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FOR MAYOR

A City That Works for Residents

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Canadian with Finnic–North Eurasian roots
33 years in Ontario ▪ 11 years in Owen Sound

Affordable Housing

Affordable homes for ordinary and lower-income households, using existing homes and new low-cost housing and land options.

Vacant homes ▪ Low-cost housing options ▪ ARC pathway

Lower Property Taxes

Examine City spending, remove obsolete costs, improve processes, and direct money to services residents value.

Open the books ▪ Remove obsolete costs ▪ Simplify City work

Improved Neighbourhood Cohesion

Help neighbours know one another, connect clearly with City Hall, and solve appropriate local problems together.

Local Representatives ▪ Neighbourhood gatherings ▪ Shared Stewardship

These are the results. Transparency, Participation and Compassion are how we get there.

TRANSPARENCY	PARTICIPATION	COMPASSION
✓ Full financial disclosure	✓ 7 local Wards	✓ Restore downtown
✓ Management accountability	✓ Local Representatives	✓ Recovery & belonging
✓ Track decisions & results	✓ Neighbourhood gatherings	✓ Affordable homes & land

ANDRII'S PREPARATION FOR MAYOR

Government relationships

Andrii has spent years working with Owen Sound and Grey County mayors, deputy mayors, councillors, and staff, while also engaging provincial and federal representatives, ministries, and public bodies on housing, land use, food security, local production, and community resilience.

Transparency in practice

Andrii built HelpOS.ca to make agendas, transcripts, Council results, public documents, and local issues easier for residents to find, follow, and understand.

Budget & City operations

Andrii is already reviewing City spending, debt, staffing, management structure, and service delivery. He runs profitable farm and IT businesses and brings hands-on financial responsibility from serving as Grey Bruce Makerspace Treasurer and previously as a federal campaign treasurer.

Long-range technical collaboration

Andrii organizes monthly discussions with international scientists and engineers on energy, resources, transition planning, and long-term community viability.

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HOW CITY HALL WOULD WORK

A City Residents Can See and Shape

The governing principles become practical when residents can see how decisions are made and help solve appropriate problems close to home.

TRANSPARENCY

Know where the money goes

Publish what each City service costs and what residents receive for it. Wherever legally possible, show service-level costs, staffing, management, contracts, debt, and measurable results in one clear public record. Track Council decisions from approval through implementation.

Periodic **zero-based budget review** would start with the result residents need, then ask what work is still necessary, what can be simplified, and what better value looks like. Modern software and improved processes can help identify duplication, obsolete expenses, unnecessary administrative work, and other avoidable costs.

This review has already begun: Andrii is examining City spending, debt, staffing, management structure, and service delivery to simplify work while protecting useful front-line services.

HelpOS.ca is already a working example: it makes Owen Sound agendas, transcripts, meeting results, and local issues easier to follow.

Learn more → helpos.ca/clear

Transparent costs help lower property-tax pressure by exposing obsolete spending and simplifying work.

Learn more → helpos.ca/tax

PARTICIPATION

Put more problem-solving close to home

Owen Sound would keep city-wide elections. After 2026, Council could assign each of seven Councillors primary responsibility for a Ward of roughly **3,000 residents**.

Each Ward could contain about ten Local Areas of roughly **150 households**. A Local Area could choose a Local Representative to stay in touch with neighbours, bring concerns to the Ward Councillor, and track the City's response. An annual voluntary gathering would let neighbours meet, share ideas, and choose their representative.

The scale is small enough for neighbours to know one another and coordinate effectively.

Shared Stewardship could help neighbours organize **neighbourhood watches**, document recurring problems, plan **cleanups** and gardening, and hold repair or skill-sharing events. Local Representatives could connect road, drainage, or other concerns with City staff, police, or other services. Qualified staff and contractors would handle work requiring licences, specialized expertise, heavy equipment, or formal safety controls.

Publishing local purchasing, repair, production, and service needs would also help local suppliers meet local needs.

Learn more → helpos.ca/wards

COMPASSION IN PRACTICE

Help People Build Stable Lives

Compassion is the governing principle behind practical measures that help residents stay housed, recover from crises, and build stable lives.

A safer, welcoming downtown

Residents, workers, businesses, and visitors deserve usable, welcoming public spaces. Address harmful conduct through appropriate response while connecting people with food, housing, and voluntary recovery pathways toward stability.

HELP NOW → KEEP PEOPLE HOUSED → AFFORDABLE LIVING → VOLUNTARY RECOVERY

Help Now

Many unsheltered residents stay near the edges of Owen Sound and travel downtown for meals and support. A mobile meal pilot with OSHaRE and other willing providers could bring prepared meals and practical support closer to where people stay, easing concentrated downtown pressure while keeping help accessible.

Keep People Housed

Create a City tenant-rights resource explaining lawful rent increases, Landlord and Tenant Board processes, useful evidence, and qualified assistance. A vacant-home tax could help return unused housing to rentals, owner-occupied homes, or homes for sale.

More than 340 families, most reported as working families, use OSHaRE's Family Assistance Meal Program. Family-scale affordable housing must leave room for food and a stable life.

Affordable Living

As Mayor and a member of Grey County Council, Andrii would advocate for a common Affordable Rural Communities (ARC) planning pathway. This builds on several years of advocacy with Grey County for more workable rural planning and productive residential land-use pathways. The proposal covers County approval pathways, secure land tenure, shared infrastructure, and preliminary household costing. ARC would pair modest resident-owned homes with productive land. A current two-adult, three-child family model has an illustrative combined housing cost of about $750 per month, based on the current design and planning assumptions.

Learn more → helpos.ca/arc

Voluntary Recovery

Direct staff to develop one voluntary rural rehabilitation pilot combining professional and peer support, stable accommodation, meaningful work, community, and pathways toward independent living. Participation would remain voluntary.

Learn more → helpos.ca/recover

SERVICE, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND ACTION

Ready to Put the Plan to Work

OTHER PRACTICAL COMMITMENTS

Reliable Transit

Stabilize current service and prepare evening buses to approximately 10 p.m. when recurring budget or transit savings cover the cost. First-year implementation adds **$0 to the property-tax levy**.

Learn more → helpos.ca/bus

Essential infrastructure

Protect wastewater ratepayers by making debt, repair costs, capacity, and results clear. Reduce stormwater and groundwater entering sanitary sewers, trace damaging discharges, stop them at the source, and recover cleanup and repair costs from proven polluters instead of leaving ratepayers with the bill.

Learn more → helpos.ca/water

Local productive capacity

After years advocating for local co-creation and manufacturing capacity, Grey Bruce Makerspace was established with federal support and County-provided space; Andrii now serves as Treasurer. Build on that experience by publishing recurring City purchasing, maintenance, and repair needs so local suppliers can develop competitive capacity where practical.

Learn more → helpos.ca/economy

Long-range planning

Use long-range analysis of energy, resources, infrastructure, food security, and community viability to inform City planning. Andrii already convenes monthly discussions with international scientists and engineers on these issues.

Watch the discussions → helpos.ca/sci

Make a plan to vote

Vote October 16–26, 2026

Online • By phone • In person at Election Centres. Then help a friend vote.

Voting details → helpos.ca/vote

COMPARE THE CANDIDATES

Mayor → helpos.ca/mayor

Council → helpos.ca/council

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The platform grows as residents bring forward concerns and practical ideas.

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