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MEDIA RELEASE

The Township of Ramara announces Deputy Mayor John O'Donnell's passing

Ramara/March 25, 2020 – On behalf of staff, Council and residents in the Township of Ramara, it is with great sadness that we learn of the passing of our Deputy Mayor John O'Donnell.



John O'Donnell has served on Council for 20 years as either a Councillor or Deputy Mayor.

During his tenure on Council, John demonstrated his devotion to residents in the community by ensuring that their voices were heard in Council, and that decisions were made for the right reasons in order to move the township forward. His other great accomplishment, other than the ability to speak with almost every resident in the community, was getting a County of Simcoe rapid response unit in the Township in 2016 that provides paramedic services 12 hours a day, seven days a week.

“John was always quick to respond to people when they had concerns and worked tirelessly to resolve resident's issues. I playfully referred to him as our Township pit bull when it came to his involvement with the Lake Simcoe Regional Conservation Authority (LSRCA) where John represented the Township,” Mayor Clarke stated. Mayor Clarke also advised that “John was a great community volunteer even before being elected, with the Udney Community Center Board and the Brechin Lions Club just to mention a few. John truly believed that we have great community and was tireless in his efforts to improve it even more.”

The Township of Ramara extends our deepest condolences, thoughts and prayers to John O'Donnell's family and loved ones. On behalf of Council, they want to thank John for his tireless efforts and the value he added to Council and the community.

Mayor Clarke also notes “it's a sad day for Ramara Township with the passing of our friend and Councillor. Thank you John for all you have done, you were a great friend to us all, and you will be missed,” Flags at the Township of Ramara Administration Centre are lowered to half-mast in honour of our Deputy Mayor. Due to the current pandemic, a celebration of life will be scheduled at a later date.

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