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NEWS RELEASE

PHILLIPS SWORN IN FOR NEW TWO YEAR TERM IN HASTINGS COUNTY

NEWS

Rick Phillips, Reeve of the Township of Tyendinaga, was officially sworn in today as the Warden of Hastings County and will hold the office for the next two years. He held this same position in 2012 and 2013.

QUOTES

"I sincerely appreciate the continued confidence that the members of County Council are showing me as I start this new two year term of office. It means a great deal to me," said Phillips.

"The work of the County has become increasingly challenging and the decision to extend the term of Warden to two years is an important change," stated Phillips. "Having an additional year as Warden brings stability and continuity that we felt was going to be beneficial in the years to come," he added.

"2015 will be another busy year and I pledge again to work as hard as I can for all fourteen members of County Council. As I said in my Inaugural remarks, we are a family of municipalities that when we support each other will be a stronger and more effective County. Here at the County we work for all member municipalities," stated Phillips.

BACKGROUND

Warden Phillips was first elected to Tyendinaga Township in 2006 and was elected Reeve in 2010. He was acclaimed again this year and will serve another four year term as Tyendinaga's Reeve. In his personal work life he was with CN Rail for 33 years prior

to his retirement and maintains an active role in the Royal Canadian Legion and as a member and elder of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Roslin.

He has been a resident of the Township for over 50 years and has been married to his wife Cheryl for 41 years. They have two sons and three grandchildren.

SUMMARY OF 2015 PRIORITIES

- Completing the new Official Plan and submitting it to the Province for approval.
- Securing an additional two candidates to the County's Family Doctor Recruitment Program.
- Advocating along with the Municipality of Marmora & Lake to win approval for its \$700 million dollar pump storage project and the well-paying jobs that will go with the project.
- Completing an assessment of opportunities for sharing services with member municipalities including those in the information technology field.
- Completing the integration of social services to better serve the public.
- Working closely with the EOWC, AMO, the Eastern Ontario Mayors' Committee, FCM and other organizations on the many issues facing municipalities across eastern Ontario especially with regard to more affordable housing.
- Working with municipal partners to find the resources to manage infrastructure needs and looking for a new policing model.

To view the Warden's entire inaugural remarks, please visit www.hastingscounty.com.

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