

For your consideration for the position of ward 6 councillor.

My name is Jeremy Cavan. I am a local business owner with deep ties to Guelph. Though I no longer live in Guelph, I'd like to start by saying that I spend most of my days behind the counter at Cavan Coffee in Ward 6 talking to people in the riding. Many local candidates visit us during election time and for meetings, as well as local organizations, advocacy groups and church goers. We are a local hub and I think that is a result of us embracing political and social discourse (also good product of course!). Being open minded and willing to engage in any topic of conversation in a manner which shows respect and understanding gives people the ability to speak with ease. I think that being acclimated to wildly varying opinions has given me insight into brokering common ground and diffusing tension.

My job also affords me the benefit of access to the grassroots in the riding. When people get speeding tickets from automated enforcement cameras, or a tree is cut down, or construction is causing congestion, or the local businesses are booming or in downturn, I'm the first to know. I think that this is a useful tool for council, how many councillors can say that they see hundreds of their constituents every day?

On a more professional level; I have a degree in political science from University of Guelph and a passion for economics, I am a local business owner familiar with operations and budgeting, I have been involved in grassroots organizations like FairVote Guelph and helped door knock for various campaigns, as well as hosting event space for groups like Wellington Waterwatchers. I'm also a musician who in the past has brought great acts to the city and performed locally for 30 years.

Thank You for your time and consideration.