



A Newsletter from
the Village of Keremeos

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Keremeos will elect a Mayor on October 20 Here are your two Mayoral Candidates

(Candidate profiles are presented exactly as submitted by candidates, and capped at a maximum of 150 words)

ARLOW, Arlene – 250-488-7567, arlow@telus.net

“I stand for:

- working for and answering to the citizens of Keremeos
- creating a better working relationship with business
- improving road signage for visitors
- 30 km speed limit in the 4-block downtown core of 7th Avenue
- fostering a bond between the school and Village Council
- improving the Riparian Park to make it fire-resistant
- increasing our Village Fiscal Reserves so we have money when an emergency arises



I grew up on a mixed beef and grain farm in Alberta, and I believe agriculture is the backbone of every society. My professional background is accounting and administrative consulting to business. I have a good working relationship with both MP Dan Albas and MLA Linda Larson. My volunteer activities over the years show I am willing to put a shoulder to the task and can be counted on in a pinch.”

BAUER, Manfred – 250-499-5290, mabauer@telus.net

“**Re-Elect Manfred Bauer for Mayor**

Local government experience:

Councillor 2005- 2011;

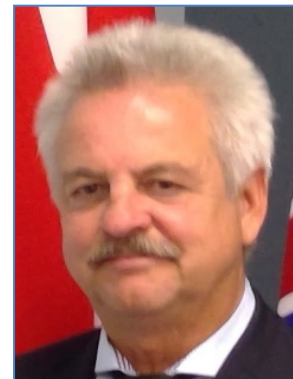
Mayor 2011 - 2018;

Vice Chair of the Regional District Okanagan Similkameen;

Chair of Similkameen Valley Planning Society.

For continued knowledgeable, responsive and dedicated service:

- ✓ Responsible fiscal planning and policies
- ✓ Participating in regional programs for sustainable community services
- ✓ Supporting diverse economic and community development
- ✓ Proactive initiatives to protect our environment and provide for a safe and reliable water supply
- ✓ Create opportunities to enhance age friendly and healthy community strategies
- ✓ Maintaining and upgrading our community assets



Please come out and make your vote count.”

The following Councillors have been elected by acclamation for the 2018-2022 Term:

EVANS, Jeremy

“For those of you who don't know me, a little background info.

I moved to Keremeos in 1971. I graduated highschool here and raised my family here.

I am currently employed by B.C Tree Fruits as a Receiver at the Keremeos facility and am responsible for the documenting and storing of the 30,000 + bins of fruit delivered annually.

I served for 21 years on the Keremeos Volunteer Fire Department, and have sat on council for 22 of the last 25 years. Looking back over those years, I am proud of what we as council(s) have accomplished.

Looking forward I will continue to support affordable housing initiatives, recreation, such as improved trails and parks, and further age-friendly enhancements to our village to make it an even better place to live for everybody.

If you have any ideas, issues or concerns about the village, please feel free to bend my ear. I can be reached at 499-8972, or email jeronimoevans@hotmail.com.”



HOLLEY, Arden

“I am pleased to announce my candidacy for the 2018 Local Government Election in Keremeos as a Village councilor.

For those of you who may not know me, I have lived and worked in the community for the past 28 years. I am currently semi-retired, so have the time to devote to council business.

I have previous experience on council having been elected for the term 1996 – 1999.

I have a passion for this community and believe we live in one of the best localities on earth!

In terms of priorities in the community; continued infrastructure upgrades (roads, sidewalks, etc.); overall economic prosperity (maintain and improve business core, encourage new housing development, attract new business for job creation); and community security and safety.

I look forward to assisting Mayor and Council to launch the village forward for the next four years.”



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PHILPOTT-ADHIKARY, Sherry

- ✓ “Lived in Keremeos for 23 years
- ✓ Retired Teacher
- ✓ Coordinator of the Keremeos & Area Ambassadors 5 years
- ✓ On Council for 4 years

Council Committee and Liaison Appointments 2018:

- Regional District Okanagan Similkameen - Alternate
- Okanagan Regional Library Board – Trustee/Chair of Personnel Committee
- Education on Substance Misuse Committee – Chair
- Developing Sustainable Rural Practice Communities - Alternate
- Similkameen Country – Alternate
- School Liaison SD #53
- Age-Friendly Advisory Committee Liaison – Alternate



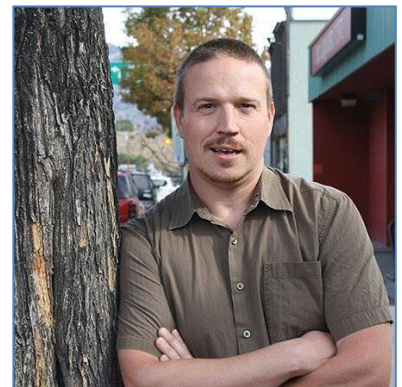
I have really enjoyed my last four years on Council. I have got to meet many of the people of Keremeos, through: “Coffee With the Mayor”, Open Houses, Public Forums, Committee Work and Council Meetings. I have learned a lot during my first term and would like to continue to support the people of Keremeos and the growth of the community. You can count on me to work hard.”

WIEBE, Jason

“First off let me say thank you to all those who have made my first term in office a meaningful and personally life-changing experience. It has been a privilege to serve our community in this role and I hope that I have been able to contribute to our village as much as I have received over these past four years.

We have seen some challenges over the last term, but we have also benefited from some incredible work by our staff. From the exercise equipment in Memorial Park, to the accessibility upgrades and overall improvements to our water park as well as the ongoing repairs and upgrades to our sewer treatment plant and downtown revitalization.

I look forward to serving you once again should I be elected for another 4 years and I appreciate the opportunity to add to the knowledge and experience gained in my first four years.”



We encourage everyone to vote!

What:

Councillors and School Trustees have been acclaimed, so Keremeos voters will be asked to:

- Vote for a Mayor (candidates are ARLOW and BAUER)
- Vote on a borrowing question: “Are you in favour of the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen adopting Bylaw No. 2802, 2018, a bylaw to authorize the long-term borrowing of \$350,000 for the acquisition of a fire truck for the Keremeos Fire Protection Service Area?”

When:

General voting day is Saturday, October 20, 2018, 8 am to 8 pm
Advance voting is Wednesday, October 10, 2018, 8 am to 8 pm

Where:

Victory Hall, 427-7th Avenue, Keremeos (7th at 5th Street)

How:

All voters will register at the time of voting (no “voting cards” in the mail). Please bring 2 pieces of ID, one with a signature. Some great types of ID are:

- BC Driver's Licence
- BC Identification Card
- Owner's Certificate of Insurance (vehicle)
- BC CareCard
- Request for Continued Assistance SDES8
- Social Insurance Number card
- Citizenship Card
- property tax notice
- credit card
- utility bill with name and address



Mail ballots are available to those with mobility issues or those who will be out of town during other voting opportunities.

Call the Village Office to apply, 250-499-2711.

Who:

Eligible voters meet all of the following qualifications:

- 18 years of age or older on general voting day;
- Canadian citizen;
- resident of BC for at least 6 months immediately preceding the day of registration ;
- resident of OR registered owner of real property in the Village of Keremeos for at least 30 days immediately preceding the day of registration, and
- not disqualified from voting in an election by law

Note that the Local Government Act of BC prohibits a “business” vote.

How to make an informed vote? Ask questions!

- ✓ All candidates meeting at Victory Hall, Wednesday, September 26, 2018, 7-9 pm
Organized by Similkameen Country (chamber of commerce).
- ✓ Information open house on the fire truck borrowing question at Victory Hall, Wednesday, October 3, 2018 between 3 pm and 8 pm. Organized by the RDOS, the Village of Keremeos, and the Keremeos Volunteer Fire Department.