**CAMPAIGN SPEECH**

**FOR**

**CLINTON EMERY**

Hello everyone.... as most of you know, I am Clinton Emery and it is with great pride in the place we all call **HOME**, that I am running for a third term for the Town Council of Swan Hills. I’ve been a resident for forty-six years, since almost the beginning. I share the “heartbeat” of this community as a private citizen, a business owner, and as someone who genuinely cares about all aspects and points of view of both the long term and short term health and well being of our area and its citizens.

Forty-six years is more than a lifetime for many people, and in **MY** lifetime here in Swan Hills, I’ve lived and learned what it means to be a part of the bigger picture of civic involvement. I got here when I was just \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years old. I received my education from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and some of you here tonight have been with me for just about the entire journey. As a small business owner in this town (**Do you want to mention your business? If so, do that here**).... for those of you that may not know, I have a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, I’ve met and served many of you. I’ve learned about the needs of the community. I’ve listened as I have served many of you. I watched as I, myself, noticed the issues and opportunities that present themselves in every day life here in Swan Hills, and I recognize what is needed and wanted in order to maintain a positive quality of life for all of our neighbors and businesses.

(**Name two or three incidents or events that occurred that your participation helped to ease/improve**). Over the years I’ve witnessed challenge and change and as a concerned member of the town council, I’ve been happy to share my point of view, my experience, and my compassion in order to insure our shared community health and pride. When \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ happened, I was there, serving on the MD big lakes negotiating committee. How many of you remember when \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ faced us? I know that was an issue that meant a lot to so many of us, and it was important to do whatever was necessary to find the best solution to serve as many of us as possible. Lately we’ve noticed the challenges of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and it is my continued commitment to all of us and our collective well being that I welcome your friendship, dedication, and expression of confidence as I offer my loyalty once again to **OUR** town council.

It’s been said that, “ Voting is how we participate in a civic society.... at every level of local, state, and national participation. It’s the way we teach our children, starting with school elections, how to be citizens and to share their voice and commitment in contribution to a stronger community.”

My home... **OUR** home... is important to me. I **CARE** about every day life as much as I am committed to the collective health and functioning of all aspects of our local government. I am grateful for the opportunities we have created... not only for my family and business, but for the quality of life we all work so diligently to uphold. As a supporter of (**name the local teams you support**) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, I’ve had the pleasure and privilege to cheer for all of the team members and their families, and that’s just one more example of the involvement in this community that I wholeheartedly support.

Swan Hills is a unique and special place for all of us.... and as I said earlier, it is what we all know as **HOME**. It is an honor to serve you on the town council in whatever capacity is needed, and I appreciate and respect that each one of you has a choice, so think about it. Think about my history with Swan Hills. Think about my point of view... I’ve participated in almost every phase of local life from student to young man to small business owner to concerned citizen, always doing what I can to advance understanding and a sense of community pride and civic health. It would be an honor to have the chance to continue serving all of us. Thank you all for your consideration!