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Krausert Running For Canmore Town Council

Long-time resident, family man, social justice advocate, deacon, and former lawyer – Sean Krausert - will be running for Town Council in Canmore's by-election set for June 19th.

In 1996, Krausert moved to Canmore with his young family, his spouse Janet and his year and a half old son Ben. His daughter, Jenna, was born at Canmore Hospital in 1999. **"From the moment we arrived, we have been in love with Canmore, and it is the only home my children have ever known,"** says the soon to be candidate for Council.

Krausert will bring a breadth and depth of experience to Council that is unsurpassed. Originally educated as a lawyer, he has had the opportunity to make a difference in Canmore in a wide variety of ways. Over the years Krausert has been involved in Rotary, on the Chamber of Commerce, on the CEDA board, and with a variety of theatrical endeavours – especially doing improv theatre. Professionally, Krausert's career has included being a lawyer, the international program director for CAUSE Canada (overseas relief and development), a deacon at St. Michael's Anglican Church, a real estate development executive, and a social justice advocate and writer. Further, he will bring a perspective to Council that extends beyond town boundaries, having travelled extensively to many other parts of the world including Africa, Central America, and Europe.

Many will have heard of Krausert's most recent efforts to raise awareness about poverty issues locally and around the world. In doing this work he has attracted over 30,000 Facebook and Twitter followers, created hundreds of thousands media impressions around the world, and was awarded a 2011 Peace Medal by YMCA (Calgary). Krausert is organizing and facilitating a Canmore Community Discussion on Poverty at St. Michael's on May 14th. **"Of course,"** reflects Krausert, **"social justice advocacy is only one element of my work and experience. I will bring to Council a voice that can speak to the full spectrum of issues thanks to my diverse background. Beyond social and community development issues, I have a high degree of comfort speaking to legal issues and policy development, budgets and fiscal reporting, construction and land issues, business and tourism."**

"There are a lot of things right with Canmore, but we could still do better on a number of issues in order to build community for everyone," explains Krausert. Krausert will bring to Council his priorities of long-term economic and environmental sustainability, fairness and integrity, and dignity for all. He believes that even more emphasis must be placed on affordable housing, community social services, and economic diversification. **"In order to achieve our vision of Canmore as a caring and compassionate thriving community, we must ensure that there is opportunity for everyone to succeed and be involved . . . including young families, people with disabilities, seniors, non-permanent residents, and families that have lived in Canmore for generations."**