

## **Fedeli unveils 2020 Vision plan**

### **Kicks off campaign for mayor's seat**

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North Bay mayoral candidate Vic Fedeli kicked off his campaign Tuesday, unveiling a long-term strategy to bring economic, environmental and social growth to the city.

The plan, entitled 2020 Vision, is outlined in a 12-page document to be hand-delivered to every household and business in the city.

"I'm very proud of it and I hope the community will take the time to read it," said Fedeli, calling the booklet a reflection of the spirit and philosophy he intends to bring to city hall.

In his plan, Fedeli says he will look to eliminate all payment and perks for councillors and other board members appointed by the city and will initiate an immediate sell-off of surplus municipal land.

His plan also includes the creation of a grant-accessing program and a community development corporation to market the city's industrial property.

"Over the last year, I met with literally hundreds and hundreds of people to talk about where we are and where we could be tomorrow," Fedeli said, explaining how the plan was developed. "It's a working document...a strategic direction for council over the next 20 years."

Other details of Fedeli's 2020 Vision include the creation of a "fast-track ambassador" at city hall to cut through red tape and improve service, and the establishment of a series of forums to hear from children and young adults to better understand their needs and concerns.

Fedeli, 47, is a retired businessman well known for his former role as chairman of the Air Base Property Corporation.

He's up against Coun. Lynne Bennett, Jeff Marceau and Tim Wright for the mayor's seat in the Nov. 10 municipal election.

His plan includes the creation of an annual "think tank" that will see successful former residents invited back to the city for two days to discuss ideas about attracting new industry and services.

Downtown boost

Fedeli also proposes to service more land to accommodate additional aerospace

companies and to continue talks with Nipissing University and Canadore College to open a campus and residence in the city's downtown core to help boost the downtown. "I hope that people will see a plan that's been developed to make all residents of North Bay flourish within the next 20 years," he said.

Mayoral candidate Vic Fedeli launched his campaign Tuesday with a long-term strategy for North Bay, outlined in a 12-page booklet to be delivered to homes and businesses throughout the city.