

## **Town of BWG announces the passing of Councillor Gary Baynes**

*Bradford West Gwillimbury, ON (July 25, 2020) –*

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury is deeply saddened to announce that Councillor Gary Baynes has passed away after battling a lengthy illness.

“Gary was a great friend and a tireless representative for his Ward 2 constituents. He loved his home town and was so proud to serve the community,” said Mayor Rob Keffer.

Councillor Baynes was born and raised on his family’s dairy farm on Line 5. He was first elected to council in 2014 and was successfully returned for the 2018-2022 term.

Gary brought keen financial insight to the Town’s budgetary process, honed through a career in the corporate IT industry. His true passion however was amateur sport – both as a participant and through promoting active lifestyles among the community’s youth. This included Gary’s role as leader of the Town’s “Walk ‘n’ Wheel Wednesday” campaign, which encourages students and parents to walk and ride their bikes to school in an effort to be more physically active and alleviate traffic congestion.

“Gary was a huge part of our council team and his contributions will be greatly missed,” added Mayor Keffer. “On behalf of council and staff of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, we offer our heartfelt condolences to his family and friends. Gary touched so many lives and he will be missed by all of us.”

Flags will be flown at half-mast at Town facilities for the duration of this week.

