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My name is Chris Shier and I am seeking the nomination by appointment for the position of ward 4 Brock Township.

A little bit about myself. I am a 51 year old and I've lived in Brock my entire life, I actually lived in ward 4 for all of those years except 5 years when I lived in Cannington. To say I have roots in this community is an understatement. I was raised on my families farm just outside of Wilfrid. I ran the farm along with my brother and father until 2005. In 2005 I started my landscaping/construction business and I am currently in my 20th year. As a small business owner I support my community the best I can, Infact over 90 percent of my business is local whether it purchasing products or doing the jobs I was hired for. I strongly believe that it's in the benefit of the candidates to live in the area they intend to represent as they already experienced everything that the residents are going through.

What I bring to the table.

The advantage I have is that I do work and buy local so I am always engaged in conversations with residents of Brock Township, I hear their concerns and wishes plus what is working. So I have a good understanding of what ward 4 and Brock Township needs.

My volunteer experience.

I started volunteering at the age of 15 where I coached soccer for Brock Soccer. I was a youth 4h member and leader as well as a past president of Beaverton Junior Farmers. Both organizations help teach youths too become community leaders. As members of these clubs we focused on volunteering our time to local groups plus we did many fundraising events for local organizations and community projects.

I was part of the Sunderland Maple Syrup Festival where I was involved in the group that formed the bed race event and now it's called the bath tub races.

I volunteered at both McCaskills Mills and Brock high school as coach of their curling teams. I am past president of the now closed Cannington curling club where I was also the youth director.

I served as a vice president of the Sunderland Agriculture society where I am still co-chair of the vegetable section. I am a former member of the Gorgina/Brock garden club.

I served approximately 20 years on the Wilfrid hall board until it closure and sale earlier this year.

I've coached minor baseball in Cannington, Sunderland and Oakwood.

I am currently a member of the Cannington cornhole league and represent our local league across Canada.

One of my volunteering highlights was when I was appointed by Brock Township to sit on the Brock Township Steering Committee. Where we reviewed the townships official plan for urban planning. During this time we lobbied the region for greater water and sewer capacity so

Brock Township could expand and grow. I wish I could remember the date when this committee was formed but I believe it was roughly 20+ years ago.

In 2011 I received the Ontario Agri-Food Education Award. I take pride in this award as I was nominated by the Sunderland Agriculture society for all my rolls in 4H Ontario, Junior Farmers, Sunderland, Beaverton and Sutton fall fairs, and the creation of the Giant Vegetable Club in Brock Township. All of these roles were focused on educating youth in agriculture.

With everything mentioned above it's easy to see that I am dedicated to Brock Township and all I want to do is to be part of the team that keeps Brock Township moving forward.

Areas of focus.

- Growth of Brock (water and sewer capacity)
- increase police visibility
- greater recourses for mental health care
- more recourses for drug and alcohol abuse
- Local transit
- rural roads (continuing the hard top program)
- supporting our small businesses
- keeping taxes reasonable while still maintaining programs.

Brock Township is in a unique position, With its rural roots and low population. Brock Township is sufficiently underfunded from the provincial government, we need to work together too get all levels of governments working together and focus on the betterment for all. I would be very happy to be part of the team to get this done.

Thank-you for your considerations for the appointment of ward 4 of Brock. I look forward to working with everyone and being apart of the team.

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