



Municipal Election Date is October 26

Voting Information

The Municipal Election will be conducted using Internet and Telephone Voting. Advance Voting for Internet and Telephone Voting begins on Oct 16, 2026. Voting proxies are not permitted.

To confirm, update or add yourself to the voters list, please call the Dysart Municipal Office at (705) 457-1720 or email them at elections@dysartetal.ca. You can also go online to Dysart et al's website (see below) and submit an EL-15 to add yourself to the list or update your information.

Voter Information Letters will be mailed out to eligible voters during the week of Sept 28th. If you do not receive a Voter Information Letter by Oct

16, 2026, please contact the Municipal Office. This letter will provide details on how to vote.

Additions and revisions to the Voters List can take place up to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

A Voter Help and Revision Centre is located at the Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton from Monday-Friday during normal business hours and on Voting Day between the hours of 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

For more information, contact the Municipal Office at 705-457-1740, email elections@dysartetal.ca or go <https://www.dysartetal.ca/municipal-government/municipal-and-school-board-election/>

Candidates for Mayor

Greg Bishop

I'm Greg Bishop and I am running for Mayor of Dysart et al.

The environment will always be my top priority and any major initiatives that we undertake should keep environmental sustainability in mind. We are a tourism and service-based economy. Our lakes and rivers are the lifeline to long term sustainability, and I support strong policies to protect vegetation and setbacks. Monitoring and maintaining lake health is a priority. We need to continue supporting our lake associations who are our environmental stewards with support for educational programs or through U-links. Our bylaws are living documents. With constant monitoring, changes can be made to strengthen their effectiveness and there are tools available to do so.

Without any new capital projects and not funding our reserves, the Governance Study suggests that Dysart requires an average of a 6.7% increase in taxes each year for the next 5 years. This makes Infrastructure and Asset Management a critical component. We need a solid master plan for growth and infrastructure to be able to take advantage of grants available by being shovel ready. Whether this is roads, bridges, existing ageing infrastructure.

Dysart is 160 years old therefore has not gone through a restructuring. We enjoy the largest tax base and the lowest tax rate of all Municipalities. There will be savings in some shared responsibilities, but we need more information to move forward.

I will be hands-on and committed to this position full-time.

For more about me please visit my website at gregbishopformayor.com

Andrew Nowell

Haliburton has always been a passion for me, I have been coming to Haliburton since I was 12 years old, I attended camp Kakeka, with the Christian Service Brigade, it was a week of Archery, swimming and donating to the local mosquitoes, I would not trade that time for anything.

Haliburton continued to be a destination of choice for camping canoeing, and numerous other winter activities.

My career took me in two directions, 26 years in the Canadian Forces, retired as a captain. Occupational, health, safety and environmental. management positions Provincially, National and Globally.

I retired from corporate responsibilities, and moved to Haliburton full time. My wife and I started a small business after completing a market study and creating a business plan, at present my wife runs it and I am the partner.

My success in my career positions, always revolved around building relationships, listening to concerns, problem solving and being able to formulate plans to achieve goals for the better of all parties.

I am a member of the Haliburton Legion and Haliburton pipes and drums. I am learning to play the pipes, I am using my experience in drill to lead the band as Drum Major.

I have participated in a number of fund raising events, getting to know many amazing people.

I love all things outdoor. I have two sons and two grandsons.

I look at the mayor position as more than mayor, but as an ambassador, to represent the people and promote the area.

Thank you,

Andrew Nowell

Candidates for Deputy Mayor

Pat Casey

Hello Haliburtonians!

I'm Pat Casey, and I'm running for Deputy Mayor of Dysart et al. I was born here, and my family has called this community home since 1867. I've served as Ward 1 councillor and was chosen by my fellow councillors as interim deputy mayor.

I own three businesses: Total Site Services, Casey's Water Well & Geothermal, and Windy Ridge Homes. Working my whole life in construction has taught me what things cost, how to solve problems, and how to get things done. There are a lot of things I would like to continue to work on if I get elected. One major priority is better procurement....Roads, bridges, and EQUIPMENT account for a large share of our tax dollars. Through my past work experience and being on council there's been more than three projects I was able to contribute/ advise staff alternate construction methods such as the rotary Park Bridge and the 2026 road resurfacing contracts..(have a look at the resurfacing on Halbuim) that saved Dysart well over \$300,000. There are other upcoming projects as well I know we can save into the millions seriously. We can save money and get quality work while keeping taxes affordable and giving us better roads bridges and equipment and services.

I also believe the topic of amalgamation is moving too quickly. Show me the evidence that it will save money and improve services, and I'll consider it. First, let's act on the County's service delivery review that was done in 2022 (and not implemented) let's get our own houses in order (more cost savings through efficiencies) first then decide if amalgamation is a benefit for Dysart and the other municipalities. Our lakes and shorelines are our livelihood. I support lake testing, invasive species work through Ulinks, septic inspections, and healthy shoreline practices.

Our short-term rental rules should be reviewed each year with input from neighbours and rental owners to ensure both parties are being treated fairly with an emphasis as to not disturb the "Cottage feel" of the Lake

I have a lot more to say!! My guiding principle is "sustainable, balanced progress" you can visit my campaign website at www.PatCaseyforDeputyMayor.com Or you can call me at any time at 705-457-8473

I'd welcome a conversation at my October 10 meet and greet at Hook Line N Sinkers (details to follow on my website)! Lastly, look up Dysart et al council meetings on YouTube and go to the August 25, 2026 council meeting You will see myself and fellow council members in Action I believe that's where it counts. You'll see firsthand the passion we have for Dysart. Please get out and vote!

All the best,

Pat Casey

Walt McKechnie

Over 16 years in the NHL, 24 years running McKeck's and 16 years on Dysart Council, I've learned the importance of teamwork and of keeping things affordable. Serving as Ward 5 Councillor, as Deputy Mayor and recently as Mayor, my sole focus has been to serve Dysart's taxpayers and residents.

It starts with lake health which is important to waterfront property owners and is the basis of much of our economy. Seven years ago, Dysart started the first "lids-off" septic inspection program in the County, with over 4300 septic systems inspected and most problems rectified since then. Wenona was inspected in 2023 and Drag, Miskwabi, Negaunee, Long and Spruce were done in 2024. Across all those lakes, there are less than 20 open orders remaining. This is positive for your water quality. The ULinks water quality research program will give us valuable data on this issue.

Next year, we'll start the second cycle of the inspection program. Dysart staff will do a complimentary Shoreline Health Assessment with renaturalization suggestions while they're inspecting the septic. This summer, they did 230 of these Assessments as they inspected Short Term Rental septic. These are the first proactive steps in the County to encourage shoreline renaturalization.

Dysart has the largest tax base and lowest tax rates in the County, so we have the most at stake with the County's amalgamation proposals. Dysart and the County have done Service Delivery Reviews which identified opportunities for savings through collaboration with the other municipalities. We need to implement these now. We should table the County amalgamation proposals unless/until concrete data is provided on cost savings (if any); transition costs; impact on taxes; how prior debt will be paid; how voters will be represented. In other jurisdictions, amalgamation has resulted in higher taxes. I'll do what's right for Dysart taxpayers on this issue.

We want better roads and road maintenance, but affordable tax rates. Dysart has 300 kilometers of roads and spends \$13 million each year, about 45% of our budget on this. New surface technologies offer some opportunities. We're going to have to keep working together on this.

Quality local health care is important for all. I supported the County contribution to the hospital campaign in 2024. (With the new equipment, we keep more ambulances in the County). The Campaign Cabinet has recognized the assistance I provided in linking them to several donors. It's also why I worked with LifeLabs to encourage them to get their services in Haliburton open again.

Please visit my website to learn more - www.Waltfordeputy.ca

It's important that everyone votes in this election. I'd appreciate it if you'd vote for Walt McKechnie for Deputy Mayor.

Candidates for Councillor – Ward 2

Rob Parish

I've lived in Dysart et al and surrounding townships most of my life and am fortunate enough to be the 5th generation to do so. I worked 34 years in custodial maintenance at our local school board and then moved to Dysart et al for almost 4 years as a facilities operator before retiring. I believe this gives me a wide base of contacts to draw from as I've touched pretty much every part of the municipality over my two careers. Whether it's knowing who to call to get a school soccer field cut or a road repair looked at I will probably know the contact.

Lake Health: I believe in strong shoreline bylaws that protect the natural environment which is why we all either live here or have a second residence here. Continued water testing and adapting to new information as it becomes available to keep a sustainable lake eco system.

Short Term Rentals: Things I've mainly heard on the campaign trail regarding short term rentals; to streamline the reapplication process, faster enforcement when there are issues and keeping the sense of community while allowing short term rentals.

Governance Structure: My opinion is to move quickly on things like winter plowing so trucks are not driving through one municipality to plow a few roads at the other end of the county. Next steps I believe is to work towards continuity of bylaws and services throughout the county.

Mike Waller

Our lakes, rivers, and natural landscape are central to our quality of life, local economy, and appeal as a destination. As a council member, I would support practical policies, responsible development, and education programs that safeguard water quality and shoreline health. For example, I would support:

- long-term funding to monitor water quality;
- provincial initiatives to curb invasive species;
- the expansion of our water treatment plant to reduce our reliance on older septic systems and help offset the impact of future development;
- education programs aimed at encouraging increased naturalization of our shorelines;
- expanding Dysart's septic inspection program to assess not just septic tanks but any septic beds 20 years and older;
- revisiting Council's broad decision to permit structures within the water setback area and look to replace it with a balanced policy that allows limited flexibility while protecting our shorelines.

While I support the concept of short-term rental regulations aimed at protecting the safety of renters, community enjoyment and the environment, I feel the current rules need a review with the aim of making them more manageable.

I believe Dysart is at a critical point in its history. Our finances are on an unsustainable path and we face a difficult decision about amalgamation. While I've read the consultant's report outlining the options around amalgamation, I look forward to hearing from the public before taking a formal position. Whatever form our local government ultimately takes, we must ensure that the voices of Dysart residents are heard and our needs are met.