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Councillor Tim Sutton resigns his seat

North Grenville, ON – The September 28 meeting of the North Grenville Council began with the announcement from Councillor Tim Sutton that he was resigning from his position. “I want you all to know that this is the most difficult decision I have ever made. Representing you as a member of the North Grenville Council since 2006 has been the best job that I have ever had. I have enjoyed every second of the almost nine years that I have been a member of Council and it has been an honour to serve you,” stated Councillor Sutton.

He noted in his official letter of resignation that “due to the requirements of my current employment I will continue to find it extremely difficult to attend Council meetings in the future” and advised that he would be resigning his seat effective 11:59 p.m. on September 30, 2015.

Mayor Gordon, on behalf of Council, said “I wish Tim nothing but success in his future endeavors in Toronto and we appreciate all the time and effort he has put in as Councillor. He has left large shoes for someone else to fill.”

Councillor Sutton explained to Council and the public that his new employment was based out of an office in Mississauga and, after a two-month trial period, he had concluded that he “would not be able to represent [the public] in the way which you have grown accustomed to since you elected me almost nine years ago”.

Councillor Sutton thanked all of the elected officials he served with for their service and contributions to the Municipality and noted some of the highlights of his time in office including the investments in Prescott St. and the downtown core, the South Gower soccer fields, the preservation of the Ferguson Forest Centre lands, the on-going development of a network of trails and the construction of a new fire hall and public library.

He urged Council to strive for consistency in managing issues, serving the public and applying policies and noted that the remainder of the term would be tough as resources are stretched to their limits, but encouraged Council and staff to continue to find ways to be more efficient and “learn to stretch tax dollars even further”.

"It was a pleasure working with Councillor Sutton and he will be missed for his dedication to the residents of North Grenville," noted CAO Brian Carré. "Throughout my three years of working for the Municipality, I found that while not always agreeing, Councillor Sutton respected the role of staff as we respected his opinions as a representative of the public."

Staff will prepare a report for the October 5 Committee of the Whole meeting outlining the legislated process for filling a vacancy on Council.

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Backgrounder:

- Councillor Sutton was first elected to Council in 2006 and was subsequently re-elected in 2010 and most recently in 2014.
- Councillor Sutton is currently the Council liaison with the Planning & Development Department as well as the Council representative on the Economic Development Advisory Committee, North Grenville Chamber of Commerce and North Grenville Accessible Transportation.
- In previous terms of Council, Councillor Sutton also liaised with Finance & Administration and Strategic Plan Implementation.