

Sky News



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Six Candidates Declare for 3 Open Town Council Positions

- Council Position #1: Allison Luker vs. Gene Egan
 - Council Position #2: Lorna Goebel (not open)
 - Council Position #3: Kathleen Sullivan vs. Kevin Wiederstrom (incumbent)
 - Council Position #4: Michael Janasz (not open)
 - Council Position #5: Rick Aydelotte vs. Henry Sladek (incumbent)
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Dear Candidates:

Thank you for choosing to be involved in the Skykomish Political Process!

We pray that your candidacies herald a positive and prosperous future for Sky.

Small towns possess a limited pool of experienced political candidates. This proved to be a saving grace for much of our history, as Americans built this greatest of nations with hard work, determination and common sense.

Unfortunately, Sky has stumbled badly, lost its way, become injured and spiritually drained.

Elected officials too often haven't known what the inside of Town Hall looked like until elected or appointed to make important, far reaching decisions that affect lives, fortunes, personal well being and the future of our community.

We've also had our share of 'Johnny come lately's' that move in, get on Council, screw things up, move on and leave a mess (oops!) for those with skin in the game to try and clean up.

- Present governance prefers turning things over to an oligarch, a powerful state agency, highly paid consultants and appointed boards, commissions, committees and departments while they play RailFan.

It's divided our community and depleted our coffers. What do you think?

- Important public information is deliberately and routinely kept from the public, even following repeated written legal requests. Do you support this policy?
- Do you support continued Behind Closed Door Meetings by Mayor and 'Select' Council members with BNSF and DoE?
- Are you Willing and Able to represent the 'People' of the Town of Skykomish?
- Do you believe Council's 'Policy Setting' function' begins and ends with coming to the table once a month, totally unprepared and then voting on important matters, all without any discussion?
- Do you believe BNSF is the 'aggrieved party' and Sky should continue to make reparations?
- It's easier tossing constituents under the bus than standing up to fight for their rights? Which path will you go down?
- Do you believe secretly converting private property to public use, so it can later be resold or leased on favourable terms to the politically connected class for some supposed public benefit; is the best Economic Development path for Sky?

We invite [all](#) Town Council Candidates to articulate issues facing our town, their commitment, goals, hopes and dreams and plan to get our Town going in the right direction once again.

Skykomish - **Battered, Tattered, Bruised and Injured, but Still Kicking!**