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### **Laura Ryan Resigns as Mayor of the Town of Mono**

MONO, ON (September 1, 2021) – Laura Ryan resigned from Mono Town Council today. In her letter of resignation, Ryan stated that she is no longer eligible to hold a seat on Council as she no longer lives or owns property in Mono. The sale of the property that she owned in Mono closed yesterday, August 31<sup>st</sup>.

The Municipal Act requires that a person must be a resident, the owner or tenant of land or the spouse of an owner or tenant of land in the municipality to be on Council.

Laura has been in local politics since 1991, initially as a school board trustee. She served on Town council continuously since 2003, first as a Councillor, and as Mayor from 2010 until today. Laura also served as County of Dufferin Warden in 2013 & 2016.

*“It has been my honour to represent the residents of the Town of Mono for 27 years as public school trustee, councillor and Mayor”* she wrote in her letter of resignation.

*“I wish Council & future Councils best wishes in their deliberations in the work that they continue to do on behalf of residents in Mono. My time spent with Mono residents has been enlightening & engaging”* she went on to say.

Council has called a virtual special meeting on September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1 p.m. to discuss filling the vacancy left by Laura’s resignation.

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### **Council Appoints New Mayor & Deputy Mayor**

MONO, ON (September 3, 2021) – During a Special Council Meeting held on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, Town of Mono Council formally received Mayor Laura Ryan's letter of resignation and declared the Mayor's Office vacant as required by the Municipal Act.

Following deliberations, Council elected to appoint a replacement as opposed to calling a bi-election, noting there will be a Municipal Election in just over a year.

Council voted unanimously to appoint Deputy Mayor Creelman as Mayor for the remainder of the current term. Council then declared the Deputy Mayor's seat vacant and appointed Councillor Fred Nix as the new Deputy Mayor.

As for the councillor seat left vacant by Nix becoming Deputy Mayor, Council will receive nominations from eligible candidates. Those wishing to apply have until 2 p.m. on Thursday October 7<sup>th</sup> to submit their nomination package to the Town Clerk. Full details on how to apply will be posted to the Town's website in the coming days.

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