

Hi!

My name is Ann Zacharias, and I am running for re-election for a seat on the Summer Village of Birchcliff Council.

My family and I built our home in Birchcliff 13 years ago. Although I did not know much about Birchcliff when we moved here, aside from the fact that it is beautiful, I soon discovered it is more than just trees! Birchcliff is a warm and friendly neighborhood, the tranquility and splendor of living in a Summer Village a peaceful oasis.

My previous Birchcliff Council experience includes sitting as both Councilor and Deputy Mayor. Within these capacities I sit on the Parkland Regional Library Board where I have gained a new appreciation for Public Libraries. Libraries are a vital part of the community offering access and opportunities for all in a safe environment. I am on the Lacombe Regional Management Partnership Committee (LREMPC). This Partnership consists of ten (10) municipalities in Lacombe County that was created to manage a common regional emergency management program.

In my first year on Council, I sat on the Municipal Planning Commission, was Chair of the Pathway Committee and was the Lead for the Community Pier Pilot Project. As Deputy Mayor, I Chair the Municipal Planning Commission. My respect for those before me in these roles has grown substantially as not all decisions are easy as we strive to do what is best for our residents and community. The Pathway and Pier projects resulted in enhancing our community; extremely rewarding for me as a participant and then witness to fruition.

My goal on Council is for fiscal responsibility, be open and transparent and work cooperatively with our neighboring municipalities. The outcome is to ensure Birchcliff residents are confident their council makes sound decisions on their behalf.

I have enjoyed being a part of the fabric in the community where we live and am proud to have served as a volunteer in various capacities. I have fundraised for playgrounds, been on Parent Councils and a member of Boards for Victim Services and Sylvan Lake Minor Hockey. I am currently involved with my church and the Festival of Trees (for the past 10+ years) on the Festival of Wines committee holding the position of Financials/Raffle Chair.

I have been employed with Servus Credit Union for 29 years in various roles including a Member Service Representative, Corporate Facilitator/Trainer within the HR Department and currently as an Executive Assistant to the VP of Corporate Services.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time serving as a Council Member and I look forward to being able to serve my community for another 4 years.

Thank you for your continued support,



Ann Zacharias