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**December 18, 2019**

### **Oro-Medonte Council Vacancies Filled by Appointment**

During the December 18, 2019 Oro-Medonte Council meeting, the majority of Council voted in favour of filling the Deputy Mayor, and Ward 2 vacant seats by appointment of Mr. Ralph Hough to the seat of Deputy Mayor, and Ms. Tammy DeSousa to the seat of Ward 2 Councillor. Mr. Hough and Ms. DeSousa were Deputy Mayor and Ward 2 Councillor electoral candidates in the 2018 Municipal Elections respectively.

Mayor Hughes commented that “Council considered many factors while contemplating legislated options to fill the vacant seats including: timing, the Municipal Elections that were held just over one year ago, and financial impacts. Filling the seats by appointment ensures a timely full complement of Council, enabling the municipality to proceed with Township business. Currently, there are a number of important and time sensitive corporate initiatives that will require the attention of representation from each Ward within the community.”

Existing Township Council and staff look forward to welcoming Mr. Hough and Ms. DeSousa to their positions and beginning the Council orientation process.

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