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The Township of North Glengarry Council and staff wish to share their deepest sympathies with the McDonell family with the passing of former North Glengarry Mayor, Chris McDonell.



*Chris McDonell at his final council meeting in November 2018.*

Chris McDonell had a celebrated 18-year career in politics.

A former detective with the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), Chris served as a Councillor at Large, Deputy Mayor and later Mayor for North Glengarry. Mayor McDonell entered his first election race in November 2000, when he was elected at "councillor at large". He was re-elected to this position in 2003. In 2006, he ran for Deputy Mayor, winning a closely contested election against two other opponents. He maintained this position during the 2010

election, which he won by acclamation. Running for Mayor in the January 2012 by-election, McDonell was elected and again re-elected by acclamation during the 2014 municipal election.

McDonell also served as Warden of the Counties of Stormont-Dundas-Glengarry in 2009.

Chris was a huge supporter of his community. He was always attending events, even post retirement, in a truly caring Glengarian way. As Mayor and Councillor, he continuously worked on ensuring the residents were served well. "I am not sure if there is anyone who has held North Glengarry closer to their heart." Says Mayor Jamie MacDonald. "He always operated in the best interest of our Township, and we are grateful for the legacy he put in place for North Glengarry."

Please keep McDonell family in your thoughts and prayers. Funeral arrangements will be shared once available.

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