

Hi Everyone,

As many of you know, My name is Lynn Decker-Ellsworth, and I am running for re-election as your MNL Small Town Director.

I am the Deputy Mayor of Roddickton-Bide Arm, a Small Town on the Eastern Side of the Northern Peninsula, with a population of just under 1000 people.

It's been an honor to sit at the board table for the past two years, representing you, as Small Town Director.

I have lived in Small Towns most all of my adult life. Except for university, I have stayed very close to home.

I have been involved in Municipal Politics (non consecutive), for 16 years, and I feel, or felt, I had a lot of experience. That was, UNTIL I became your representative as Small Town Director two years ago. This position has been a real eye opener. I guess I always knew, "all Small Towns had similar issues", however, getting to talk to many of you, I came to the realization that the majority of all our issues are EXACTLY the same. Capital Works, Crown Land, aging infrastructure, engineering, just to name a few, and not enough money and resources to go around!

I hear you! I am with you! I am lobbying for you, and hope to have the opportunity to continue lobbying for you, every chance I get!

Since I have been your Small Town Representative I have been a part of implementing a *Virtual Round Table*, which has been very successful. This forum has been an excellent opportunity for Small Towns to engage with each other on real life issues that we all face every day. It has given us the opportunity to share our issues and how we are dealing with them.

As Small Town Director, I also sit as co-chair on the Youth Committee. This is another committee that is very dear to me. I first sat as a Deputy Mayor in 1997, at 27 years old and ZERO experience! I felt as if I were thrown to the wolves! AND, I completely understand why young people do not want to get involved in Municipal Politics today! I am hoping that this committee will serve to encourage and educate young people to become involved. In the upcoming fall Conference I have been a part of the implementation of a "mock" Council Meeting for Youth. This will give our Youth the opportunity to see and learn different aspects of Municipal Politics.

500 words are not near enough words to share my campaign message. I strive to connect with as many of you as I possibly can. I am very approachable, and love to discuss anything Municipal. I encourage you to share with me your ideas, and given the opportunity, I will bring them back to MNL's board table as your Small Town Representative.

I Humbly ask you to think of me when you mark your "X"

Sincerely,

Lynn Decker Ellsworth