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I have been active Provincially with respect to economic development for well over 2 decades. I have found that discussing issues with municipal leaders over the years that the secret to a successful and thriving community is to have a long-term plan for all assets - tied to a budget (an AMP). I was on the ground floor of bringing Asset Management to the municipalities in our region. As chair of the WaterWolf Land Commission, we offered regional training to all municipalities, both urban and rural. The surface has been initiated but I know there is much, much more to be done. It is crucial that we continue with this program as it has now been mandated by the Province. If we do not participate in AMP we face the potential loss of any future grants

and the gas tax money given to us yearly by the Province.

I strongly believe that we need to take a hard look at where our tax dollars are delegated. Water and sewer are considered services and as such need to pay for themselves. The AMP helps municipalities plan for the future and is the formula for success. With proper budgeting tied to the AMP and using our tax dollars properly we will truly be on the right path. It is not going to happen over night, and it is not going to be easy, BUT it is achievable if we all work together and are on the same page.

With proper budgeting and use of our tax dollars, we will see yearly improvements. I am Chair of MidSask Community Futures, a Federal Board, which works with small business in rural Sask. This also puts me on the CF Provincial Board. My years of experience with REDA, Sask Enterprise Region, Heartland Health Board, Chamber of Commerce, Co-op Board, and being one of the founders and Chair of WaterWolf, representing 28 municipalities has given me a large range of both federal, provincial and municipal contacts.

I will be transparent and communicate with the community on a regular basis. Suggestions will be welcomed. I understand governance and hope to work with a progressive and forward-thinking council.

I am asking for your support on November 9. Thank you.