

White throws hat in mayoral ring

Melancthon Deputy Mayor Darren White has filed nomination papers for the mayor top political position in his township, and is the first and only person to have filed for any of the five council posts.

The current mayor, Bill Hill, a few weeks ago had announced his intention to retire from politics at the end of this term in October. Mayor Hill is serving his final year as the warden of Dufferin County.

Deputy Mayor White is serving his first full term as a county councillor in addition to his township duties. He is known at the upper tier as a councillor who is diligent in his 'homework' and fully conversant with the issues to be discussed at the committee and council levels.

Apart from the two councils, Mr. White has served on various boards and also on such as the Horning's Mills Community Hall. He is also a lieutenant with the Lorne Scots Regiment Brampton and deputy commander of the Lorne Scots Army Cadets in Orangeville.

Why is he seeking the mayor's chair? In a phone interview, he said it's 'because I love it.' But he added that no one should be 'a single issue candidate.' He said he loves to explore all issues and 'build bridges' across municipal boundaries at the county level, and having interest in 'everything from community halls to wind turbines.'

The deputy mayor is married, with three children, and is employed by Fines Home Hardware in its kitchen centre.

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