



My name is Thom Ross and I love a challenge so when I was approached to allow my name to stand for Village Councillor, I discussed the commitment at length with a number of local residents and I feel I can make a contribution to the municipality. While I do not have experience in local political affairs, I do possess a strong work ethic and the desire to learn. Lytton is now my home and I want to have some input into its future. I am a team player and would be keen to represent the wishes of the community. I have done some research on what is expected of a Village Councillor and I feel I understand the concept of the expectation of the position. All I need is the chance to apply myself to the task at hand.

After spending 47 years in Prince George, BC, the transition to life in a small community needed some getting used to. Having met my wife, Jackie while she was attending college in Prince George, we were married here in Lytton in 1971. We have two children and three grandchildren. We moved to Lytton three years ago to be closer to Jackie's mother who suffered a series of strokes and resides in Ashcroft in an extended health care facility.

I was employed by Canfor Pulp and Paper Ltd in Prince George and retired in 2009 after 36 years. I spent 28 years volunteering with the Prince George chapter of Special Olympics B.C. and for more than 20 of those years I served on the local executive as chairman and in 2007, I was the recipient of The President's Award; an annual award, presented to a non-coaching volunteer that is dedicated to planning, organizing and operating sport programs, fundraisers or competitions. Because of my involvement with Special Olympics I was also awarded The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal. The award was presented to honour significant contributions and achievements by Canadians.

When I arrived in Lytton, I wanted to do something to help promote my new home town. I volunteered with the 2018 River Festival committee and also join the Lytton Museum and Archives. I have grown quite attached to my new home town and look forward to making an impact in a positive way. I feel the three most pressing issues for Lytton are Health Care, Education and local development.

I love to walk as my daily treks around the Kumsheen field will attest. My mother-in-law could grow almost anything and her love of gardening has prompted me to attempt to grow the one thing that eluded her; watermelons. I know I am going to love retirement in Lytton.