

Statement from Deputy Mayor Jim McManaman

February 7th 2022

Kemptville, ON: It is with a heavy heart that I make the following announcement:

After living in North Grenville for 28 years, during which time we have raised our son and fully immersed ourselves in the community, my wife and I have made the personal decision to move on to the next chapter of our lives. We have sold our home and purchased a heritage property in Nova Scotia and by virtue of no longer having property, I cannot remain on Council.

As this opportunity presented itself before the end of my term as an elected official, I will be stepping down as Deputy Mayor and a member of Council effective February 24th, 2022. It has been an honour to serve this community over the past three years, to embrace the changes and challenges that come with it and work with so many capable and talented community leaders.

I have full confidence in Mayor Peckford and Council's capacity to continue to work well together and I am more than optimistic about their ability to move forward on key files.

I want to express my appreciation for the opportunity to work closely with Mayor Nancy Peckford and North Grenville's municipal team. The professionalism and patience they exude and their strong commitment to making this municipality function smoothly and effectively has been impressive.

I would also like to thank my council colleagues. It has been a privilege to work alongside such strong community advocates. I believe our unique and differing perspectives have enabled us to represent the varied needs of our constituents.

Finally, I would like to thank the people of North Grenville for your ongoing support, trust and open communication as we work together to continue to build a wonderful and caring community. It has been my honour to learn from you and serve you, and I hope to see some of you in Nova Scotia for a visit.