

MONO MULMUR CITIZENS' COALITION  
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QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL CANDIDATE

**Bob McCrea Candidate for Mono Council**

1. Why are you running for office? What vision for our community drives your participation in municipal politics? What do you think you can contribute to our municipality? **I have been on the Mono Planning and Environmental Advisory Committee for the last 22 years and the Committee of Adjustment for the last 8 years. I feel we need a council that is more open and welcoming to all residents' needs and ideas. We also need council members who take a more proactive role in proposing positive initiatives for Mono. I have a Mono Action Plan (MAP) with initiatives I will bring forward. With over half our residents living in subdivisions we have different issues than Mono had when it was formed almost 169 years ago. We need to be aware of this and manage both our rural and urban issues.**
2. Do you subscribe to the theory that increased residential development will reduce the tax burden on residents, and if so what would you do to encourage such development in our community? What about other types of development: industrial, commercial, etc.? **Residential development does not reduce taxes. Over the last 4 years 350 homes have been built in the Fieldstone subdivision off the 1<sup>st</sup> Line of Mono. This did not reduce taxes. With this development Mono has satisfied the Province's requirement for new housing for the next 10 years. Residential development needs infrastructure that does not exist in many areas of Mono. There can be some small projects but nothing this large. Industrial and commercial development also requires infrastructure that does not exist in Mono. Our main industrial and commercial zones are Highway 9, Highway 10 and the Coles industrial area. There are still some opportunities for more businesses in these areas.**
3. What would be your approach to maintaining municipal services while keeping taxes stable? **Keeping taxes stable is done by not spending more money than we have. Maintaining services is done the same way any of us do in our own homes – Prioritize the most important and necessary ones and do those first. We need to have reserves for unexpected situations so these need to be maintained at a good level.**
4. Aggregate mining is a major industry in Dufferin County, including in our communities. How would you propose to limit the expansion of aggregate mining? **I am the chair of PEAC and we recommended to council to not approve the Greenwood applications – Which they did. Greenwood will**

**appeal these to the LPAT and we have to continue to fight for the rights of our residents. This is what we have to continue to do.**

5. We live in “Headwaters” communities and ground water is our most important resource. What steps do you feel the council should take to ensure the protection of our water? **We have to keep opposing developments that will have a negative effect on our ground water. We also have to continue to encourage water conservation throughout the Town.**
6. What are your plans to manage the ongoing problem of noise pollution in our community? **Bylaw enforcement and education. The next council needs to make a strong commitment to bylaw enforcement finally get proper enforcement in place. Our current Noise Bylaw needs to be revised as soon as possible.**
7. The dumping of contaminated landfill is an increasingly serious problem for our area. What will be your approach to addressing the fill dumping issue? **Bylaw update, enforcement and education. As the chair of PEAC I worked with Mono fill experts and drafted a revised Fill Bylaw. The current council just “received” it but did not adopt it. The new council must bring this back and adopt it as soon as possible. Then we have to educate our residents about what is allowed and not allowed and what the consequences are.**
8. How do you propose to increase citizen engagement and participation in council business? How can the council improve transparency? Will you support continuing with regularly scheduled town hall meetings? Do you support the creation of and full support for effective council committees (eg: clear mandates, regular reports to and interaction with council, etc.)? What other forums for transparency and citizen involvement do you foresee? **The current council was given a Citizens Engagement Charter by MRAC. They did not adopt it but instead gave us Facebook and Twitter. I will propose that a Citizen Engagement Charter be adopted telling residents’ council’s commitment to open and transparent government. Town hall meetings are only good if they discuss relevant topics about residents’ needs and residents feel they are being listened to. I would continue these but improve what has been done. Regarding council committees – As I said in question #1, I have been on Mono committees for many years. They can contribute many positive things to our town but it needs to be clear what they are supposed to do and council need to respect the work they do.**
9. Our communities have Codes of Conduct which aim to ensure dignity and respect for participants in the municipal government process. What do you feel could be done to improve the current Code of Conduct? **The current Code of Conduct is a good one. We need to educate people about it and it needs to be enforced by the Mayor and chairs of committees. I have been the chair of PEAC for 18 years and the CofA for 3 years. I have dealt with some difficult situations but**

**have respectfully taken charge of them and brought things back on track. Residents' obligations can be included in an engagement charter. This way we all know what is asked of us – both the council and residents.**

10. For Mayor and Deputy Mayor candidates: you will be our representative on County Council. Will your actions on County Council be directed by the instructions of your local council? What will you do when county needs and priorities conflict with your municipality? **I am not running for these positions but I have strong thoughts on this. Mono's County reps must act on the directions from Mono Council. If County needs and priorities conflict with fundamental needs and priorities of Mono then our reps must vote against them. I can't see how they can do anything else. They may lose but they have to stand up for our town. I'm sure every other town's reps will be standing up for their town. The thought of "taking one for the county team" while harming our residents doesn't make sense. I'd hate to have to explain to Mono residents why I voted for something that was going to hurt them.**

**I was in professional industrial sales for over 35 years and the first thing that must be done is to negotiate a mutually beneficial conclusion. I'd be working on that before selling out our town.**