

Ryan Howlett

My wife and I made Bowden our home in 2008, where we've proudly raised our two children, now 17 and 18, both of whom have attended Bowden Grandview School from primary to grade 12.



From 2018 to 2024, I had the privilege of coaching minor hockey and serving as the disciplinary chair for the Innisfail Lacrosse Association. Volunteering with local youth sports has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. Despite not playing organized sports myself growing up, I've come to deeply appreciate the impact that teamwork, discipline, and leadership have on young people. I've watched these athletes grow into dependable teammates, respectful leaders, and hardworking members of our community.

Over the past 15+ years, I've sought ways to give back and help showcase the incredible people and potential of Bowden. Whether it's taking part in local dinner theatre at the Paterson Community Hall or helping connect minor sports teams with local businesses, I believe in supporting and celebrating our community.

Professionally, I've spent the past 20 years working with McElhanney, a leading engineering firm. After 15 years in the field, I transitioned into project management, where I now lead teams executing projects across Western Canada. This role has taught me how to blend innovation, collaboration, and practical experience to deliver results—a mindset I will bring into every project and community initiative I take on.

Bowden is a unique town—surrounded by highways and railways that once powered our growth and supported local industry. Today, those same corridors can either limit us or launch us into the next phase of development. With thoughtful planning and strategic vision, we can turn these challenges into opportunities.

I'm running for town council because I believe Bowden has the heart, opportunities, and resilience. Someone asked me "I like the slogan Bowden. Aims. High??? But can we make sure we land on our target?" Well, I think through great discussions, community involvement and innovative thinking we can!!!!