

## Meet Ryan Kreutzwiser, Running for Election in South Marysburgh

*(Continued from page 5)*

necessities instead of having to drive to Picton.

“This would be a benefit for Milford and the County. It’s what makes a rural area special, with farm stands, a bakery, and other amenities. It’s part of what brings people back.” He proposes that by encouraging a common sense approach to development rather than with grants and subsidies, entrepreneurial decisions will happen organically.

He says municipal staff and council should be supportive of this approach rather than throw up barriers. He suggests this can help entrepreneurs by making it easier to do things like land rezoning, or obtaining building permits.

Ryan also sees road improve-

ments and maintenance as a major area of concern. He points to pre-amalgamation days when the townships had responsibility for maintaining roads. Now, he says, they are deteriorating.

“We don’t get a lot of municipal services in rural areas, the one thing the municipality can do for us, as rural property owners, is to maintain decent roads.”

Among other topics of concern are:

**Tourism marketing:** He believes that marketing programs should be operated by County businesses rather than the municipality. He suggests that business would know when to stop promoting the County -- or their business -- when maximum capacity has been

reached, and through this “self regulation” would be better able to control adverse situations like over-tourism.

**Attainable housing:** He would advocate for the issue of attainable housing to be addressed by introducing a mixed-density approach to new developments. The construction of low rise apartment buildings in the serviced centres of the County should be welcomed, citing this would help solve other issues such as: housing for new doctors, issues related to the gentrification of neighbourhoods, and social equality.

**Efficient government:** Should he be elected, he says he would advocate returning to a system of standing/elected committees of council, rather than committee of the whole meetings. Standing committees could deliberate, and decide on most issues and

only debate more contentious issues before council, he believes. If this doesn’t improve the efficiency of government, he strongly supports a reduction in council size.

**Transparency:** He added, only transparency will help the County to its Vision. Mandatory recorded votes on major issues is a must, “Let the people see how their elected representative voted. Easily tracked and disseminated.”

**Taxes:** He also advocates for more effective government through efficiencies, saying, “I think we can fix it”. He says he would direct staff to find efficiencies to reduce spending and then use those savings to fund priority projects that are of importance to the County as a whole. This, he says, can result in nil budget increase, holding the line on property taxes.



## Happy Fall!

The bakery will be open Fridays and Saturdays from 9-4 throughout October with breads, pastries and other yummy baked goods. Don't forget we also serve coffees and teas each day! Pre-orders are always available for every Saturday.

Follow us on social media or online at

[www.PECishBaking.co](http://www.PECishBaking.co)

613-503-1332  
[www.PECishBaking.co](http://www.PECishBaking.co)