



Thank you for your interest in the upcoming municipal election and the City Council!

ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2019, at Immaculate Conception Church. Bonney St., Penacook for all Ward 1 voters – polls are open from 7 am to 7 pm.

It's been an honor and a privilege to serve you in Ward 1. I'm running for re-election to continue working for positive change in our community. Please know that you can always contact me with any concern or issue. I'm here to help. Please visit my website, www.brenttoddconcord.com for more information and updates on what's happening in our community. To subscribe to my email updates and announcements please write to me at brenttoddconcord@gmail.com.

I proudly support: protecting and promoting Penacook's historic and rural character; the Penacook branch library, our parks, community center, and schools; and continuing community-building events, like those sponsored by our Penacook Village Association and Penacook Historical Society. These are some of the assets that add tremendous value to our community every day.

Working for you:

I've promised to work hard on **your priorities**, and we're seeing solid results, with much more to come. We won't all agree on the best path toward achieving our goals. But you told me what you wanted to achieve and I've been figuring out ways to get us there. So let's take a look at what I've been working on for you.

First, **plans are finally underway for a supermarket in Penacook!** Thanks for your patience, but this has been challenging. The supermarket chains were not interested in locations like the Tannery site or Fisherville Road. The reason is there was not enough vehicle or foot traffic in those areas. So I've been working with local property owners David and Laurie Rauseo on a plan for a supermarket and other shops on Whitney Road at Rte 4 near Exit 17. My years of experience as Councilor allowed me to be able to provide guidance for public outreach and required Planning Board and City Council approvals. Development of this area will expand our tax base, and also allow us to shop without the need to travel to downtown Concord. I expect more news to be released in the coming months.

I've worked hard to create a vibrant village in Penacook and to make sure the people of Penacook are treated fairly. Since I've been elected, **the City has performed \$15,000,000 worth of special projects in Penacook**, including: Village Street repaving, sidewalks, lighting, burying power lines, replacement and maintenance of water and sewer lines, a new Rolfe Park pool (the first pool in the city to be replaced, by the way), and repaving of many streets. These

are all special projects that are provided above and beyond the annual services we pay for in taxes, such as Police, Fire, and the like.

I've also been proud to support the **move of all the Concord Monitor printing press operations to the former RIVCO site**, bringing more local jobs to our community. The former Beede Electrical Instruments building now houses an auction company, a furniture warehouse, HVAC and e-cars businesses, and soon, a maker space, making use of a previously vacant building, and adding more local jobs.

I've long heard about the tax burden facing Ward 1 residents. I proposed to City Council to advance funding to study a **future Whitney Road extension**, which would connect the Concord Monitor property to Rte 4. Shortly after funding approval for this, the owner of the Concord Monitor (Newspapers of New England) announced 100 acres and their building were up for sale. Careful continued planning of future development of this corridor will go even further toward helping our taxes, providing needed services, and complementing our existing Village St. and 30 Pines areas.

So that's what we see on the business front. But please don't be tricked into believing that what Penacook needs is more businesses... and not more housing. It needs both. Our current **housing vacancy rate is very tight at 1.4%**. That makes it hard for folks to find housing. And when we tried to market the Tannery property and the Fisherville Road property for a supermarket, there were no offers because we don't have enough population. How do we get more businesses we want in downtown Penacook? With more customers. Businesses will not come to Penacook until we provide the traffic and customer numbers they require. That's why Whitney Rd near Exit 17 works as a supermarket location – the number of potential customers is there, coming off the highway.

That's also why **we need more housing in Penacook – to spur on additional economic development**. One good way to add customers to our downtown is apartment buildings. When development at the former Tannery site is completed, we will have affordable and market rate apartments, a public park along the waterfront, the Penacook Family Physicians office, and for-lease office space --- that's all mixed-use development, part of the Penacook Vision Plan. Most of the new apartments will serve our neighbors who are in need of affordable housing. This includes our workforce members, our veterans, our single-parent families, and others. We want workers at the Concord Monitor Presses, the businesses in the Beede Building, and at Morrill Farm to be able to live in Penacook. In Ward 1, I represent all those who have a hard time making ends meet, as well as those who are more fortunate. Rents for 2-bedroom apartments for example have gone up 19% in the last 5 years...how many of our salaries have gone up that much?

Progress doesn't come without hard work. I believe volunteering is a requirement. On average, **I volunteer 10-20 hours a week in the community**. I've hosted public events, like the discussion on the future of our library branch. I've also served as a Board member of the Penacook Community Center and Penacook Village Association. I'm a member of the Conservation Commission, Parking Committee, Transportation Policy Advisory Committee, and am the Utility Appeals Board Chair.

Please vote on November 5 for two more years of progress with Brent Todd. I look forward to hearing from you, and speaking with you as I visit our neighborhoods. Thanks for your vote!