

December 4, 2024

Mayor Yemm and Members of Council,

Please accept my letter of interest for the vacant Council position.

I had the privilege of being the Fire Chief in the Township of Nipissing from 2011 to 2016, when I left to further my career options in other areas of Ontario. It was during my years working in the Township that I developed a love and appreciation of the area that has stayed with me and prompted my return now.

My full-time municipal career started 20 years ago in the Municipality of Callander, but I joined the Callander Fire Department as a volunteer Firefighter in 1990. Throughout my career I have worked with Councils, Administration, Staff, Residents, Visitors, Contractors and all levels of government. I bring a unique understanding and working knowledge of the legislation governing municipal government including the *Municipal Act*, *Ontario Fire Prevention and Protection Act* and the *Conflict of Interest Act*.

When planning the retirement phase of our lives, my wife, Amie, and I, both agreed that Nipissing is where we want to be. I have transitioned out of the municipal sector but remain in the support of the fire service and safety in industry. My new career affords me the opportunity to dedicate the time and effort required to fulfill Council duties.

As soon as I was settled, I joined the Township of Nipissing Fire Department as a Firefighter and I am very happy to return to the department. Community service has been instilled in me my entire life and I welcome the opportunity to bring my experience and view point to the Council table to help guide this amazing Township that I intend to spend the rest of my life in.


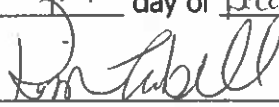


With the 2025 Municipal Budget on the horizon for Council, this is an important time to join Council and having a working knowledge of the budget process, including preparing and working within the Township of Nipissing budget preparation for five years, allows me to participate in the process fully. I also understand the importance of the Strategic Plan, Official Plan and Zoning regulations, having worked within a few municipal settings. I believe bringing different interpretations and processes to the table will help with future planning and development.

I look forward to speaking with Council and further discussing my qualifications.

Respectfully,



Rob Serson

<b>NOTE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Council Vacancy Application may only be filed in person; it may not be faxed or e-mailed</li> <li>It is the responsibility of the person applying to file a complete and accurate application</li> </ul>		<b>Council Vacancy Application</b> <i>Municipal Elections Act, 1996</i>  <b>Instruction</b> Please print or type information (except signatures)	
Council Vacancy Application of a person to be a candidate for appointment to the position of Councillor for the Township of Nipissing			
Candidate Full Name: <u>Rob Serson</u>		For the Office of: <b>Councillor</b>	
Candidate's full qualifying address within the municipality			
Street Number: <u>477</u>		Street Name: <u>South River Rd.</u>	
City/Town: <u>Nipissing</u>		Province: <u>ON</u>	Postal Code: <u>P0H 1W0</u>
Candidate's full mailing address within the municipality (if different from qualifying address above)			
Street Number:		Street Name:	
City/Town:		Province:	Postal Code:
<b>Declaration of Qualification</b>			
I <u>Rob Serson</u> the applicant mentioned in this form, declare that I am presently legally qualified or would be presently legally qualified if I were not a member of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario or the Senate House of Commons of Canada, to be elected and to hold the office for which I have applied and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath.			
Declared before me at the <u>Township</u> of <u>Nipissing</u> in the Province of <u>Ontario</u> this <u>4th</u> day of <u>December</u> , 2024.		 Signature of Applicant (to be signed in the presence of Clerk or Designate)	
 Signature of Clerk or Commissioner, etc.			
Date Filed (yyyy/mm/dd): <u>2024/12/04</u>	Time Filed: <u>8:38am</u>	Signature of Clerk or Designate: 	
<b>Certification by Clerk or Designate</b>			
I the undersigned clerk of this municipality do hereby certify that I have examined the application of the aforesaid candidate filed with me and am satisfied that the candidate is qualified to be appointed and that the appointment complies with the Act.			
Signature: 		Date Filed (yyyy/mm/dd): <u>2024/12/16</u>	

## 2024 Council Vacancy Declaration of Qualification

I, Rob Serson an Applicant for the office of Councillor for the balance of the 2022 – 2026 term of Council do solemnly declare that:

1. I am qualified pursuant to the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 and the Municipal Act, 2001 to be elected or appointed to and to hold the office of Councillor in the Township of Nipissing.

2. Without limiting the generality of paragraph 1, I am:

- at least eighteen years of age
- a Canadian citizen
- a resident of the Township of Nipissing or the owner or tenant of land in the Township of Nipissing or the spouse of such owner or tenant.

3. I am not ineligible or disqualified under the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, the *Municipal Act, 2001*, the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* or any other Act to be appointed to or hold the above-mentioned office.

4. Without limiting the generality of paragraph 3,

- I am not an employee of the Township of Nipissing, or if I am an employee of the Township of Nipissing, I am on an unpaid leave of absence as provided for by section 30 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*.
- I am not a judge of any court.
- I am not a member of the Assembly as provided in the Legislative Assembly Act or of the Senate or House of Commons of Canada or, if I am such a person, I will provide proof of my resignation in a form satisfactory to the Clerk of the Township of Nipissing prior to 4:30 p.m. on the closing date for application being December 17, 2024. I understand that the Clerk of the Town of Nipissing will reject my application for the above-mentioned office if I fail to provide proof of resignation by this deadline.
- I am not a member of the Executive Council of Ontario or a federal Minister of the Crown.
- I am not a Crown employee within the meaning of the *Public Service Act*, or if I am a Crown employee, I have followed and will continue to follow all the relevant provisions of Part III of such Act.

5. I am not prohibited from voting at the municipal election under subsection 17(3) of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*.

6. Without limiting the generality of paragraph 5,

- I am not a person who is serving a sentence of imprisonment in a penal or correctional institution.

- I am not a person who was convicted of a corrupt practice described in subsection 90(3) of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, from voting in a municipal election.

7. I am not a person who was convicted of a corrupt practice under the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* or of an offence under the Criminal Code (Canada), in connection with an act or omission with respect to a municipal election if the Voting Day in that election is less than five years prior to December 17, 2024.

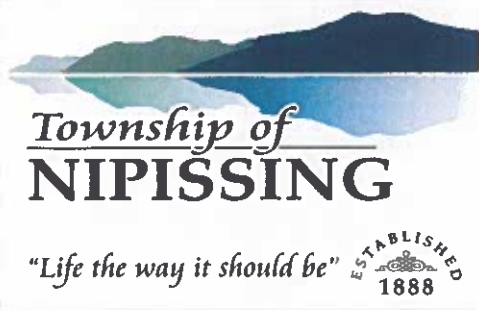
8. I am not disqualified from being appointed to or holding office by reason of any violations of the election campaign financial requirements or violations for not filing the financial statement pursuant to the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*. Township of Nipissing Declaration of Qualifications for Municipal Applicants – Council Vacancy Page 3 of 4 AND I make this solemn Declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the *Canada Evidence Act*.

Declared at the Township of Nipissing this 4 day of December, 2024.



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Signature of Applicant

Personal information on this form is collected under the authority of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 and will be used for the vacancy appointment process for the Councillor office being filled and will be available for public inspection in the office of the Township of Nipissing until the next municipal election.




## Council Vacancy Freedom of Information (FOI) Release

<b>Candidate Name</b> Rob Serson	<b>Applied for Office of:</b> Councillor
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Note: The name of each Applicant shall be listed on the Township of Nipissing website. Applicants may choose what further information, if any is to be provided on the Township's website by completing and signing this form.

In accordance with the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 1990* as amended, I hereby authorize the office of the Clerk to include on the Township of Nipissing website and make available to any person the following information with respect to my Council Vacancy Application for the balance of the 2022-2026 Term of Council:

- Name
- (Optional) Personal Statement of Qualification for Consideration, and I agree to my 1-page statement being posted publicly.

<b>Address</b> 477 South River Road.	
<b>Home Phone Number</b>	226 970 3117
<b>Business Phone Number</b>	
<b>Fax Number</b>	
<b>E-Mail Address</b>	rob.serson@hotmail.com
<b>Signature of Applicant</b> 	<b>Date</b> Dec 4 / 24

Personal information on this form is collected under the authority of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, and will be used for authorizing candidate information to be placed on the Township of Nipissing website and will be available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk, Township of Nipissing, until the next municipal election. Questions concerning collection of personal information should be directed to the staff of the Township of Nipissing office, 45 Beatty Street, Nipissing, Ontario, P0H 1W0, 705-724-2144.