



Hansma Running for Liberals Now 4 in the race

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Mayor, Will Hansma has announced he's in the running for the nomination in the Shuswap for the Liberal party. Here is his release:

"Will Hansma will be seeking the candidacy for the riding of the Shuswap for the Liberal party of British Columbia. Will is married with four children and eight grandchildren. Will has a small farm and has been involved in agriculture all his life and believes that standing up for the farming community is vitally important. Will has been a strong advocate for bringing business to the North Okanagan-Shuswap area; building and sustaining the largest industrial park in the North Okanagan was a proud accomplishment for him. He believes maintaining free enterprise in the province is critical and can't believe that anyone could forget the horrendous mess we found ourselves in when the NDP was last responsible for sustaining our viability in this world and country.

Will has been a journeyman pressman for 32 years and currently owns the Okanagan Advertiser, a newspaper based in Armstrong B.C.

Will was elected the mayor of Spallumcheen in 1997 and served in that position for five terms, retiring from his local government career last November. During his tenure as mayor, he is very proud of the infrastructure funds he was able to secure from the province, such as the improvements to Highway 97A from Swan Lake to Armstrong and the new recreation facilities in Armstrong. The Township of Spallumcheen is one of the largest municipalities in the province and has no debt, of which he is also very proud. He served on the Regional District of North Okanagan as director and, as chair of the Regional Services Committee for six years, was responsible for maintaining the regional solid waste budget, the largest in the district. The solid waste operations during his tenure became, and were maintained as, a strictly user pay function, the only one in the province. Will has experience as vice chair of the Okanagan Basin Water Board, and chaired the North Okanagan Columbia Shuswap Hospital Board for six years. He was responsible for securing the funding for the hospital upgrades, both in Salmon Arm and Vernon. Will is a strong advocate for vibrant integrated communities.

Will Hansma looks forward to bringing his experience to the table as an option for membership to choose from in the upcoming selection meeting for a candidate of the Shuswap riding in the beginning of January."

He's up against former Salmon Arm Mayor, Marty Bootsma, Sicamous Councillor, Grey Kylo and Jordan Ross of Salmon Arm.