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Mulmur councillor seeking deputy mayor position

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Mulmur councillor Shirley Boxom has entered her name into the race for deputy mayor in the upcoming municipal election.

Boxom announced her candidacy in the municipal election, which is set to take place in the fall, in a press release onJuly 21.

?It has been an honour to serve as a councillor,? said Boxem, in her candidacy announcement. ?As deputy mayor, I will continue to be respectful of your precious tax dollars and vigilant in protecting this very special place we call home.?

Boxem was among the group of councillors elected to the new Mulmur Council in the 2018 municipal election. Over the four-year term, Boxem worked on addressing issues of conservation and communication, holding an active role as the Mulmur representative on the board of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA)

She also helped in the development of the Mulmur monthly newsletter instituted by the Communications Advisory Committee, which had a distribution of over 800.

?I envisioned a monthly newsletter shortly into my term. We need to be better connected to our ratepayers,? she said. ?We cannot rely on over-the-fence conversations to keep people in the know.?

Outside of council, Boxem has previously served as a board member with North Dufferin Agricultural and Community Taskforce (NDACT) and aided in the creation of Food & Water First.

As executive director of Headwaters Communities in Action, she oversaw Headwaters Food and Farming Alliances as well as the creation of DC MOVES, Volunteer Dufferin, and the Dufferin County Community Grants process. She has also played a supportive role in the development of the Dufferin Community Foundation (DCF).

She is currently a board director and member of the Outreach Committee.

While Boxem has not yet shared the specifics of her platform, she did note a focus on community and environment issues.

?With the pressures of development and growth, residents want a Mulmur that retains its countryside feel while allowing for economic opportunities and housing options. They want continued fiscal management, but with an eye on long term impacts,? said Boxem. ?I believe I have the ability and the experience to moveus forward.

Boxem will be running against Earl Hawkins, who will be seeking re-election, for the position of Deputy Mayor.

The municipal election will take place on Oct. 24.