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Glen Abbey resident Jeff Gareau has announced he'll be running for Local Councillor in Ward 4 in November's municipal election.

Gareau ran for the same position in 2003, garnering 26% of the vote.

Ward 4 is in need of direction from its elected Councillors, Gareau told about 30 friends and supporters at the Abbey Grill Wednesday morning.

"We need people who will employ personal leadership and decision-making skills to represent all residents," said Gareau. "This will require an innovative, dynamic, and unbiased thinker who will work diligently with a commitment to open communication on all planning issues."

Gareau outlined four priorities he intends to focus on if elected:

1. Sustainable green space and environmental protection;
2. Strategic land and transportation infrastructure development to reduce gridlock;
3. Prudent budgeting and the curtailment of excessive costs pertaining to the "in-house" lobbying for personal objectives, and
4. The enhancement of Town services and facilities including recreation, the trails, and partnerships with none-profit associations to increase the enjoyment of all residents.

"Council members need to objectively listen to all stakeholders including residents, business, and environmental groups to make strategic planning decisions so that we can meet the growing needs of our community in the short and the long-term without burdening our future generations," said Gareau, who believe Oakville's quality of life can only be maintained if Town services and amenities are sustainable, "...without breaking the bank."

Gareau specifically cited the Town's extensive use of outside consultants as excessive. "In effect, Council is second-guessing the recommendations of an excellent Town Staff," said Gareau.

Gareau is a Senior Financial Consultant with 15 years of experience in the Investment/Finance Industry advising over 470 clients in five provinces. He is also a Special Advisor to the Board of a Canadian mutual fund company as well as majority owner of a mortgage brokerage.

Gareau twice been nominated for Oakville's prestigious Community Spirit Individual Volunteer of the Year. He was the co-recipient of this award in 2005 for his concurrent involvement in numerous charities, not-for-profit organizations, and Town and Regional Committees.

He has been married to Sabia for 12 years and they have two young sons, ages 3 and 6.

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