

# Shoemaker Commits to Champion Quality of Life Improvements if Re-elected

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Today, Ward Three city council candidate Matthew Shoemaker committed to champion a number of quality of life improvements in the downtown and throughout the City if re-elected on October 22nd.

First, Shoemaker is committing to see a hop-on-hop-off Downtown Trolley implemented to boost tourism during our busiest months. The Trolley, essentially a City bus that looks like a street-car, has been discussed as a downtown tourism initiative for many years. In 2003 the City studied the issue of a Downtown Trolley and produced an 80 page report on the benefits of such a service.

# RAAM

Rapid Access Addiction Medicine Clinic

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The RAAM clinic is a Rapid Access Addictions Medicine Clinic for people looking for help with their addictions.

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A collaborative initiative of North East LHIN funded organizations.

"The City is often criticized for getting reports and then letting them collect dust on the shelves at City Hall," said Shoemaker. "This is an example of that, and it's time we dusted this report off and took another look at it," added Shoemaker. "The goal is to help tourists see all the sights in our beautiful and historic City, and if providing a low-cost Downtown Trolley means tourists are spending more time, and more money, in our City, then it'll more than pay itself off," concluded Shoemaker.



*Example-of-Bus-Trolley*

Secondly, Shoemaker is committing to continue to support the revitalization of the old west end. "We have seen two James Street markets over the last number of months, and they have been a hit with residents," said Shoemaker. "A James Street revitalization plan has been requested, and I will continue to work to bring some of the area's former glory back," he added. "In addition to the revitalization of the area, we have asked staff to look at connecting James Street to the John Rowsell Hub Trail, to provide easy access to this historic area," noted Shoemaker.

Finally, Shoemaker is committing to support funding for a skating trail at Clergue Park. "Ozzie Grandinetti and I brought forward the initial idea of a skating trail for Sault Ste. Marie. I'm glad to see the park and recreation committee

has recommended a downtown location for its development,” said Shoemaker. I am committing to support finding the \$35,000 it will take to develop this trail to improve an already fantastic downtown park.

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