

# FOOLED YOU ONCE!

MAYOR RICK LOVES TO MAKE PROMISES  
THAT HE HAS NO INTENTION OF KEEPING!

- ZERO TAX INCREASES - NOPE
- GREATER CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT - NOPE
- AVOID EXPENSIVE OMB HEARINGS - NOPE
- OPEN, RESPONSIVE GOVERNMENT - NOPE NOPE NOPE
- BIKE LANES - WAIT, WHAT?

WHY SHOULD WE BELIEVE HIM THIS TIME?

OVERPROMISE AND UNDERDELIVER -  
IT'S THE *WOODCOCK* WAY!

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## Editor's Notes on the four claims noted above:

In the first year of this council's mandate, a **zero percent tax increase** was found to be impossible because of \$1.1 million dollars in cost increases. The breakdown of this is \$500K for OPP, \$331K on the Jeff/Clydesdale project, \$325K for fire trucks. Also, council was forced to accept cost increases for hydro, fuel and electricity in operating expenses.

On the issue of **Greater Citizen Involvement**, the new council have welcomed all visitors to the Council gallery to speak to council – even if they are not on the planned agenda. Council held several public meetings and open houses to discuss a variety of issues. In the future, council has a goal of incorporating Committees to address specific issues and projects.

On **Avoiding OMB Hearings**, Council has made every effort to avoid these hearings for issues under its control. This initiative will be greatly assisted by the transition of OMB Hearings into a new tribunal process. Council inherited the 17 year-old Burleigh Bay Development Project and it was referred to the OMB in the first four months of 2015. Despite the fact that a very high percentage of applicants have not appealed to the OMB because of NK's well-formulated bylaws, council is unfortunately at the

mercy of the OMB's "Legacy Hearing" process as it deals with to the dock bylaw and two pre-existing appeals.

On the topic of **Open and Responsible Government**, here is the status of achievement on this topic to date:

- open, welcoming Council meetings - **done**
- evening (TBD) and regular summer meetings - **done**
- Round table and town hall meetings - **done**
- Advisory committees with public participation - **TBD**
- Formal partnership program with lake associations and community clubs - *in progress*



## TOTAL ELECTRIC

Residential  
Commercial  
Communications  
Home Automation  
Landscape: Security Lights  
Generator: Install + Service  
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