

**“The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members,”** Coretta Scott King (Martin Luther King’s wife) once said.

My name is Michelle Fiset and I represent an enthusiastic, younger generation who wants to see action in our community. I moved to Elk Lake a few years ago with my 2 sons who attend Elk Lake Public School. I am married to Addison Fiset who has lived in Elk Lake for all of his life. I previously worked in banking before making the move here. Currently I am the Operations Manager at the Elk Lake Eco Centre. It is important to me that I contribute to the wellbeing of the community and its businesses. I was also the President of Parent Council this past school year and a member of the Parent Involvement Committee for District School Board Ontario Northeast.

I am a firm believer in taking action to see change, and am not a stranger to the current Council of The Township of James. I am a previous employee of the Township of James Library and have advocated for its budget, hours and wages and will continue to do so. I have written letters to Council seeking extra funding for the Elk Lake Explorer, I have researched and submitted reports comparing our local library to other libraries of similar demographics which was reviewed at the Council Budget Meeting and I am currently involved in seeking more inclusive and accommodating playground equipment for our local youth. I feel that I present myself professionally and am able to express my ideas, concerns, beliefs and strategies effectively and proactively. I consider myself to be honest and transparent, motivated and an efficient problem solver.

I know that I can bring new energy, ideas, and compassion to the table. I am a believer that it is time for the next generation to have a seat on council. I am confident that with the guidance and knowledge of experienced Council members along with a new face or two, that we will create a good balance and team. The Township of James needs Councillors who are invested in our future. As the wife of a lifetime “Elk Laker”, I know that I will be living here in 50 years dealing with the long term consequences of every decision that Council makes today. We need to put projects in motion and see visible improvements. Let me represent you on the Township of James Council, and together we can build a prosperous future for generations to come.

Please do not hesitate to contact me; let me be your voice and work for you.

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