

Thank you for the invitation [to the Ward 5 All-Candidates Forum] and my sincere apologies for not being able to attend, as I am away on business.

Being a long-time resident of Ward 5 for 40 years, I can truly say I understand the needs of the residents. In fact, I have grown up in Ward 5, raised my two children in Ward 5 and also have my senior citizen parents living in the Ward.

I have no political or personal agenda – I will not use Ward 5 as a pawn or “stepping stone” for political or personal gain – I am tired of seeing Ward 5 being used for people’s political and personal agenda’s - I will represent Ward 5 in the Ethical and Professional manner that it deserves, ensuring Accountability, Transparency, Respect and strong Ethics are brought back.

I understand the uniqueness and diversity of the two areas within Ward 5 - Malton and Britannia – both sharing many common issues, along with some very specific concerns:

Britannia:

- Development issues (Hurontario/Eglinton & Britannia Farms)
- Traffic concerns-speeding on residential streets
- Improved services for senior citizens and the youth
- Improved Infrastructure and transportation

Malton:

- Building the “Goreway Bridge”
- The proposed crematorium on Derry Road
- Improved services for senior citizens and the youth
- Improved Transportation

I understand what the average Ward 5 household experiences, because just like you, I too have experienced the same – job loss, paying your mortgage and bills, caring for your children and elderly parents. Which why WE, as Ward 5 residents, need someone who actually lives in Ward 5, has seen Ward 5 evolve from the early years, someone who truly has a vested interest in Ward 5 to represent them.

If elected, I will NOT forget who I am working for – YOU the residents of Ward 5 - And will represent my fellow residents in an Ethical, Respectable and Professional manner.

Thank you,

Cheryl **RODRICKS**