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Dear Members of Council,

I am writing to express my sincere interest in rejoining the TLTI Council and continuing my contributions to the growth and development of our Township. As a long-time resident with deep roots in this community, I have remained actively engaged in municipal affairs—both as an observer of council meetings and as a former member of TLTI Council. My experience spans policy development, committee participation, and community volunteering, and I am eager to bring these skills and insights to help shape our Township's future.

Over the years, I have had the privilege of being invited by previous councils to serve on the first Casino/Reserve Fund Committee and to assist in drafting the Township's inaugural procurement policy. I was also a founding member of our first taxpayers' association. Beyond governance, I have been a dedicated volunteer at numerous local events, including the Lansdowne Fair, the Turkey Fair, and the Seniors Expo. During the COVID-19 pandemic, I supported our community through volunteer efforts with the Town of Gananoque, the Eastern Ontario Community Angels, and local vaccination clinics and food bank programs. I continue to provide free income tax services to low-income families and seniors throughout the region.

During my previous term on Council, I was proud to contribute to several key initiatives, including the paved shoulders strategy, the adoption of a Council Code of Conduct, and the creation of the Lyndhurst Creek walking trail. I also played an instrumental role in the adoption of the Contractors' Dock in Gananoque and in introducing the interest-free loan program for the Lansdowne Medical Centre. In partnership with the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, I helped develop the paved shoulders policy that has since been implemented County-wide.

My background includes 17 years of service with the Canadian Armed Forces, where I had the honor of serving both domestically and abroad. I hold a Bachelor of Commerce degree with concentrations in economic development, budgeting, ethics, and finance, and I am a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) with over 30 years of experience in auditing, taxation, and budgeting. My familiarity with Township procedures and online systems enables me to quickly access the information needed to make informed, effective decisions.

While I recognize that differing perspectives and past challenges may exist, I am deeply committed to fostering an atmosphere of mutual respect and collaboration. As Mayor Smith-Gatcke has emphasized, a spirit of cooperation and constructive dialogue is essential to our collective success. I am confident that I can help promote that spirit within Council as we work together toward shared goals for the betterment of our community.

I am eager to once again serve the residents of TLTI and to contribute my experience, dedication, and integrity to Council's work. Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the opportunity to collaborate with Council and Township staff in continuing to build a stronger, more prosperous community for all.

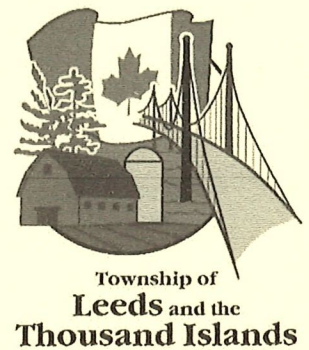
Sincerely,

*JP Jackson, CD, BCOMM, CPA, CGA.*

Form EL18(A)

Declaration of Qualifications – Council

*Municipal Elections Act, 1996*



Declaration of Qualifications

For the Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands

Councillor – Ward 3 Vacancy

I, JOHN PAUL JACKSON, a candidate for the office of Councillor, Ward 3,

Do solemnly Declare that:

1. I am qualified pursuant to the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* and the *Municipal Act, 2001* to hold the office of Councillor, Ward 3.
2. Without limiting the generality of paragraph 1, I am at least eighteen years of age, a Canadian citizen, a resident of the Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands or the owner or tenant of land in the Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands or the spouse of such owner or tenant.
3. I am not ineligible or disqualified under the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, the *Municipal Act, 2001*, the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, 1990* or any other Act to hold the above-mentioned office.
4. Without limiting the generality of paragraph 3,
  - I am not an employee of the Corporation of the Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands or local board, or if I am an employee of the Corporation of the Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands, I am on an unpaid leave of absence as provided for by section 30 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*.
  - I am not a judge of any court.
  - I am not a member of the Assembly as provided in the *Legislative Assembly Act, 1990* or of the Senate or House of Commons of Canada or, if I am such as person, I will provide proof of my resignation in a form satisfactory to the Clerk of the Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands prior to 2:00 on the last day for applications, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025. I understand that the Clerk of the Township of Leeds and the Thousand

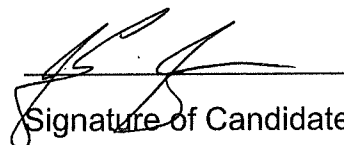
Islands will reject my application for the above-mentioned office if I fail to provide proof of resignation by this deadline.

- I am not a Crown employee within the meaning of the *Public Service of Ontario Act*, 1990 or if I am a Crown employee, I have followed and will continue to follow all the relevant provisions of Part III of such *Act*.
5. I am not prohibited from voting at the municipal election under subsection 17(3) of the *Municipal Elections Act*, 1996.
6. Without limiting the generality of paragraph 1,
- I am not a person who is serving a sentence of imprisonment in a penal or correctional institution.
  - I am not a person who was convicted of a corrupt practice described in subsection 90(3) of the *Municipal Elections Act*, 1996, during an election that occurred less than five years prior to October 24, 2022.
7. I am not a candidate who was convicted of a corrupt practice under the *Municipal Elections Act*, 1996 or of an offence under the Criminal Code (Canada), in connection with an act or omission with respect to a municipal election if the Voting Day in that election is less than six years prior to October 24, 2022.
8. I am not disqualified from holding office by reason of any violations of the election campaign financial requirements or violations for not filing the financial statement pursuant to the *Municipal Elections Act*, 1996.

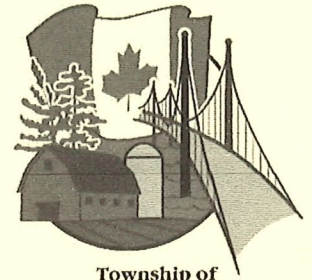
And I make this solemn Declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and known that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath by virtue of the *Canada Evidence Act*, 1985.

Declared before me at the Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands.

This 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025.

  
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Signature of Candidate

  
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Signature of Clerk or designate



Township of  
**Leeds and the  
Thousand Islands**

Form TLT103

Consent to Release Personal Information

*Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 1990*

Personal information on the Declaration of Qualifications Form (Form EL18A) as well as the one-page personal statement is collected under the authority of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* and will be used to assist the Clerk in the administration of the Councillor – Ward 3 Vacancy.

Questions regarding this collection should be forwarded to the Clerk, 1233 Prince Street, PO Box 280, Lansdowne, Ontario K0E 1L0, by telephone to 61-659-2415 extension 231, or email to [clerk@townshipleeds.on.ca](mailto:clerk@townshipleeds.on.ca).

Name of Candidate: JOHN PAUL JACKSON

Candidate for the office of:



Councillor Ward 3

I acknowledge that the Declaration of Qualifications Form (Form EL18A) as well as the one-page personal statement filed by me contains personal information and I am aware that the Clerk will disclose all or part of it to the public.

This 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025.

[Signature]  
Signature of Candidate

[Signature]  
Signature of Clerk or designate