



2026 Municipal and School Board Election

Candidate Biographies: Councillor



Christopher Baines

Christopher Baines has extensive experience working in government (executive assistant to two provincial cabinet ministers in the early 80's), business (publisher of Occupation Health & Safety), and the non-profit field (Recycling Council of Ontario and Director of the Centre for the Great Lakes).

As a practicing Chartered Mediator since 1997, Christopher has conducted over 1100 mediations to date. He has appeared before quasi-judicial bodies such as WSIB (Worker's Safety and Insurance Board), Legal Aid, SARB (Social Assistance Review Board) and the OMB (Ontario Municipal Board).

Board positions include the Chair of the Georgian Bay Association, one of the founders of the Georgian Bay Land Trust, Chair of Ontario Land Trust Alliance, member of American Friends of Canadian Land Trusts and a member of the Public Advisory Group of the International Joint Commission. Recent experience includes a member of the Collingwood Police Services Board (2014-2018), Committee of Adjustment (2018-2022), Poet Laureate Selection Committee (2017), Simcoe County Solid Waste Site Committee 2015-2018), Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (2022-2027) and the Blue Mountain Watershed Trust since 2014). Closer to home he is a member of the Collingwood Museum Advisory Board since 2022 and also a member of the Cameron Street Public School's "On the Move" Committee.

Christopher is a Distinguished Toastmaster and also "Duckmaster" for the Optimist Club of Collingwood's annual Rubber Duckie Race.

He has been happily married for 44 years, has two grown daughters and a very loud dog.

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