

Meet the Candidates running for office in Riverdale

Candidates running for Council



Jocelyn Beever

Why do you want to be a council member?

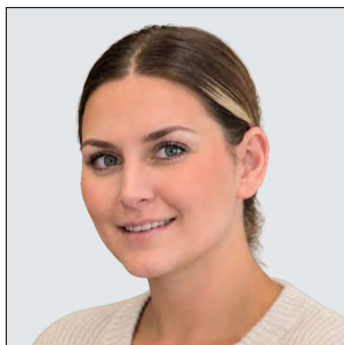
Community service is an important part of my life. I currently serve on the Rivers and Area Community Foundation, the Rivers Library Board, and the Rivers Train Station Restoration Committee. These roles allow me to contribute to projects that strengthen our community, support local initiatives, preserve our heritage, and enhance opportunities for current and future generations.

What do you feel is the most important part about being a councillor for the Riverdale Municipality?

I believe my experience working with teams, fostering positive team dynamics, and bringing people together to achieve common goals will be a valuable asset on council. I am committed to listening to residents, making informed decisions, and working collaboratively to ensure our community remains a vibrant place to live, work, raise a family, and build a future for generations to come.

Areas I would like to explore if elected include:

- Affordable recreation alternatives
- Year-round Bicycle / Cross Country ski trail system
 - Paddle club, utilizing the kayak launcher at the new dock
- Disc golf course
- Expand walking trails and include interpretive / educational signs
- ATV trail connecting to trails in other communities.
- Continued support for expanded Day Care facilities in Rivers.



Ashley Brennan

Why do you want to be a council member?

Since moving to Riverdale in 2020, I've come to appreciate the people, rural values, and community that make this area special. As a registered nurse working in Public Health and a mother of two young children, I want to help build a healthy, welcoming community for current and future generations.

My priorities include practical municipal investment, reliable rural infrastructure, responsible water stewardship, community safety, and creating more opportunities for children and families. I also want to support agriculture, strengthen local businesses, encourage economic growth, and proactively pursue grants and funding to make the most of municipal resources.

What do you feel is the most important part about being a councillor for the Riverdale Municipality?

I believe the most important part of being a councillor is listening to residents, understanding their concerns, and making informed decisions in the best interests of the entire municipality. Good leadership means being open to different perspectives, working together toward common goals, and finding practical, responsible solutions that benefit the community as a whole.



Bonnie Dreveski

Why do you want to be a council member?

Growing up in Rivers and now raising my young family here, I am proud to call Riverdale Municipality home. The people, values, and strong sense of community are what make this such a special place to live, and the reason I am seeking a position on Town Council.

As our community continues to grow, I am eager to help shape the future of our municipality. I am committed to exploring opportunities that bring more activities, tourism, jobs, and support to our community, while also advancing conversations around affordable childcare for our working families.

I commit to bringing a fresh perspective and a forward-thinking vision to council. Together, we can focus on strategic planning and practical solutions; taking a proactive approach to addressing aging infrastructure and preparing for future challenges before they become costly problems.

What do you feel is the most important part about being a councillor for the Riverdale Municipality?

If elected, I will be a dedicated and transparent voice to our residents, working hard to help this community continue to grow and thrive.

On Wednesday, October 28th, I would be honored to earn the opportunity to serve our community as a member of Council.



Mark Gill

Why do you want to be a council member?

I farm seven miles north of Rivers and three miles west. I went to school in Rivers, played ball and hockey in Cardale and got the mail in Oak River. This past year I received my 30-year pin for being on the RM of Oakview Council.

I have always enjoyed being on council and being involved. Listening to people's concerns and accomplishing what can be done.

What do you feel is the most important part about being a councillor for the Riverdale Municipality?

Keeping up with the infrastructure needs of the municipality is never ending. Roads, bridges, ditches, machinery roads, streets, sidewalks, etc.

A lot of people visit Rivers for the memories, so beautification of the town and rural is important.

Enhancing the fairgrounds so more families could enjoy is something I would like to see happen; splash park, pool, etc.

Rivers has a lot of history from the CN Mainline to the air base so helping preserve that is important also.

Housing is also important, always people looking to rent.

I would like to work alongside with others to make Riverdale Municipality a better place to live and call home.

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RE-ELECT
EVERETT
SMITH
FOR RIVERDALE COUNCIL

Pursuing a third term to see old projects come to fruition and to work towards new opportunities for our community.

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ELECT
JOCELYN
BEEVER
for Riverdale
Municipal Council

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YEARS OF EXPERIENCE HAVE TAUGHT JOCELYN THE VALUE OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, VOLUNTEERISM, AND TEAMWORK.

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October 21, 2026
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Shawn Mason

Why do you want to be a council member?

Serving as a council member for the last four years has been a privilege. I have enjoyed being able to help grow the community I grew up in. I believe in the future and potential of Riverdale Municipality with its proximity to a major center, combined with a close-knit community. I am aware of the many challenges that affect our community, such as barriers to accessible childcare and housing needs, and believe it is of utmost importance that we have a plan for action.

I plan to draw on my 30+ years of professional experience, along with the municipal knowledge I have gained, to make forward-thinking, evidence-based decisions that further support the wellbeing and success of our community.

What do you feel is the most important part about being a councillor for the Riverdale Municipality?

As an elected official, it is important to remember that you are working as a team for the interests of the entire municipality. It is your responsibility to be aware of Council's role in governing and the possible impact you may have on the entire community; while respecting the decision made at the table.

The underlying challenges within our community do not always have to do with money, population, or jobs. Sometimes issues come about as the result of community fragmentation.



Everett Smith

Why do you want to be a council member?

I was elected to council in 2018 and acclaimed in 2022. When I first pursued a seat on Council, I was motivated by ensuring that the rural portion of Riverdale had representation at the table. I pursued a second term because I was enjoying learning about the municipal processes and the associated relationship with provincial partners. My desire to pursue a third term is based upon seeing old projects come to fruition and working towards new opportunities.

What do you feel is the most important part about being a councillor for the Riverdale Municipality?

Council has to find the balance between sustainable growth and continued commitment to our existing responsibilities. In a sense: building towards the future, while maintaining and performing our historic duties. Some decisions will be quick and easy. Others, not so. There will be occasions where the decision Council wants to make, is not the decision Council will have to make. As a former member that I served with once put it: the right decision is not always popular, and the popular decision is not always right. Council needs to trust in the municipality's administrative team and managers, as they are the experienced professionals and the knowledge they accumulate through their network of peers is invaluable to the decision-making process.



Christa Veitch

Why do you want to be a council member?

I want to be a councillor because it would give me the opportunity to take an active role in helping our community grow and thrive. I enjoy listening to residents, their perspectives and learning what matters most to them. I care deeply about our community and would appreciate working with fellow councillors, municipal staff, and community partners to help move our community forward in a positive way.

What do you feel is the most important part about being a councillor for the Riverdale Municipality?

For me, the most important part of being a councillor is keeping an open mind, remaining transparent and being approachable to residents. Councillors must also make thoughtful and informed decisions and work toward solutions that benefit the community as a whole. Finally, being a councillor means you are continually learning so it's important to be prepared, organized, and attentive.



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