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## **Ben TeKamp Re-Affirms His Position Regarding the MDC and other Economic Development Opportunities**

**(Brockville)** – Brockville Mayoralty candidate Ben TeKamp today issued a statement to re-affirm his position regarding the proposed Maritime Discovery Centre (MDC) and other economic development opportunities.

“I believe the voters of Brockville are facing a challenge to decide whether the MDC is a worthwhile investment because there are conflicting interpretations of the financial estimates. I want voters to understand that I support the MDC but I do so with my eyes wide open,” outlined TeKamp.

“If I am elected Mayor I will immediately institute an open door policy for the Mayor’s office. This would be followed by semi-annual Town Hall meetings to provide the public with a report card on ALL economic development projects, not just the MDC. As I have visited voters door to door, I have been told by many that they need more information. They feel they haven’t been given all the facts. I am committed to changing that. It’s called ‘transparency and leadership’ and I will provide both.”

TeKamp added that his platform is not based upon a rigid position on future development. “Rather it is to assess ALL new developments on an individual basis, keeping in mind investment opportunities, assessment, downtown opportunities and waterfront beautification.

“This doesn’t change my point of view; rather it follows my proactive approach to the positive future of Brockville.”

TeKamp reminded voters that Brockville needs new developments to broaden the tax base to ensure we maintain the services taxpayers want.

“I believe we need to closely monitor the financial operations of the MDC both during development and on an ongoing basis to protect our community’s interests. I have a proven track record of strong financial management when I served as Mayor for nine years,” TeKamp concluded.

For more information on Ben’s exemplary record of public service and his personal background, please visit [www.bentekamp.com](http://www.bentekamp.com).

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