



To the Mayor and Councilors of the Town of Cochrane.

It is an honour to be considered for the vacant position on the town council.

My wife and I moved to Cochrane in November of 2022, developing a few acres of vacant land and establishing a home in the community of Génier.

I grew up on a small family farm in Manitoba approximately 100 miles north of Winnipeg learning first hand the challenges and rewards of growing crops and looking after livestock. This also gave me a keen insight into the intricate cooperation that is required between individual entrepreneurs and local governance for the success of the agricultural sector.

For the past 25 years I have worked as an independent consultant in the electricity generation, transmission and distribution sector in Northern Ontario developing infrastructure projects that continue to help remote First Nation communities thrive and grow. I have also assisted numerous companies and individuals with tailored business plans to support acquisitions, capital upgrades and expansion. I have also assisted companies in responding to RFPs for the provision of various services to the mining sector in and around the region.

I have served as a director on numerous boards in a volunteer capacity seeing first hand how good leadership is vital to the ongoing health and effectiveness of an organization. I understand the challenges of developing a solid team where differences of opinions and perspectives can be brought together to achieve a common goal and vision.

In my professional capacity I have facilitated many board development and training sessions assisting individuals in recognizing the responsibilities placed upon them in their role as a leader in the organization and helping them develop their strengths and effectiveness within their organization.

I have developed a reputation both personally and professionally as an individual of integrity and professionalism who is not afraid to stand up for what I believe.

Shortly after arriving in Cochrane, I reached out to local leadership looking for opportunities where I could use my skills and experience to serve the community. Starting in January of 2023 I served on a council task force that was struck to look at developing a strategy to increase housing capacity in the region.

In November of 2023, a year after moving here, I became aware of an opening on the Board of Directors of Northern Ontario Wires. I submitted an application and was appointed to this Board by Council on January 17, 2024.

Serving on this Board with the other directors and political leaders has been extremely enjoyable and has opened my eyes to the possibility of extending my service to the community of Cochrane by running as a candidate for councilor in the next election.

I have deep respect for the councilor that resigned his position that has created this vacancy and I am grateful for the opportunity to put my name forward. I feel that my ability to work with people, my personal integrity, and professionalism will be a great asset to the existing town leadership.

Serving as council member would give me an opportunity to use my gifts, talents and experience to assist the community in moving forward to take hold of the incredible opportunities that are available to us here in Cochrane.



Rod Reimer, March 28, 2025