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Shelburne voters elects new council for 2022-2026 term

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After months of campaigning, the six individuals who will sit on Shelburne Town Council for the next four-year term have been determined.

Votes from Shelburne took to the polls on Monday (Oct. 24) to choose the incoming deputy mayor and councillors

Here are the representatives for the 2022-2026 term of Shelburne Town Council.

Mayor:

Shelburne Mayor Wade Mills was acclaimed as Mayor for another term of council after running unopposed in the mayoral race.

?I would like to congratulate each and every candidate for having demonstrated courage and commitment to our community ? running for public office is not an easy undertaking. For those who were unsuccessful, I hope that they remain connected and engaged as each of them have their own unique energies and perspectives to offer,? said Mills. ?I am extremely excited to get to work with the new Council to accomplish some great things for this community over the next four years. I know that Shelburne's best days are ahead.?

Deputy Mayor:

Incumbent Councillor Shane Hall unseated incumbent Steve Anderson to become the next deputy mayor of Shelburne. Hall received 1087 votes compared to Anderson's 952.

?I appreciate all of the support, and what I can say from my own experience is that I've never seen this amount of involvement, talk, or engagement from the community in any previous election. I take the role seriously, I understand what this means and I look forward to not only serving but also not letting the resident of Shelburne down,? said Hall. ?It's great to represent the majority vote that was decided. I think it was a step towards the direction of fiscal responsibility and making certain that over this next four years we invest in the town in a wise manner.?

Candidates:

Incumbent Lindsay Wegener is returning for another four years on Shelburne Town Council after receiving 1035 votes.

?I'm really excited that over the next four years, I can continue pushing what the community wants and what they need,? said Wegener. ?I feel that with the first term of council some of our ideas were slower to progress, being put on hold or delayed. Now, I'm looking forward to seeing through some of those ideas.?

Incumbent Walter Benotto is extending his more than two decades run as a councillor of Shelburne Town Council, receiving 969 votes.

?Having been elected once again, I really want to thank the citizens of Shelburne for their trust in me. I will do, as I have done for the last 23 years, my very best to serve them in another term of council and provide the best vision, bringing Shelburne forward as far as I can,? said Benotto. ?With this election win, it gives me the feeling the town has confidence in my role in the past and what I've done, and what they feel I can do for them in the future four years.?

Len Guchardi will be serving his first term on Shelburne Town Council. He received 931 votes.

?I'm honoured to be elected to town council and to follow in my father's footsteps because he was a councillor in this town. I'm grateful for all the support I received and hope to serve the community well, and serve it proudly,? said Guchardi. ?I think at the start there'll be a bit of a learning curve, but I hope to get my feet under me really quickly and set out some goals in the first six months.?

Dan Sample is making his return to Shelburne Town Council after missing out on being elected as Deputy Mayor in the 2018 election. Sample received 910 votes.

?It hasn't hit home yet, but I'm really excited that the town pulled together and voted me. I look forward to working with all the councillors that were voted in, it's going to be a good team and a good four years,? said Sample.

Incumbent Kyle Fegan will be serving another four years on Shelburne Town Council having received 880 votes.

?I always felt like I was contributing, but it's nice that the town sees that as well. I'm humbled that the town has voted me back in and for me, it means that people are paying attention to what we've done and where we want to take this town,? said Fegan. ?I'm looking forward to continuing the work that we started and to what we can accomplish this term.?

According to the Town of Shelburne of the 5,823 eligible voters 2,110 voted, meaning there was a voter turnout of 36.2 per cent.

For a complete list of the 2022 Shelburne Municipal Election results visit www.shelburne.ca.