist landowners with their future plans. I have been and will always be available to you.

Previous Experience:

After retiring from a 35-year police career, I formed a consulting company specializing in crisis management and negotiation. I taught for the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) across five continents, for police forces in several countries and for federal agencies in Canada.

I have served on almost all County Committees, Boards and Commissions at some time in the past 8 years providing me a broad level of experience with County operations. I also currently serve as Chair of the resolutions committee for our umbrella organization, the Central Zone of the Rural Municipalities of Alberta. In December 2022 I researched and co-wrote a resolution that was approved by Council and our Provincial organization, the Rural Municipalities of Alberta asking the Provincial Gov't to give more regard to protecting Ag land. In early 2024, the AUC announced new policy changes, which emphasizes an "agriculture-first" approach to renewable energy development.

The County will be facing many important issues in the coming four years not the least of which is declining Government grant dollars, increasing costs for policing and increasing school taxes which we must collect for the Province.

The potential dissolution of Cremona with its infrastructure deficit and the renegotiation of the Inter-municipal Collaboration Agreements with our Towns pose a significant financial risk for all our ratepayers. I have the knowledge and experience dealing with these agreements to ensure that your interests are protected. These are only some of the many issues that we will face in the coming years.

When you vote this October, please look past the rhetoric and make continuity and experience your preferred choice.

Contact me if you have questions or comments

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